



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

AL WAKRA



# Secondary Newsletter

11th January 2024

## **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

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## **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

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## **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,

Welcome to the latest version of the DBS Wakra secondary newsletter. Following Mr. Sheppard's recent return to the UK, I will be writing the opening content for the time being. Term 2 is an exciting time in our secondary phase, with both IGCSE/IAL preparations for the summer examinations ongoing and the options choices for Year 9 students who will be moving to Year 10 next year due to begin. Regarding the latter, this information will be shared with parents in the next couple of weeks, with the process finalised by the end of this term.

I would like to remind parents at this stage of the importance of both uniform and punctuality. All students in our secondary phase should wear the complete and correct DBS uniform at all times, details of which are on our website at all times. Wearing uniform correctly can be seen as an indication of a student's commitment to the school, and we are keen to have students who are fully supportive of this ethos. Similarly, students arriving on time for lessons each day also shows just how determined they are to succeed, and this is exactly what we want from the young people in our care every day. Most members of our school community are very good at both important aspects of life in DBS Wakra, but I would urge those who maybe still have some work to do in these areas to do everything they can to make those necessary improvements as quickly as they can!

Finally, thank you to all Year 11 parents who were able to attend this week's consultation. It was lovely to see you all there and the evening provided a wonderful opportunity for preparations for IGCSE exams to be outlined in more detail for each subject area. As the term goes on, we will ensure that channels of communication remain open at all times.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Miles.





Dear Community,

The DBS Wakra Health & Wellbeing In The Community Fayre is fast approaching, and we're thrilled! Join us in making it a resounding success by following our four 'S' principles:

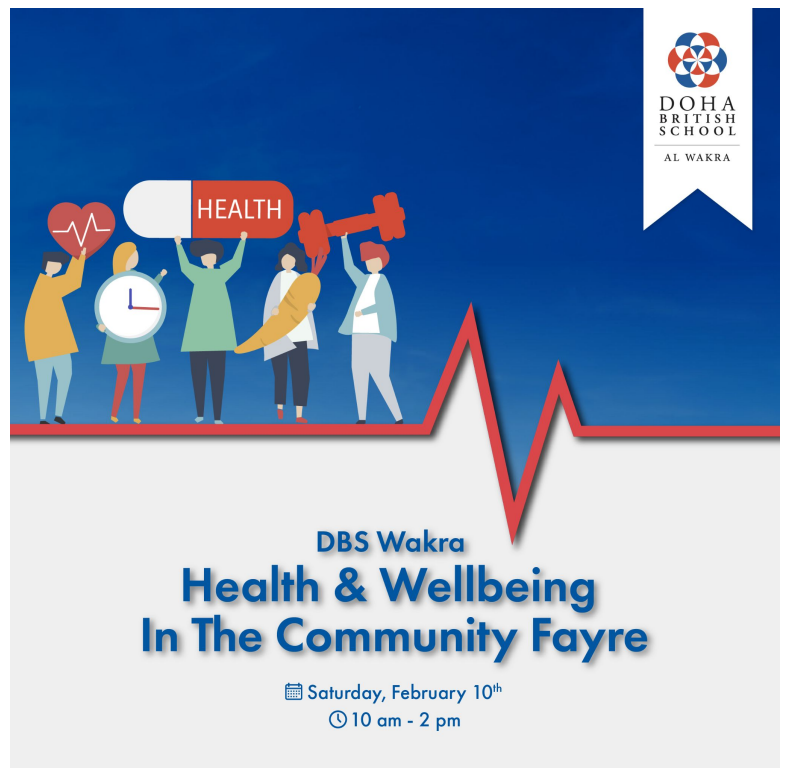
- Showcase your small business or offerings at the Fayre.
- Share your creative talents, hobbies, or artwork.
- Strengthen your school community ties by participating actively.
- Seek out sponsorship opportunities or connect us with potential sponsors.

For those ready to take the lead, consider volunteering for:

- a) Vendor Liaison Team
- b) Sponsor Liaison Team
- c) Event and Logistics Team

Your involvement matters. Let's make this Fayre unforgettable!

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# Stars of the week

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<b>Y 8</b>	Raihanun Rumaisha
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<b>Y 10</b>	Malak Redda
<b>Y 11</b>	Ahmad Rizwan
<b>Overall SOTW</b>	Harry Duncan



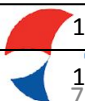
# Parental Subject Updates

Mathematics	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Writing and sharing ratios	Using proportions
8	Compound Interest	Reverse Percentages
9	Algebraic Fractions	solving equations involving algebraic fractions
10	Revision Week	Assessment Week- Mock Exams
11	Assessment Week	Drawing and Interpreting Statistical diagrams
12	IAL Pure 1 Exam	Pure 2 content starting. Stats 1 - Chapter 1 - 3 recap
English	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Introduction to Folklore and storytelling	Genre- Identify the features of a genre
8	Introduction to fantasy fiction - analysis genre features	Studying Coraline - mystery, fantasy and suspense writing components
9	Introduction to WW1 as a setting for the war poetry topic	Who's for the Game - poem: Revise poetical terms and how to annotate a poem
10 Lang/Lit	IGCSE Language: introduction to anthology part 2 // IGCSE Literature: Introduction to An Inspector Calls - context	IGCSE Language: Anthology part 2 - Out, Out // IGCSE Literature: An Inspector Calls Act 1
10 Second Language	Focus on the summary task from the writing section	Building vocabulary, especially synonyms and paraphrasing.
11	Coursework 1- Introduction of focus	Wilfred Owen context and analysis of the poem 'Disabled'
Science	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Inheritance and the Genome	Inheritance and the Genome
8	8B Electricity/ 8D Electricity and Chemical Properties	8B Electricity/ 8D Electricity and Chemical Properties
9	IGSCE Unit 1 Forces	IGSCE Unit 1 Forces
10 Biology	SB Respiration and Gas exchange AA Movement in Cells	SB Respiration and Gas exchange AA Movement in Cells
10 Chemistry	Calculating Empirical formula	Determining formula of compounds experimentally
10 Physics	MS Waves SB Electricity	MS Waves SB Electricity
11 Biology	Inheritance Assessment 8th January	Ecology
11 Chemistry	Alcohols & Carboxylic acids	Esters & Polymers
11 Physics	MS DL Radioactivity & Particles	MS DL Radioactivity & Particles
12 Biology	N/A - Exams	3A Cell Structure
12 Chemistry	N/A - Exams	6 - Energetics



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Spanish	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	New topic, The pets. They have to study new vocabulary and verbs	-Revise vocabulary about favorite subjects. -To recall positive and negative opinion phrases. Muy bien-To recall positive and negative adjectives to justify your opinions with reasons. Fenomenal –To apply rules of adjective agreement.
8	Revise tenses	-Revise vocabulary about favorite subjects. -To recall positive and negative opinion phrases. Muy bien-To recall positive and negative adjectives to justify your opinions with reasons. Fenomenal –To apply rules of adjective agreement.
9	New topic Daily routine. They have to study reflexive verbs with reflexive pronoun	- Revise vocabulary about holidays. - to be able to name different types of transport - to be able to say how you usually travel
10	Speaking book	To compare the Primary School in the past with the High School now. To use Present Tense and Imperfect tense. To use negative sentences.
11	Mock exam	
Geography	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Rivers intro/ How can rivers be used?	The hydrological cycle/ river drainage basin features
8	What activities take place at the coast/ How do waves shape our coast	Coastal processes: erosion and transportation
9	What is the continental drift theory/ How do earthquakes form?	what are the volcanic eruption hazards/ Impacts of earthquake case study (homework presentation on volcanic eruption)
10	Intro to economic activity and energy	Employment structure/ informal sector/ factors affecting economic activity
11	Revision: rivers/coastal environments	Revision: rivers/coastal environments
History	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Assessments	Unit 3 - Norman England
8	Assessments	Unit 3 - French Revolution
9	Assessments	Unit 3 - Civil Rights
10	Assessment Results	Topic 2 - Medicine
11	Assessment Results	Topic 4 - Medicine
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Arabic	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	حديث شريف (درس تمهيدي من الهدي النبوي)	الدرس الأول في الوحدة الأولى
8	حديث شريف (درس تمهيدي من الهدي النبوي)	الدرس الأول في الوحدة الأولى
9	حديث شريف (درس تمهيدي من الهدي النبوي)	الدرس الأول في الوحدة الأولى
10	العمل	تابع العمل
11	أوقات الفراغ	تابع أوقات الفراغ
12	البيئة	تابع البيئة
DT/ART	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Threading a needle, health and safety	Assessfm, straight stitching
8	Analysing Good and bad designs, Health and safety	Assessfm, Spec
9	Health and safety when working with clay	Assessfm, spec
10	Electronic systems, cutting lists	Electronic systems, Inputs-control-outputs, components. Workshop cutting joints
11	Final design anotation, cutting list	Strengthening timbers
Computer Science/IT	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
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8	Programming a maze game in Kodu	Design and create a game in Kodu.
9	Python Turtle programming recap	Python Turtle programming test
10	How is sound stored on a computer?	Calculating file sizes
11	Network Components	How the Internet works
Business	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
10	Communication	Barriers to communication
11	Quality Control/Assurance	Exam Revision
12	AS Exam	Business Plans
PE	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Sprinting technique in Athletics and Dribbling skills in Basketball	Field events in athletics and passing in basketball
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10	Games	Games
11	Fitness and Football	Fitness and Football







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Careers	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Refrenchment to Personality types and quiz	Working on Personality type & interests connected to pathways
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9	Refrenchment to Personality types and quiz	IGCSE workshops, subjects and pathways
10	Refrenchment to Personality types and quiz	Working on Personality type & interests connected to pathways
11	Refrenchment to Personality types and quiz	IB, A-Levels workshops
12	Refrenchment to Personality types and quiz	Personal statment - University applications



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