

## **Secondary Newsletter**

20th October 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,

We have reached the end of the 9th week of term and I am pleased to say that the students are still working hard and enjoying their learning. It is important, as we enter the last few weeks of term, that we continue to strive for the highest standards. Attendance, as always, remains a huge priority, as we know the strong link between student attendance and attainment. At this stage of the year, one day off school equates to 0.5% absence, so it very quickly adds up, and we are aiming for all students to achieve a minimum of 95% for the year. Please do everything possible to ensure that your sons and daughters are here for everyday of learning during the remaining 4 weeks of term.

We must also make sure we maintain the strong work started during 'Mental Health Awareness' week, taking time to prioritise the things that protect our well being. One such thing is making sure that the students are getting adequate sleep. Scientific studies suggest that teenage students need **10 hours of high quality sleep each day**. Assuming a 6am wake up, it would require students are asleep by **8pm**. This allows students the sleep that is required for them to grow and also to be alert and active during the school day.

As Fifa approaches, excitement amongst the students and staff is building and we are looking forward to 'World Cup Week' in school, starting Sunday 13th November. Mr Mcguire delivered an excellent assembly this week, explaining the school target setting using the world as the context.

This week has seen the launch of the 'DBS Friendly Faces' team. I am very proud of the work that the team are doing at lunch and break times to make sure that all students able to find support and and help given by their peers. This is another wonderful example of effective student leadership here at DBS Wakra.

We look forward to welcoming all parents of students in Year 8 for parent consultations which will take place this coming Wednesday 26th October between 3pm and 6pm.

Well done as always to all of our Stars of the week, including overall winner; Khaloud Gibreel of year 10.

Have a wonderful week.

Kind Regards Austin Sheppard, Head of Secondary, DBS Wakra





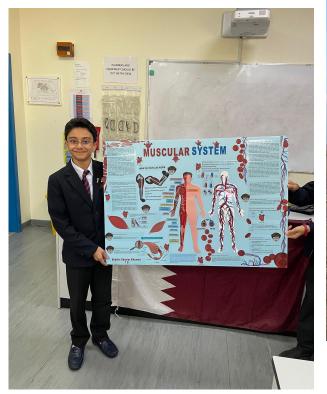
#### Star of the week

	11.10.22
Overall	Khaloud Gibreel 10B
Year 7	Alkuwari, Abdulla
Year 8	Lotfy, Farida
Year 9	Mohun, Shrivar
Year 10	Ramadhan, Muhammad
Year 11	Neha Jinesh John
Year 12	Maya Haddad

# Well Done

### Photos from the week







Students working hard in science and maths

DBS Wakra families at the Desert Clean up





# Thank You