



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

AL WAKRA CAMPUS

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.

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Dear parents,

Thank you to all parents who attended this month's parental workshop, which took place online earlier this week and which focused upon *Ensuring High Quality English Use At Home*. All students who attend our school will sit their exams in Years 11, 12 & 13 (their IGCSEs, A-Levels & IB exams) in the English language, so it is essential that the highest standards of English are in use at all times, including – where appropriate and where possible – at home. To this end, a number of strategies were outlined in the parental workshop, many of which may already be known to parents. Our Reading for Pleasure lists (attached once again to this email), for example, is a resource which students can refer to at any time and which was compiled by teachers because we know that developing a love of the English language is the key to unlocking academic potential in all English National Curriculum subjects, and not just in English lessons. In order to further support our students' reading progress, we are also encouraging our whole DBS Wakra community to engage with a reading challenge based around the Qatar F1 series, and I am sure that both students and parents will be excited about this latest initiative.

In Primary, children in EYFS and KS1 should continue to practise their phonic skills, which can be found on the Knowledge Organisers shared earlier in the term. Children across all primary years should read for a minimum of 10 minutes per day from their guided reading or library books as language acquisition comes initially from reading a range of high quality texts which, in time, also improves writing.

As always, if any parents would like to contact me directly regarding the content of this letter, I would welcome them to do so via the email address below.

Yours sincerely,

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