



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

AL WAKRA



# Secondary Newsletter

14th March 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,

Ramadan kareem to all members of our DBS Wakra community. I wish everyone all the very best during this special time.

For the duration of the Holy Month Of Ramadan, of course, we have adjusted the timings of our school day in accordance with the guidance from the MOEHE. Our new timings are as follows:

School begins at 08.30

School ends at 13.30

Our school gates open in the morning at 08.10. I would be very grateful indeed if parents could ensure that we continue to prioritise both attendance and punctuality during Ramadan. This is of the utmost importance for students who are in examination years - such as those in Years 11 & 12, of course - but also for other students elsewhere in our secondary phase. Lessons continue as normal during the Holy Month of Ramadan, albeit with a slightly shorter duration, and learning remains just as rigorous as ever. So far this week, our new morning and afternoon routines have worked very well, so I am greatly appreciative of the usual wonderful efforts of our DBS Wakra community in this regard.

Similarly, I would ask for the support of parents in reiterating the message that students cannot leave during the school day without a very good reason to do so. I understand that there will often be appointments during school hours which on some occasions cannot be rescheduled, but I would suggest that this ought to be a rarity rather than a norm. What absolutely cannot happen, of course, is that students make their own decisions about leaving school early and that drivers are contacted directly. As always, parental support in this regard is very much appreciated.

We are also now past the halfway point of the academic year and fast approaching the hugely important external examinations season. For all students, as well as their families, this can sometimes mean that they begin to look forward to the next academic year rather than the one that they are still very much part of. In terms of uniform, for example, it can sometimes be the case that items are no longer replaced until once the summer term has finished. This can lead, however, to uniform for some students looking a little less than the standard which we accept, with trainers in place of shoes or PE kits worn on days when PE isn't on the timetable, for instance. I would ask again for parents' support in this regard. At all times of the academic year, whether it has only just begun, whether it is in the middle or whether it is almost the end, standards of uniform should always be high.



I would also like to draw parents' attention to our annual DBS Wakra Yearbook front cover competition. As always, we want our students to design the front cover so that we as a community can have ownership of this particular stack of memories. The details of the competition are below:



# Yearbook 2023 / 2024 Cover Design Competition

Theme:  
Shaping Futures and Building Dreams at Doha British School

Any Medium including crayons, watercolours,  
acrylic, digital art or photography

A4 Portrait Size  
Submit to your form tutor / Class teachers  
Open to all DBS students.

Submit to your Form Tutors / Class teachers  
Deadline submission **31st of March**







Finally this week, I want to make parents aware of the wonderful contributions by our secondary students during last week's World Book Day. As part of their weekly Genius Time task, students were asked to form groups and to decorate classroom doors as books. Some of the competition entries are below, and I am sure that you will agree that the doors are amazing and that we have some very talented students in our school, all of whom I am very proud of indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Miles.





# Stars of the week



Y 7	Ghanim Al-Hajri
Y 8	Petra Dordevic
Y 9	Aizah Akhtar
Y 10	Mohammed Al-Eisa
Y 11	Elizabeth Yahaya
Y 12	Lolwa Al-Jelabi
<b>Overall SOTW</b>	AlJori AlAli



# Parental Subject Updates

Mathematics	What happened this week	What is coming up
7	Multiplying and Dividing by Decimals	Solving one step equations
8	Constructing Shapes	Construction/ Loci
9	Trigonometry	Inverse Percentages
10	Circle Theorems 1	Circle Theorems 2
11	Ratio ( F )	Ratios with algebra
12	Stats 1: Least Squares Regression	Stats 1: The Product Moment Correlation Coefficient
English	What happened this week	What is coming up
7	Grimm Tales: Ashputtel Speaking and Listening	Grimm Tales: Little Red Cap Introduction
8	Conflict Poetry - Poetry Analysis - The Right Word	Conflict Poetry - The Yellow Palm
9	Assessment on one of Wilfred Owen's war poems.	Introduction to War Horse.
10 Lang/Lit	IGCSE Language: Anthology part 2 Completion // IGCSE Literature: An Inspector Calls Exam Question Building	IGCSE Language: Coursework 1 // IGCSE Literature: An Inspector Calls Act 2-3
10 Second Language	IGCSE writing practice: Reports // IGCSE reading practice: transport	IGCSE writing practice: Articles // IGCSE Listening practice
11	"Macbeth" Act 2.	"Macbeth" Act 3
Science	What happened this week	What is coming up
7	Earth's Resources	Light and Sound
8	8B Forces and Motion 8D Forces and Motion/ Variation for survival	8B Forces and Motion 8D Forces and Motion/ Variation for survival
9	IGCSE Principles of Chemistry 1a-d	IGCSE Principles of Chemistry 1a-d
10 Biology	AAB Nutrition Chapter ( Photosynthesis and Digestive System) SB Transport	AAB Nutrition Chapter ( Photosynthesis and Digestive System) SB Transport
10 Chemistry	Group 7 Elements & Gases in the atmosphere	Gases in the atmosphere
10 Physics	SB -Waves MS Energy test	SB -Waves MS waves
11 Biology	AA inheritance SB Food Production	AA inheritance SB Food Production
11 Chemistry	IGCSE Revision: Bonding	IGCSE Revision: Bonding
11 Physics	IGCSE Revision- electricity	IGCSE Revision- waves
12 Biology	3C Development of Organisms Assessment 7th March	4A Plant Structure and Function
12 Chemistry	8B Redox Chemistry Progress Task - Topic 8	8B Redox Chemistry Progress Task - Topic 8



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Spanish	What happened this week	
7	Talking about break time and revise present tense and near future	to describe what do you in class using adverts of frequency and giving your opinion.
8	To identify key vocabulary to buy clothes in a shop. To use direct object pronoun correctly	To classify verbs and connectives. Revise the past tense.
9	To write about holidays in future and study verbs in future and conditional	To study past tense, revise sentences about past holidays.
10	Listening test and writing test	New topic : El mundo del trabajo (the Job)
11	Papers, revision and speaking test	Revision
Geography	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	Why did people go on holiday? Why is tourism increasing?	Impacts of tourism: case study examples to show negative and positive effects
8	Weather field investigation results analysis/ What are climate graphs	Main climates around the world/ Comparing climate graphs
9	Is globalisation a good thing?/ Globalisation debate	What is sustainability?/ Why is consumerism a concern?
10	Why has urbanisation increased at a rapid pace?/ Data analysis on Urban population change/ Why is suburbanisation popular?	Urban land use models/ Megacities: challenges
11	Past paper practise with time management	Alternate to coursework exam practise
History	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	End of Topic Test	New Topic: How smelly were the Middle Ages?
8	End of Topic Test	New Topic: Industrial Revolution
9	New Topic: The Islamic Golden Age	Islamic Medicine
10	Topic 2 - Medicine Chapter 3	Topic 2 - Medicine Chapter 3
11	Topic 4 - Medicine Chapter 4	Topic 4 - Medicine Chapter 4
Arabic	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	الوحدة الخامسة	تدريبات الكتاب على الوحدة
8	الوحدة الخامسة	تدريبات الكتاب على الوحدة
9	الوحدة الخامسة	تدريبات الكتاب على الوحدة
10	الصحة (بداية)	أوراق عمل
11	السؤال العاشر (التلخيص)	أوراق الاختبار
12	السؤال السادس	أوراق الاختبار





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DT/ART	What happened this week	What is coming up?
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8	New Topic - Introduction to Photoshop	Photoshop - Adjustment Layers
9	Photoshop Skills - Text Effects	Photoshop - Removing items from images
10	Pseudocode	Interpreting Algorithms
11	Unit 3 - Protecting Data	Unit 3 - Impact of the Internet
Business	What happened this week	What is coming up?
10	Organisational Structure	Legal controls over employment
11	Financial Ratios Revision	Business Finance Revision
12	Financial Ratios	Financial Ratios
PE	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	Applying skills learnt in Dodgeball to game situations and stopping the ball and batting in rounders	Applying skills learnt in Dodgeball to game situations and batting in rounders
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11	Applying skills learnt in Dodgeball to game situations and stopping the ball and batting in rounders (boys) learning the game of badminton (girls)	Applying skills learnt in Dodgeball to game situations and batting in rounders and continuing to learn how to play badminton (girls)



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