

based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve.

Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school,

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Dear parents,

Communicating clearly and effectively with our community has always been a priority at DBS Wakra. Indeed, one of the four pillars of The DBS Way is community engagement, so it is vital that we continuously strive to not only keep parents informed of key information at every turn but also that we listen to and address any issues which may arise over the course of an academic year. Communication can also take a variety of forms in our school; in our primary phase, Class Dojo is used very effectively; in our secondary phase, we have recently once again published all teachers' email addresses and we actively encourage direct communication between home and school in this manner; on a normal day in our school, teachers and senior leaders are available regularly at specific times to meet personally with parents in order to talk face-to-face. The basic premise is essentially that it should be incredibly easy for parents to communicate with either teachers or leaders about any issue at all and at any time.

Another key aspect of how we communicate is our website, and I would like to draw your attention this week to the curriculum information which is available here. Our primary Knowledge Organisers for this academic year, for example, are <a href="here">here</a>, whilst our half-termly secondary Curriculum Overviews are <a href="here">here</a>. Our whole-school Subject Road Maps, meanwhile, are <a href="here">here</a>. Finally, our Reading Lists, which are compiled of texts which will enhance and complement learning in lessons, are <a href="here">here</a>. There is no expectation that students will read all of the books, nor indeed that parents should buy any of them, but rather an understanding that reading for pleasure — especially in English — will unlock the academic potential which will lead to success in external examinations in all subjects in our school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Steven Miles.

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