



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 19th Sept 2024

Dear Parents



Please find below, information pertinent to the Secondary section of DBS Rawdat Al Hamama.

Dates for you Diary

Upcoming events	
Date	Event
27th - 31st October	Half Term Break
21st - 28th Nov 24	Year 11 Mock exams
Tuesday 3rd December	Careers Fair 2024

Red Lanyard – Compulsory requirement



As a reminder, the school policy requires that all parents, drivers, and nannies must wear a red lanyard when onsite. Over the past few weeks, we have issued yellow visitor lanyards, whilst our new families acquire theirs. Starting from Sunday, 29th September, all parents must wear their red lanyards, clearly visible to security and academic staff.

If you do not have your red lanyard, you will be required to register with security to receive a yellow visitor lanyard, which may cause a delay in your entry to the premises.

If you still do not have a red lanyard, please contact Mariia at the main reception desk for an application form.

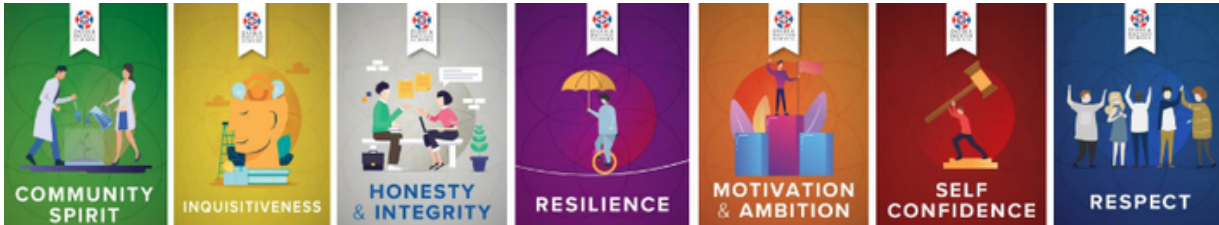
Thank you for your cooperation..



Star of the Week

At DBS, we are dedicated to ensuring every student benefits fully from their time here. We aim to nurture well-rounded individuals through excellent teaching and strong character development.

Each week, teachers nominate students who exemplify our core values:



The students with the most nominations are celebrated as our 'Star of the Week'.

This week's Stars of the Week are:



Blue Horses:
Mahmoud Tamer



Yellow Falcons:
Jamie Paul



Red Onyxes:
Jamyma Siddiqui



Purple Camels:
Izan Ruiz



Green Scorpions:
Ilay Tatli

*To see all nominations, please visit: [**Star of the Week**](#)*

Celebrate your child's success with them!

Pick up and drop off

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your patience during pick-up and drop-off. Over the past week, we have noticed that your cooperation and consideration for fellow parents have led to a much smoother and quicker process. However, we understand that there is still some congestion during pick-up time. We are hopeful that with a few adjustments, and once ECAs begin on 29th September, the staggered pick-up times at 2 PM and 3 PM will help alleviate this issue.

To ensure we continue to provide a safe environment for students entering and leaving the school, we kindly ask that you adhere to the following:



1- Please avoid parking directly opposite Gate 2, as this is where students cross the road. Any car parked there obstructs visibility, posing a risk to children crossing.

2- For parents using Gate 4, if you arrive after 7:10 AM or after 2:10 PM for pick-up, please use Gate 2, as Gate 4 will be closed.

3- If primary school students are not collected from the covered area by 2:10 PM, they will be escorted to the Library, where they will wait until they are picked up.

4- Please ensure you are not late in picking up your children, as this extends the time staff need to supervise, which takes them away from planning, meetings, and professional development. If, for any reason, you anticipate being late, kindly inform the reception desk so we can arrange supervision. You can reach us at mariia.maletska@dbssrawdatt.com.

Parents Coffee Morning

On Wednesday morning, we held our first parent coffee morning of the academic year. We were delighted to welcome our parents, who engaged in meaningful dialogue with the Senior Leadership Team, Careers Guidance Counsellor, and Wellbeing Counsellor. Thank you to all who attended – we look forward to continuing our positive collaboration with parents throughout the year.





Year 7 Enterprise Presentations

7A spent their Enterprise lesson this week presenting their ideas for a House Competition. They had been planning and preparing for this for the previous 2 lessons, and it was wonderful to hear all of their great ideas on how we can develop the House Spirit in school!

Mrs. Thomas

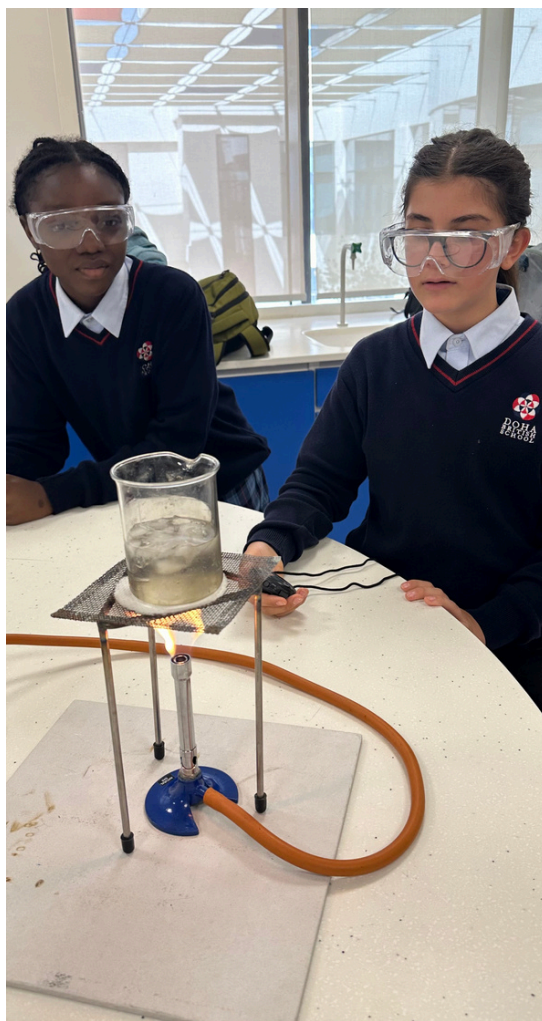




KS3 Science News

This week, all Year 7 students completed their scientific skills unit. Class 7B went above and beyond by creating their experiments from scratch. They identified potential risks, such as removing ties when using Bunsen burners, and suggested safety measures. The students then wrote a method, conducted the experiment, and presented their data in graphs, followed by evaluations and conclusions. A special mention goes to Barbaros Gultas, who independently came up with this idea, drawing on the Bunsen burner topic we had just covered in class. Well done, everyone!

Mrs. Mekhalfia





Invitation to Participate in Parent Recruitment for Work Experience Program

Connecting Parents and Careers!

It was a pleasure meeting so many parents at our recent coffee morning! We truly enjoyed hearing your insightful suggestions for strengthening our parents and careers partnership moving forward.

One exciting idea that emerged was to share details about upcoming university fairs, which can provide valuable opportunities for students to explore their options. Additionally, we discussed the importance of highlighting interesting career paths and pathways that can inspire students as they consider their futures.

We're committed to fostering this partnership and look forward to implementing your suggestions. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to engage with our careers program!

We are reaching out again to invite parents and guardians to participate in our Parent Recruitment for the Work Experience Program. This initiative allows you to leverage your professional networks and resources to help secure valuable work experience placements for our students.

By getting involved, you can make a significant impact on your child's career development and provide opportunities that align with their interests and future goals. Your support is crucial to the success of this program.

If you can assist or would like more information, please contact Fozia Rafiq at fozia.rafiq@dbsrawdat.com.

Thank you for your support!

Exciting Opportunity: Join the Qatar Museums Teen Council!

Our students have an amazing opportunity to join the Qatar Museums Teen Council, an initiative for teens aged 12-18. This program invites young people to create and shape events specifically for their peers, with exclusive access to special events such as opening nights, artist exhibitions, and speaker series. It's a fantastic chance for teens to have a voice in upcoming exhibitions and connect with a community of like-minded individuals.



We encourage you to apply and take full advantage of the many benefits this program offers!

For more details and to apply, visit:

<https://qm.org.qa/en/about-us/careers-and-opportunities/teen-council/>

In addition to these exciting experiences, Qatar Museums offers the chance to volunteer. Volunteering provides invaluable experience that enriches character and significantly enhances a student's work experience profile. It allows them to develop essential skills, build a strong Curriculum Vitae, and gain a deeper understanding of the cultural sector.

Volunteers at Qatar Museums are invited to attend events, training and exhibitions, lead guided tours and experience behind-the-scenes opportunities.

You must be at least 16 years old to register, but younger volunteers may join if they are supervised by a family member or a guardian.

For more information or queries, email: volunteers@qm.org.qa

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar is offering another Python 1 camp starting next week!

The camp will run over three weeks, with sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It's open to students aged 14 and above. Participants will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the camp. Take a look at the poster below and follow the QR code for more information or to apply.





Secondary Library



LIBRARY NEWS

September 15-19



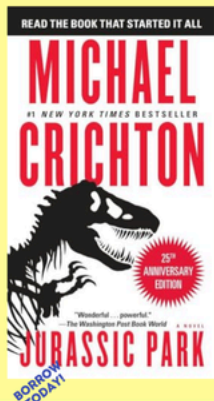
BOOK of the Week

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

Jurassic Park is a classic science fiction thriller from the bestselling author of Timeline, Sphere, and Congo. In this gripping novel, an incredible new technique for recovering and cloning dinosaur DNA has been discovered, allowing these long-extinct creatures to roam the Earth once more, within the extraordinary theme park known as Jurassic Park.

Visitors from around the world are invited to marvel at the wonders of this prehistoric world—until something goes terribly wrong...

Michael Crichton's Jurassic Park combines scientific innovation with edge-of-your-seat suspense, making it a must-read for anyone who loves a thrilling adventure.



Today in History

- 15 September 2012: Japan announces plans to phase out nuclear energy by the 2030s.
- 16 September 2021: The earliest evidence of humans making clothes is discovered from bone tools found in Contrebandiers Cave, Morocco, dating back 100,000 years.
- 19 September 2022: Scientists discover the Amazon's tallest tree, an angelim vermelho standing 88.5 metres (290 feet) tall and 9.9 metres (32 feet) wide, in the Iratapuru River Nature Reserve, northern Brazil.



SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL, FAILURE IS NOT FATAL: IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS.

— WINSTON CHURCHILL

Outdoor Play

As many of you know, we have a warm weather policy that determines when it is safe for students to use outdoor facilities such as the basketball court and football field. Depending on the age group, students are allowed to use outdoor spaces when the temperature is within a safe range.

With the recent drop in temperatures and lower humidity levels, we are pleased to inform you that students will soon be able to enjoy outdoor play areas once again. Rest assured, we will continue to monitor the weather daily to ensure the appropriateness of outdoor activities, whether that involves staying in shaded areas or fully using the facilities.

We would like to remind you of a few important things: please ensure your child uses sun cream if necessary, brings a bottle of water (which can be refilled at school dispensers), and wears a hat to school for extra protection.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe and comfortable!



Ongoing Reminders – Useful to Know



- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-book library from home](#)



- [School Calendar 2024/25](#)



- [School Uniform and Schol Shoes 2024-25](#)



- [Hamilton Aquatics at Doha British School.](#)



- [Staff email contact list](#)



- [Google Classroom](#)



- [School Day Guide](#)



- [Careers Guidance](#)

Kind regards,

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