



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

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OUR PURPOSE:

OUR CORE 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:

TO BE A VIBRANT, WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES A FIRST CLASS EDUCATION ENABLING PUPILS TO THRIVE WITHIN A DYNAMIC, GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT.

OUR MISSION:

TO PREPARE ALL PUPILS THROUGH A RELEVANT, CHALLENGING CURRICULUM AND WELL-RESOURCED FACILITIES, TO BECOME LIFELONG LEARNERS CONTRIBUTING TO A GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

هدفنا

هدفنا الأساسي هو أن يستفيد كل طالب بأقصى قدر ممكن من مدرستنا، استناداً إلى اعتقادنا بأن جميع المتعلمين يمكنهم و يحتاجون.

رؤيتنا

أن نكون مدرسة دولية حيوية ومرحبة توفر تعليماً من الدرجة الأولى يمكن التلاميذ من التمتع داخل بيئة ديناميكية وعالمية.

مهمتنا

تهيئة جميع التلاميذ من خلال مناهج محفزة للتعليم وتوفير مرافق عصرية ليكتسبوا تعليماً مستداماً ويساهموا في المجتمع العالمي.



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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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the close of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect and express my heartfelt appreciation to you, our valued partners in education.

This year has been filled with growth, challenges, and unforgettable moments. From the classroom to the playground, from Sports Days and school trips to International Day, the Spring Fair, DBS has talent, Spelling Bee, and much more—I have watched our students flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. Their resilience, curiosity, and enthusiasm have been the heartbeat of our school, and your continued support has made all of this possible.

The programmes on offer have gone from strength to strength, and this progress has been formally recognised by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The school was awarded a Gold Certificate for student involvement in the Our Values, Our Identity projects, received the highest grade in the Qatar National Identity inspection, and we achieved outstanding ratings in 21 standards during our recent CIS accreditation. These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication, support, and commitment of our entire school community.

I would also like to recognise the dedication and hard work of our staff—teachers, support teams, and Secondary School leadership team—who have consistently gone above and beyond to provide not only academic excellence but also care, encouragement, and a sense of belonging for every student.

To our graduating and departing students and families: thank you for being an integral part of our community. You leave a lasting mark on our school, and we wish you success, happiness, and fulfilment as you begin your next chapter.

For those returning next year, we look forward to welcoming you back after a well-earned summer break. Until then, we wish all our families a safe, restful, and joyful holiday.

Warm regards,

Robnawaz Khan
Doha British School
Rawdat Al Hamama





HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

MRS. ALICIA HILL



Dear Parents,

As we draw the academic year to a close, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support, engagement, and valuable collaboration throughout the year. Your partnership has played a vital role in many of our successes, and together, we have achieved a great deal.

This year has been filled with memorable highlights, and we are incredibly proud of what our students, staff, and the wider school community have accomplished. Across Key Stages 3, 4, and 5, a wide range of opportunities has been provided to enrich learning and inspire personal growth.

We have hosted careers fairs and meetings involving both students and parents, offering guidance and insight into future pathways. Our Year 10 students completed their first work experience placements at a variety of respected organisations, including the Hilton Hotel and the NAMA – Social Development Centre, providing them with invaluable real-world exposure.

Students have also taken part in subject-specific educational trips, academic competitions, and debating forums such as the Model United Nations (MUN). We are especially excited to be sending a group of students on the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award expedition to Oman this coming weekend—an exceptional opportunity to build resilience, independence, and teamwork.



In addition, several students participated in the Future Medics Programme at Hamad Medical Corporation, supporting their aspirations to pursue careers in medicine. Our extra- and co-curricular programme has gone from strength to strength, with students achieving success across a wide range of activities –including medal wins in girls’ volleyball–and showing strong participation in sports, the arts, and service initiatives.

Most recently, we proudly celebrated our first Year 12 graduation, with students now preparing to take their next steps at universities around the world.

Wishing you all a wonderful, safe, and restful summer break. We look forward to continuing our shared journey in the new academic year.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Dates for you Diary

<i>Upcoming events</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<i>Thursday 26th June</i>	<i>Last day of School</i>
<i>Thursday 14th August</i>	<i>AS examination results Released</i>
<i>Thursday 21st August</i>	<i>IGCSE Examination Results released</i>
<i>Sunday 31st August</i>	<i>1st Day of 2025-26 Academic Year</i>



TEACHING CORNER

Dear Team,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

Thank you for your relentless hard work, unwavering dedication, and steadfast commitment to our young people and their families. Your invaluable contributions have made this year's transition a remarkable success in so many ways.

One of the greatest strengths of our community is how we continue to grow, support, and learn from one another—something that has been clearly evident each day across our classrooms, offices, and corridors. It is truly inspiring, and I am incredibly proud to work alongside such a passionate and exceptional team.

A special thank you goes to everyone who supported the organisation of our very first Year 12 graduation—your shared determination and collaborative spirit resulted in a truly memorable celebration for our students and the wider community.

As we reflect on our many achievements, we also take a moment to say farewell to colleagues who will be leaving us at the end of this term. You will be greatly missed, and we thank you sincerely for all that you have given to the school. We wish you the very best for your next chapter, wherever it may lead.

Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved summer break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hill



SECONDARY HIGHLIGHTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 12 GRADUATES!

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students, who marked the end of an important chapter with a beautiful Graduation Ceremony this week.

It was a memorable occasion filled with joy, pride, and reflections, as students, families, and staff came together to honour their hard work, growth, and resilience.

🎓 Congratulations to the Class of 2025—we wish you all the very best in your next journey and look forward to seeing what you'll achieve next!





Outstanding Success

As we celebrate the many highlights of the school year, we'd like to take a moment to recognise an exceptional student whose impressive achievements were unintentionally missed in the yearbook. Congratulations to Teejay Gnamam, winner of both DBS Has Got Talent and the Spelling Bee! Your remarkable talent and dedication deserve to be celebrated, and we are proud to honour your success in this final newsletter.





SECONDARY HIGHLIGHTS

🌟 CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT AT THE SECONDARY AWARDS CEREMONY

This week, we celebrated the achievements of our secondary students during the Awards Ceremony Assembly. Students were recognised for their excellence in subjects, outstanding effort, attendance, and more.

It was a wonderful moment to honour the hard work, commitment, and growth of our learners throughout the year.

📸 *See some highlights from the event in the photos below.*

Well done to all award recipients—you've made us proud!





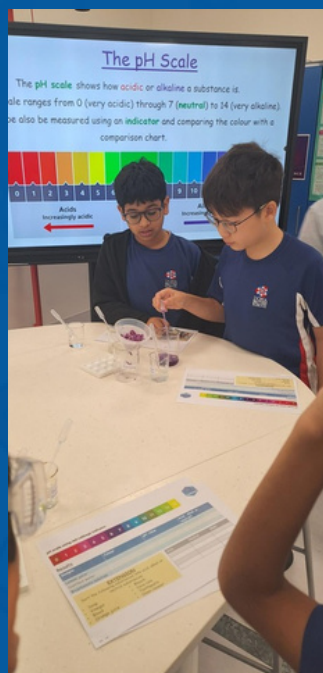
SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 6TH TRANSITION

We were thrilled to welcome our future scientists as Year 6 students joined us for an exciting Science Transition Day! During their visit, they stepped into the lab for a hands-on chemistry lesson, where they created their very own natural pH indicators using red cabbage. With goggles on and curiosity high, they explored how colour changes can reveal whether a substance is acidic, alkaline, or neutral.

Using their cabbage indicator, students tested a variety of everyday items—lemon juice turned the solution bright pink, showing it's acidic, while sodium bicarbonate made it turn green, revealing an alkali. When tested with distilled water, the indicator stayed purple, confirming it as neutral.

The day was a fantastic introduction to secondary science, and it was brilliant to see their excitement and enthusiasm bubbling over—just like a well-run experiment!





SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 7 SCIENTISTS GO FULL TROLL IN A COLOURFUL CHROMATOGRAPHY QUEST!

This term, Year 7 students explored the colourful world of chromatography, investigating how soluble inks can be separated into their individual dyes. Using filter paper and water, they observed black inks revealing hidden rainbows of colour through capillary action—a simple yet powerful method used in real science labs to analyse mixtures.

To bring their learning to life, students transformed their chromatograms into wild-haired Troll creations! With googly eyes and creative flair, each troll sported a vibrant, chromatographic hairstyle—making science both educational and unforgettable.

A brilliant blend of chemistry and creativity!





CAREERS CORNER

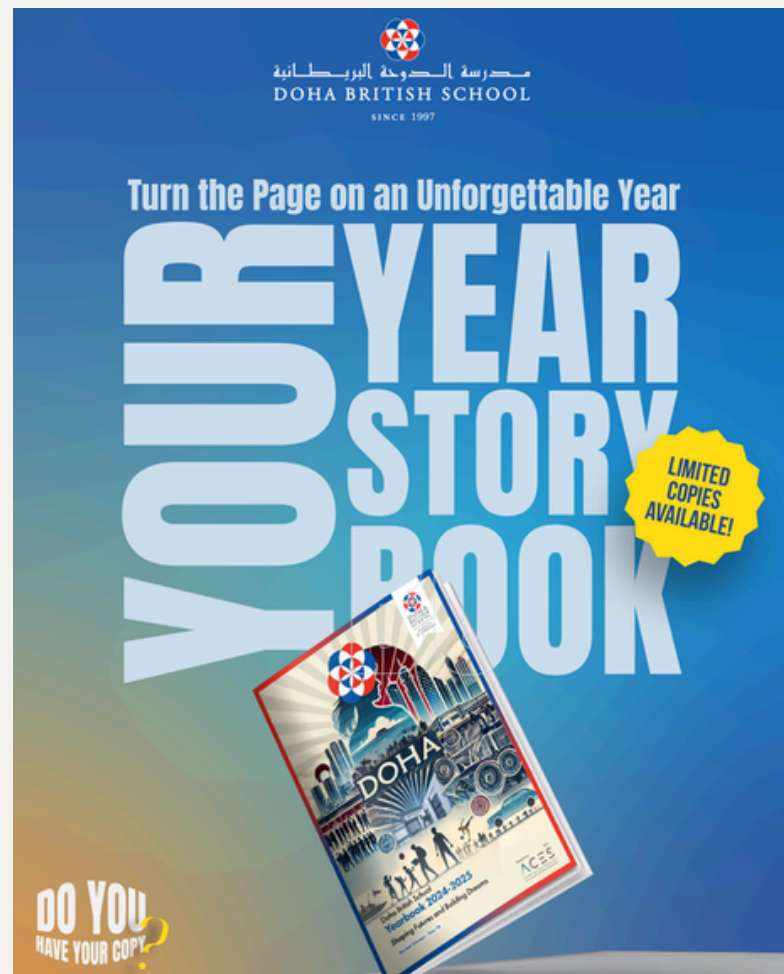
FUTURE MEDICS PROGRAMME LAUNCH

Our Future Medics Programme officially launched on 2nd June, with ten successful applicants visiting Hamad Medical Corporation's Iqtaan Simulation and Innovation Centre. During the visit, students had the unique opportunity to observe surgeons performing procedures using high-tech robotic equipment and advanced surgical simulators. They also took part in interactive, hands-on activities and explored various healthcare careers, gaining a realistic and inspiring insight into the medical profession.

The programme is led by Miss Mekhalfia, our Chemistry teacher, who brings a wealth of experience from her previous degree and professional practice in Pharmacy. Her deep understanding of the medical field, coupled with her passion for student development, makes her the ideal mentor to guide our aspiring medics on this exciting journey.

We look forward to more enriching opportunities as the programme continues into the next academic year.





LIBRARY BOOKS RETURN

END OF YEAR IMPORTANT REMINDER

AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, ALL STUDENTS ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO RETURN, RENEW, OR REPORT ANY LOST LIBRARY BOOKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

✓ RETURN OR RENEW YOUR BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK

✓ STILL READING IT? JUST ASK TO RENEW

✓ LOST YOUR BOOK? EMAIL MS MELISSA: MELISSA.HERNANDEZ@DBSRAWDAT.COM

ALTHOUGH THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS 26TH JUNE, ALL LIBRARY RECORDS MUST BE UPDATED BEFORE THEN.

PLEASE RETURN OR RENEW YOUR BOOKS BY 25TH JUNE

☀️ PLANNING TO READ OVER THE SUMMER? YOU MAY BORROW UP TO 2 BOOKS FOR THE BREAK!

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND HAPPY READING!





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 School Shoes 2024-25](#)

• [Staff email contact list](#)

• [Google Classroom](#)

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• [Careers Guidance](#)

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Kind regards,



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