



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AL WAKRA



Secondary Newsletter

5th January 2023

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

Letter from Head of Secondary

17th November 2022



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an excellent winter break. The FIFA world cup really was a triumph, Qatar has now set a new higher bar for the delivery of major global sporting tournaments. It was a proud moment for the country and was superb to see DBS students playing active roles in that as mascots and flag bearers.

It has been great to see all the students back in school, refreshed and ready for the new term. The start to lessons has been very positive this week, which is great to see. This week we have talked about reflecting on our personal highlights of 2022 and setting new goals for 2023. I look forward to seeing our students grow and really flourish as they strive to reach these goals, both academic and personally.

It is difficult not to notice the significant change in weather and this inevitably brings some questions and queries with regards to uniform. Please note we do expect students to be wearing DBS uniform items only, specifically there is a school jumper, blazer and fleece option available should they need to keep warm. We do not allow students to wear hoodies, their own jumpers, sweatshirts or outerwear when they are in school. Of course they are able to wear these on their way to and from school but must take them off in school.

I was so proud to be able to celebrate such excellent attendance with our students last term, with the school meeting its target of 95%. I am really looking forward to more of the same this term and I thank all the parents for their continued support on this.

We are looking forward to welcoming Pret-a-Portrait into school to take photographs of all the students later this month on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th respectively. More details on this will follow.

In order to try and ensure all our parents are kept up to date with what is happening in lessons, we are launching a new section in the weekly newsletter that will outline what each group have done this week and what is coming up next week in each subject. We will endeavour to produce this weekly, I trust that this be helpful to all parents.

Kind Regards

Austin Sheppard, Head of Secondary, DBS Wakra





It has been great to see the students back in the classroom, enjoying their learning





Mathematics	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Collecting like terms	Expanding brackets
8	Direct proportion	Financial graphs
9	Angles: Parallel lines	Angles in polygons
10	Recurring decimals and advanced calculator problems	Simultaneous equations
11	A recap of the key topics covered this academic year so far, in preparation for the Mock exams.	Mock examination revision: Algebra 5 Quadratics, Algebra 10 Fractions, Shapes 5 Transformations, Graphs 9 Functions and Differentiation.
12	We have been revising for the PURE 1 examination	PURE 1 Examination on Monday 9th. Start STATISTICS 1 and PURE 2 from Tuesday
English	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Reading chapters 15-20 of Holes and compared these events to the relevant section of the movie. Students answered inference questions and have begun exploring quotes in preparation for the writing assessment next week.	Writing assessment - How does the reader respond to Zero?
8	Introduction to Shakespeare. We completed a research task on the life and works of William Shakespeare.	Reading and understanding the opening act and scene of Macbeth.
9	An introduction to War Poetry. We designed our own postcards.	Creative writing- Can you write as though you were a soldier in World War 1?
10 Lang/Lit	We have completed practice PEED paragraphs in order to effectively analyse a text.	Reading assessment via a homework task.
10 Second Language	We have completed a practise Listening exam and are reviewing techniques and systems for the Reading and Writing Paper.	Mock Exam preparation. Reading and writing Thursday 12th Jan and Listening Wednesday 18th Jan.
11	We have reviewed questions 1 to 3 for Paper 1 with a focus on techniques and systems of analysis.	We will focus on question 4 and 5 of Paper 1 and the systems for extended analysis.
Science	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	We have started a new topic "Heating and Cooling"	Heating and Cooling
8	We have started a new topic "Electrical circuits"	Current and Potential difference
9	We have started the IGCSE Chemistry course 'Particle model of matter & diffusion'	Solubility
10	Chem Trip: Intro to Electrolysis-Bio: Revision for end of topic assessment for "Respiration and Gas Exchange" - Bio: Continuing with the topic "Gas Exchange" Chem DbI: Recap of Principle of chemistry	Chem Trip: Electrolysis of molten / aqueous electrolytes - Bio: Assessment on Sunday 8th. Then we will start a new topic "Transport" Chem DbI: Group 1 elements - Bio: Continuing with the topic "Gas Exchange"
11	Chem: Revision of material for mock exam - Bio: Continuing the topic "Inheritance"	Chem: Revision of material for mock exam & mock exam- Bio: Revision for mock exam & mock exam
12 Biology	Revision for AS Examination Unit 1.	AS Examination Unit 1 on Monday 9th. Start Unit 2 on Thursday 12th.
12 Physics		
12 Chemistry	Revision of Unit 1	AS examination: Unit 1 / Enthalpy change



Spanish	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	We have started the new topic:Que estas estudiando	Talking about school subjects , expressing likes and dislikes.
8	We have started the new topic: La ropa	Talking about clothes
9	We have started the new topic:De vacaciones	
10	We have started the new topic:¿Que tal los estudios?	Talking about subjects and teachers
11	Past paper revision: Writing and reading	Past paper revision: Writing and reading
Geography	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Recap term 1/ Intro to Rivers/ rivers around the world	The hydrological cycle/ River features
8	Recap term 1/ Intro to Coastal Environments	What features can be found along the coast?/ How can the coast be used?
9	Recap term 1/ Intro to Natural Hazards	Students will present their research on any natural hazard/ what makes a hazard a disaster
10	Recap Coastal environments/ Hazardous Environments Section Intro	What are hazards, plate tectonic theory, Earth's structure, types of plate margins
11	Past paper revision: Physical Geography	Past Paper revision: Human Geography
History	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Recap of term 1: Norman Conquest	New Topic: The Romans
8	Recap of term 1: The Tudors	New Topic: English Civil War
9	Recap of term one/ Origins of WW1 and the Schlieffen Plan	Introduction to Trench Warfare
10	Completion of Chapter 4 of the History The USA, 1918-4: Rural Electrification	Introduction to chapter 5 of the History The USA, 1918-4" Opposition to the New Deal
11	Recap of Term 1 and Introduction to exam techniques for paper 1	Exam techniques for Paper 1 and Paper 2
12	Recap of Term One/ Introduction to The Terror (Russia 1919-1991)	Completion of The Terror (Russia 1919-1991)



Arabic	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	الوحدة الأولى	حل التدريبات
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9	الوحدة الأولى	حل التدريبات
10	التعليم	تدريب على الأساليب
11	السفر والرحلات	تدريب على الأساليب
12	التكنولوجيا	تدريب على الكتابة
DT/ART	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Intro to formal elements of art	Create flip book of definitions
8	Aboriginal symbolism	Complete aboriginal symbolism story
9	Intro to Design software	To start tutorials of Design software
10	Non examination assessment (mock) - Initial designs	Non examination assessment (mock) - Initial designs
11	Mock exam revision	Non examination assessment - Modelling
Computer Science/IT	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Introduction to Scratch Programming	Creating simple programs in Scratch
8	Introduction to Python Programming	Creating Simple Programs in Python
9	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	Self Driving Cars
10	Continuation of Unit 1 Digital Devices	Presentation Software for Unit 6
11	Spreadsheet Software for Unit 6	Mock Exams + Revision
Business	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
10	Communication/Barriers to Communication	Recruitment and Selection within Business
12	Revision for Mock/Intro to Business Planning	Sources of Finance for Businesses



Thank You