

Secondary Newsletter

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17th November 2022

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



Dear Parents,

I want to start by saying a massive well done to all the students for their hard work and dedication this term. I have been so impressed by the commitment to the 'brilliant basics' and in particular the excellent improvements we have made in attendance. Our secondary students have met our target of 95% which is brilliant news, a big improvement on last year (over 10%). It was wonderful to be able to celebrate that 58 Secondary students didn't miss a single day of learning and achieved 100% attendance, well done!

I would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents for the support you have shown to our school this term. It has been lovely to meet many of you at school events and to have witnessed your generosity in events such as the 'bake off' and during our 'international day' - Thank you.

This term has been like no other that we have witnessed before and has involved a lot of hard work and resilience to get to this point. We have had 13 weeks of school and have had so many wonderful events including the DBS carnival, World cup week, Global Sustainability week and so much more.

We are able celebrate the fact that we had a successful visit from CIS and we are proud to have achived the highest grade in our QNSA inspection. This would not have been possible without the full support and commitment from our staff, students and parents alike.

It was wonderful to celebrate the formal graduation and presentation of the international GCSE certificates to our class of 2022 this week. These students have been pioneers within the school and we are so proud of their achievements and the way in which they continue to be wonderful role models to all of our students in younger year groups. I would like to mention the particular achievement of Nabil, who received a special Pearson certificate for outstanding performance, a rare and very special accolade.



As we head into this unique winter break is important that we acknowledge how important it is that students do get a break and use this time to recharge and ready themselves for term 2 in January. However, we recognise that a 6 week break in the middle of the year is not typical or ideal. As a result we do recommend that students complete a small amount of work at regular intervals, the adage 'a little and often', works well here. We wholeheartedly recommend reading for pleasure, and would encourage 20 minutes daily. In the folder below teachers have added in some optional tasks and materials that you might find useful. Many tasks have been set on google classrooms also, that will support revision.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ml3ZFl3AqvHxCml-xrfllLnTZ6HBemox?usp=shar e_link

I very hope that everyone has a wonderful, whether you are staying in Qatar to enjoy the football tournament or traveling overseas to see family and friends.

Kind Regards Austin Sheppard, Head of Secondary, DBS Wakra

Thank You