



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 17th April 2025

Our Purpose

Is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve

Our Vision

Is to be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment

Our Mission

Is to prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community



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We are committed to preparing our community to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. We explore global citizenship as a commitment to social, environmental, and economic actions taken by individuals and communities who acknowledge that every person is a citizen of the world.

Global Citizens:

Have knowledge and understanding of global issue.

Take responsible actions that positively impact the world.

Reflect a deep sense of collective responsibility and shared humanity.

Cultivate skills and attitudes to be active and responsible global citizens.

Foster an awareness of our interconnectedness with people from diverse backgrounds and regions.

Growth: Cultivate skills and attitudes to be active and responsible global citizens.

Learning: Have knowledge and understanding of global issues.

Oneness: Reflect a deep sense of collective responsibility and shared humanity.

Belonging: Foster an awareness of our interconnectedness with people from diverse backgrounds and regions.

Action: Take responsible actions that positively impact the world.

Leadership: Demonstrate leadership in promoting global citizenship and sustainable practices.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE **MR. ROBNAWAZ KHAN**

WHY DBS RAWDAT AL HAMAMA WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE, WE SMASHED IT!

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, in February we welcomed a five-day visit from the Council of International Schools (CIS), a globally respected accreditation authority. This visit formed part of a rigorous evaluation process, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support throughout. Many of you contributed valuable input through our community surveys, and a representative group of parents also met directly with the visiting inspectors. Your involvement—alongside that of our students, staff, and executive team—was instrumental in presenting a well-rounded and authentic picture of our school community.

During the visit, the CIS team assessed our school using evidence from documentation, communications, examination results, lesson observations, and meetings with all stakeholders across eight key domains: vision and purpose, governance and leadership, curriculum design, the quality of teaching and learning, student well-being, staff qualifications and safeguarding, facilities and support services, and our partnerships with parents and the wider community. Schools are evaluated against international benchmarks and rated as 'Not Meeting', 'Partially Meeting', 'Meeting', or, in exceptional cases, 'Exceeding' expectations.

We are delighted to share that we have now received the final report, which we will be making available to the community very soon. To achieve accreditation, a school must meet the standards in all core areas—an accomplishment in itself. Schools that exceed five to seven standards are typically recognised as high-performing.





At DBS Rawdat, we're proud to say—we smashed it! If you're unfamiliar with the expression, it's a popular British phrase meaning we achieved outstanding results. And that's no exaggeration. We didn't just meet the required standards—we exceeded 21 of them. This is an exceptionally rare achievement and a true reflection of the dedication, collaboration, and hard work of our entire community.

We are now carefully reviewing the full feedback from the report and will ensure that every recommendation is thoughtfully incorporated into our School Development Plan. This will guide our continuous improvement and further enhance the high-quality educational experience we are committed to delivering.

Thank you once again for your continued support. To quote the words of the lead inspector "DBS Rawdat is a beacon school". Together, we are shaping what is undoubtedly one of the finest schools in Qatar—and a leading example across the region.

CALENDAR 2025/2026

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who have reached out to enquire about next year's term dates, holidays, and overall calendar.

At present, our proposed calendar has been submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval. Once we receive confirmation, we will be able to share the finalised version with you.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in the meantime.





Red Lanyard – Compulsory requirement

Thank you for ensuring that you enter the school premises with a red lanyard, or by showing appropriate identification to obtain a yellow visitor's lanyard. I would like to remind you that this policy is in place to ensure the safety and security of all our community members, especially our children, by ensuring that all personnel on site are authorised.

Please note the following:

- To avoid being stopped by security, ensure your lanyard is visible upon entry and while you remain on the premises.
- If you do not have a red lanyard for any reason, one can be obtained from the reception desk.
- If you have applied for a red lanyard but are still awaiting your card, you may collect a red lanyard from reception, and later pick up your card once it is ready.
- If you have not yet applied for a red lanyard, we advise you to do so at the reception desk. Otherwise, you will need to show ID and collect a yellow lanyard each time you enter.
- Please remember that staff on duty are carrying out their responsibilities if they ask you to show your lanyards or ID cards. Please be polite and courteous when engaging in any discussions.
- Despite security and support staff knowing you, there is no guarantee that all staff on site are familiar with you, particularly after you have dropped off your child. Therefore, please keep your lanyards visible at all times.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.





HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

MRS. ALICIA HILL



Dear Parents,

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

Dates for you Diary

<i>Upcoming events</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
20th to the 24th of May	Secondary Spain Trip
24th April	Book Character Day
<i>QUESS Activities</i>	
14th April @ 2:30pm	Boys Table Tennis
16th April @ 2:30pm	Girls Table Tennis
11th May @ 2:30pm	Girls Swimming U12 U13 U14
13th May @ 2:30pm	Boys Swimming U12 U13 U14



School Uniform

A reminder of the importance of adhering to our school's uniform policy for shoes and coats. Your child must wear black polishable shoes that meet our uniform policy and refrain from wearing Nike Air Force shoes or other trainers.

Please note that students can only wear the school jumper, fleece, or blazer while in school or wear a plain white or black long-sleeve t-shirt under their school shirts as the temperature drops.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child follows the uniform policy, as it helps create a sense of unity among students and promotes a focused atmosphere in the learning environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact Ms. Lorente at:
paula.lorente@dbsrawdat.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!



PE Dress Code

Female - PE Uniform Requirements

At the start of the year, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) introduced changes to the school uniform policy, one of which requires girls in Year 5 and above to ensure their legs are covered. This can be achieved by wearing either loose-fitting tracksuit bottoms or leggings paired with shorts. We kindly ask that if your child's current uniform does not meet these requirements, you take the necessary steps to purchase the appropriate items to bring them into compliance.

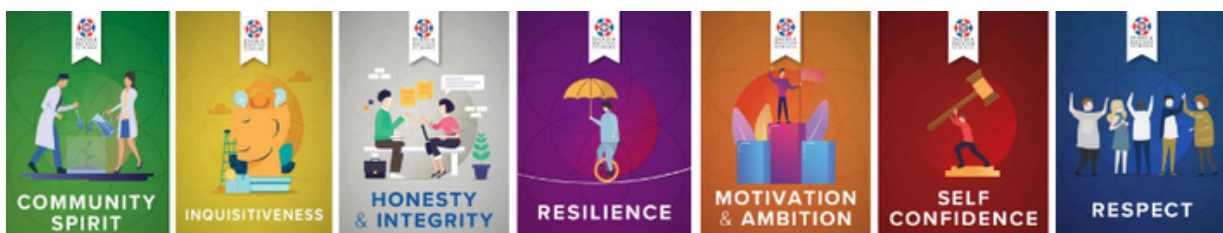
Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

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:



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

Celebrate your child's success with them!

CONGRATULATIONS!



FRENCH HIGHLIGHTS

KS4 AND KS5 WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY

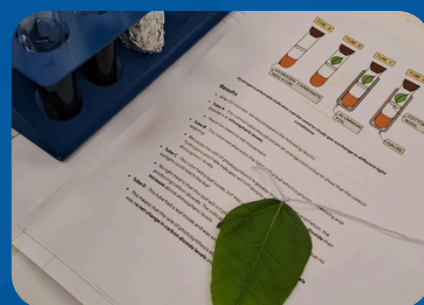
At DBS Rawdat, we take pride in nurturing curious, capable young scientists who engage in hands-on investigations to deepen their understanding of the world around them.

Recently, our Year 10 students have been exploring the fascinating relationship between light intensity and the rate of photosynthesis. Using hydrogen carbonate indicator, they observed how varying light conditions affect carbon dioxide levels in aquatic plants – a classic experiment that hones both observational and analytical skills.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 students have been mastering the art of organic chemistry by synthesising esters through simple distillation. With precision and patience, they used a Liebig condenser to produce and collect these sweet-smelling compounds, reinforcing their understanding of reaction processes, practical techniques, and safe laboratory practice.

It is wonderful to see both year groups developing not only their scientific knowledge but also the critical thinking and practical skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

Mr. Ali





CAREERS CORNER

EXCITING WORKSHOPS FROM CUQ AT ULSTER UNIVERSITY

As mentioned last week, CUQ at Ulster University is offering a series of exciting workshops exploring a variety of career paths.

The CUQ Career Lab Series provides students with valuable career insights through interactive sessions led by expert speakers. Held weekly at City University Qatar from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, these events offer practical advice, industry knowledge, and networking opportunities to support students in advancing their careers.

The workshops will run throughout April and May, and there is still time to attend! For more details, please see the flyer below:

City University Qatar | **Ulster University Qatar** | **CUQ CAREER LAB**

April & May Workshops


From Classroom to Courtroom Careers in Law	13th April 2025
The Art of Influence Mastering Communication	16th April 2025
Engineering Your Career in Electronics & Innovation	20th April 2025
AI Unlocked Career Paths in Artificial Intelligence	27th April 2025
Future CEO Careers in Business & Management	11th May 2025
Future CEO (Arabic Session): Careers in Business & Management	18th May 2025

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Story Book Character Day!


DATE: THURSDAY

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APRIL

STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE INVITED TO DRESS UP AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER FOR THE DAY!

-  **DRESSING UP IS OPTIONAL**
-  **COSTUMES MUST BE APPROPRIATE AND FOLLOW SCHOOL GUIDELINES.**

 **TO CELEBRATE YOUR CREATIVITY, AN AWARD FOR THE BEST COSTUME WILL BE GIVEN DURING LUNCHTIME IN THE SECONDARY LIBRARY.**

IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE PART, COME JOIN US!



... **LIBRARY NEWS**

April 13-17

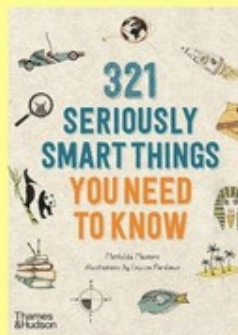


BOOK of the Week

321 Seriously Smart Things You Need to Know by Mathilda Masters is a fascinating collection of fun facts, surprising discoveries, and mind-blowing knowledge. Covering topics from science and history to space and nature, this book presents complex ideas in an engaging and easy-to-understand way. Each fact is accompanied by lively illustrations, making learning both entertaining and memorable.

Perfect for curious minds, this book encourages readers to explore the world through exciting and unexpected facts. Whether you love animals, inventions, or the mysteries of the universe, there's something new to discover on every page!

You can find this book in the secondary library for an exciting journey into the wonders of knowledge.



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 15 April 1912 - The British luxury passenger liner Titanic sinks in the North Atlantic after striking an iceberg during its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York. Approximately 1,500 people lose their lives in one of history's deadliest maritime disasters.
- 16 April 1912 - Harriet Quimby, an American aviator, becomes the first woman to fly across the English Channel, piloting her French Blériot monoplane from Dover, England, to Hardelot, France, through heavy overcast skies.
- 17 April 1982 - The Canada Act, also known as the Constitution Act, is proclaimed. The legislation affirms Canada's full independence from the United Kingdom, granting it full sovereignty and establishing individual rights within a constitutional framework.



Source: www.ontthisday.com

"IT'S WHAT YOU DO RIGHT NOW THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE." - BLACK PANTHER (2018)



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](#)

• [Staff email contact list](#)

• [Google Classroom](#)

• [School Day Guide](#)

• [Careers Guidance](#)

• [Head of Houses](#)

Kind regards,



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