



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 24th 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**

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT DBS

Minimising Distractions, Enhancing Focus

To support a focused and distraction-free learning environment, as has previously been communicated, Doha British School has implemented a clear policy on the use of mobile phones and electronic devices across all areas of the school premises.

Yondr Pouch Policy

All students are required to either:

- Secure their mobile phones in a Yondr pouch upon arrival, or
- Leave their devices at home.
- Exceptions are made only for medical reasons (e.g., continuous glucose monitors).

To ensure compliance, random checks—including bag and locker searches—will be conducted.

Procedures for Device Use

- Arrival and Departure: Students must lock/unlock their device at Reception each day.
- Early Dismissals or Returns: Devices may be unlocked at Reception when students leave and must be relocked upon return.





Consequences for Not Following the Policy

1st

Consequences:

- Device kept at Reception until the end of the day.
- Student receives a 20-minute reflection (C2).
- Parents are notified.

2nd

Consequences:

- Device confiscated.
- One-day internal reflection (C3).
- Phone returned only to a parent/guardian.
- Parents informed via phone/email.

3rd

- Device confiscated.
- Three-day suspension.
- Phone returned to parent following a meeting.

4th

Consequences:

- Device confiscated.
- Five-day suspension.
- Parents requested to find an alternative school for the following academic year.
- Phone only returned after a parent meeting.

If a student refuses to hand over a device, they will be placed in internal reflection.

Note: From the third incident, a parent meeting is required before the phone is returned.

Emergency Contact

If needed, students may contact parents via the school reception phone with approval from senior staff.

Final Authority

Any disputes regarding this policy will be resolved at the discretion of the Principal or a designated school leader.



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>
4th of May	French and Spanish IGCSE Speaking exams
<i>QUESS Activities</i>	
5th May @ 2:30pm	U12 Boys Basketball
7th May @ 2:30pm	U12 Girls Basketball
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.

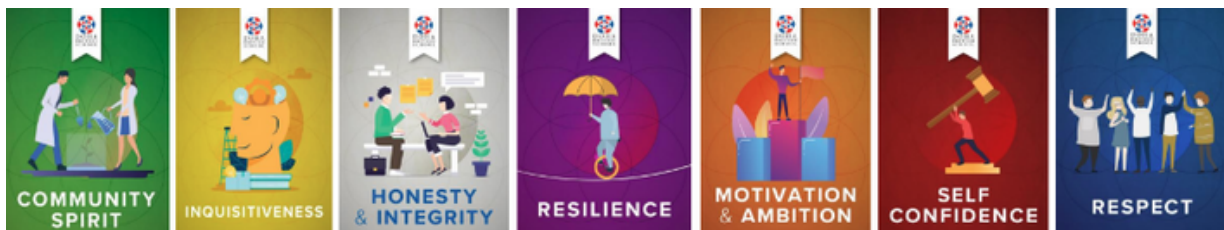
Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

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!



SEC. LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

SECONDARY STUDENTS INSPIRE YOUNG READERS

As part of this year's World Book Day celebrations, selected students from Years 8 to 11 visited primary classrooms to read aloud to younger pupils. It was a heartwarming experience that allowed our secondary students to share their love of stories and connect across age groups.

A huge thank you to the primary team for welcoming them so warmly – and well done to all the students who took part with such enthusiasm!



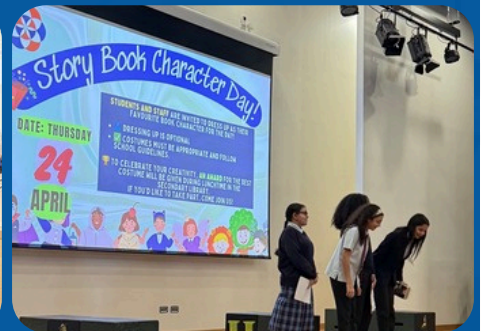
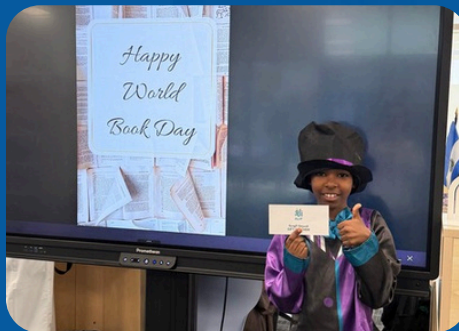
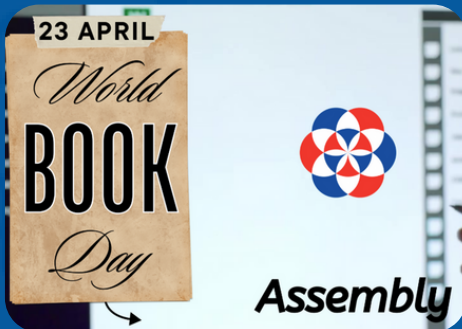


SEC. LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL WORLD BOOK DAY!

A big thank you to all the staff and students who took part in our World Book Day celebrations! From the book fair and assembly to Character Day, reading games, and creative activities – your enthusiasm made it truly special.

– Ms Melissa, Secondary Librarian



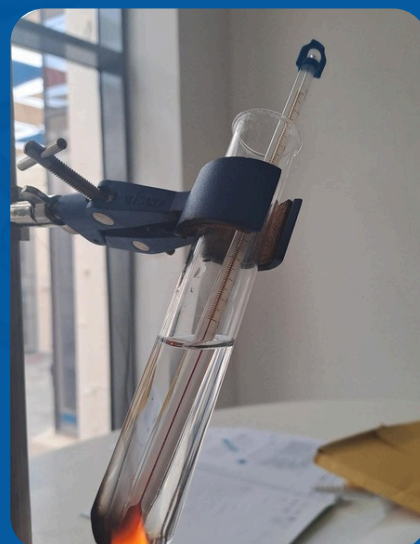


SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

KS4 WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY

Our Year 10 biologists have been working scientifically through an engaging required practical on calorimetry. With precision and care, they measured the energy content of various foods, deepening their understanding of energy transfer in biological systems. This hands-on investigation not only reinforced theoretical concepts but also honed their analytical and practical skills – an excellent display of scientific enquiry in action.

-Mr. Ali

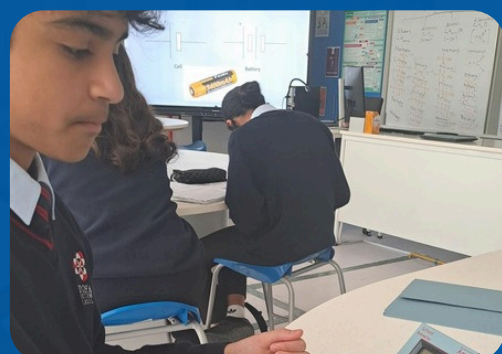
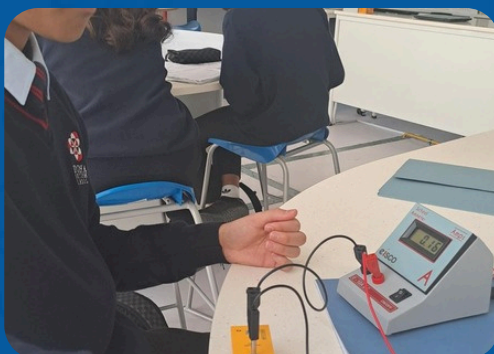




SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

KS3: WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY — EXPLORING, INVESTIGATING, DISCOVERING

This term in Science, our Year 7 students have brought the concept of density to life through vibrant, layered liquid displays, beautifully illustrating it with a rainbow of substances. Meanwhile, our Year 8s have been busy investigating electricity, skilfully measuring current and voltage using ammeters and voltmeters. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have truly lit up the lab!
-Mr. Ali





SECONDARY SCHOOL

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) SUCCESS AT LUSAIL UNIVERSITY

DBS Rawdat students recently took part in their final MUN conference of the year, hosted by Voltaire at Lusail University. Despite it being a high school-only event, several of our Year 8 and 9 students competed alongside Year 12s – and shone! We are proud to share the following recognitions:

Annabelle McPherson – Best Delegate

Mohamad Khaled Garada – Honourable Mention

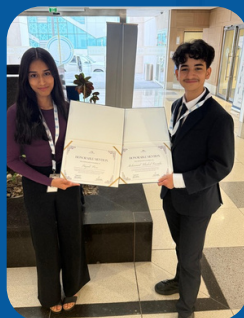
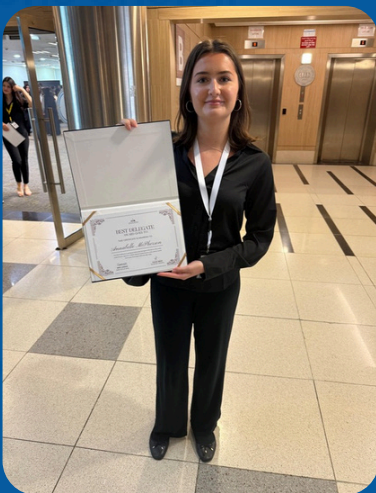
Sayali Pore – Honourable Mention

Please join us in congratulating these students for their outstanding efforts and dedication.

📸 Below, you'll find some photos from the event.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the MUN team throughout the year – it has been a fantastic journey establishing our group, and we look forward to what's to come!

– Ms Anson





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¡HOLA FROM SPAIN!

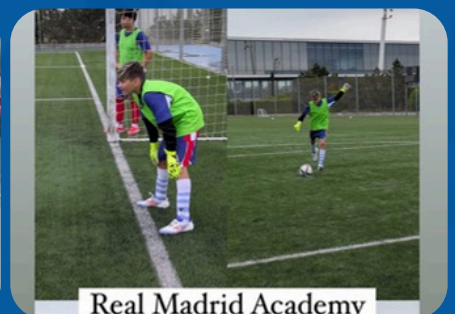
Our secondary students have been enjoying a wonderful cultural and educational experience in Spain this week! From exploring historic cities to discovering Spanish traditions and cuisine, the trip has been filled with memorable moments.

We look forward to welcoming them back next Sunday as they return to their regular school schedule – and we can't wait to hear all about their adventures.

🌟 *Enjoy some of the highlights in the photos below!*



Bernabeu Stadium Tour



Real Madrid Academy




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Spring Fair

 **Saturday 3rd May 2025**
Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tickets will be available at the school during
Drop-off and Pick-up times, Front of the
Main entrance to the building.







Happy Earth Day

22 APRIL 2025

Although Earth Day was marked globally on 22nd April, we still wanted to take a moment to highlight its importance. Earth Day is a reminder of the collective responsibility we share in protecting our planet and promoting sustainability.

Let's continue encouraging our students to take small, meaningful steps—like reducing waste, saving energy, and respecting nature—not just on Earth Day, but every day.

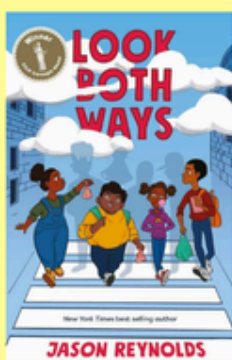
... **LIBRARY NEWS**
April 20-24

BOOK of the Week

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds is a powerful and thought-provoking collection of ten interconnected short stories, each capturing a different group of kids walking home from school. Every story reveals moments of humour, heartbreak, resilience, and unexpected twists, showing the hidden layers of everyday life.

With a mix of realistic characters and emotional depth, Reynolds invites readers to explore themes like friendship, fear, hope, and courage. Each walk home becomes a journey filled with meaning, reminding us that everyone has a story worth hearing.

Find this award-winning book in the secondary library—it's a moving and unforgettable read.






JASON REYNOLDS

BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 22 April 1970 - The first World Earth Day is celebrated, marking the beginning of the modern environmental movement. This global event raises awareness about protecting the planet and encourages action on issues such as climate change, pollution, and conservation.
- 23 April 2025 - World Book Day is celebrated around the globe to promote reading, publishing, and copyright awareness. In schools across Qatar and worldwide, students and teachers take part in book-themed activities to encourage a lifelong love of reading.
- 23 April 2005 - The first-ever video is uploaded to YouTube, titled Me at the Zoo, featuring cofounder Jawed Karim during a visit to the San Diego Zoo. This 18-second clip marked the beginning of the video-sharing platform. Within a year, YouTube hosted around 100 million videos, becoming one of the most influential platforms in digital history.



Source: www.onthisday.com

▶ ◀ ▶ **"READING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THOSE WHO SEEK TO RISE ABOVE THE ORDINARY." — JIM ROHN**



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](#)

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Kind regards,



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