



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

AL WAKRA



Secondary Newsletter

24th 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

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,

Next week, on Tuesday January 30, we will hold an information session for parents of students in both Years 9 & 11 regarding their subject options choices ahead. For Year 9 students, this is a key point in their academic journeys as they prepare to transition from the KS3 to the KS4 curriculum. Moving from Year 9 to Year 10 basically means beginning IGCSEs, which is a point at which students personalise what they study. IGCSE students in all schools typically study around 9 subjects, some of which are core subjects and which must be studied and a smaller number of which are option choices. From the 9 or so subjects, students will ordinarily gain around 12-13 examination results; this is because for some subjects, such as English and Science, there is more than one subject to be covered. All of this information will, of course, be covered in greater detail during the parents' session itself, with ample opportunity for questions at any point.

Similarly, students who are now preparing for their final IGCSE examinations in June will need to start thinking about and deciding upon their KS5 pathways. In schools where the English National Curriculum is followed, such as is the case at Doha British School, students would typically follow IGCSEs with AS (Advanced Supplementary) courses. In most cases, students would choose only four subjects at AS level, which would then in turn reduce to three subjects for the following year's examinations, which are known as A-Levels. Entry to high-quality universities usually depends upon three strong A-Level passes, so students in our school are very well-placed to be admitted to top-class institutions.

Again, everything will be covered in depth next week, but parents are always welcome to contact either me or other secondary senior leaders at any time to discuss any aspects of the processes outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Miles.



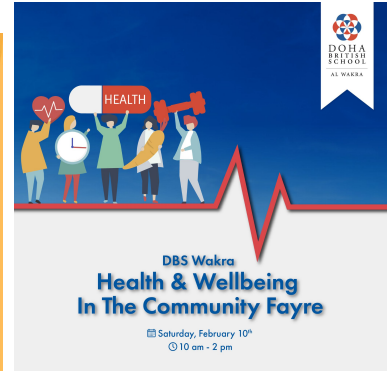


Join Us at the Upcoming FDBS Wakra Fayre!

We're thrilled to update our upcoming Fayre at FDBS - Wakra, and it's going to be a fantastic event you won't want to miss! Here's a sneak peek of what you can expect:

Confirmed Attendees:

Virgin
Al-Wakra PHCC
Playball
Al Arabi
ICON
Sharq Village



Variety Galore:

Our Fayre promises diverse attractions, including food, jewellery, cosmetics, culture, and art representations. There's something for everyone to enjoy!

Fun for All Ages:

We have exciting offerings for adults, and we've also ensured plenty of games and fun activities for all the young children in attendance.

Raffle Draws and Prizes:

Participate in our raffle draws to win some incredible and delightful prizes. You won't want to miss out on these fantastic opportunities!

Ticket Information:

Tickets will be available at the school starting next week, and we're offering early bird discounts for those who purchase in advance.

Book Your Table:

If you're interested in booking a table and being part of our school Fayre, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school. I would greatly appreciate your participation.

Volunteers:

We welcome help from volunteers and encourage you to contact us if you're interested in lending a hand. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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Get ready for a day filled with fun, food, entertainment, and more at the FDBS - Wakra Fayre. We look forward to seeing you there!



Stars of the week

Y 7	Fathima Zohra
Y 8	Kapruwan Perera
Y 9	Najd Saadallah
Y 10	Kabir Batra
Y 11	Sarah Irfan
Overall SOTW	Hansali Gedara



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	Fantasy fiction - visual analysis and exploring PAFT	Fantasy fiction - speaking and listening assessment
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: Out, Out - anthology part 2 // IGCSE Literature: An Inspector Calls Act 1	IGCSE Language: Anthology part 2 - Whistle and I'll come to you // IGCSE Literature: An Inspector Calls Act 1 Character focus
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'



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Science	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Solar System and Beyond	Solar System and Beyond
8	8B Electricity/ 8D Electricity and Atomic Model	8B Chemical Properties/ 8D Electricity and Chemical Properties
9	IGSCE Unit 1 Forces	IGSCE Unit 1 Forces
10 Biology	SB Respiration and Gas exchange Assessment 22nd January AA Movement in Cells	SB Transport AA Movement in Cells
10 Chemistry	Concentration & molar volume calculations	Concentration & molar volume calculations EoT - Topic 1e)
10 Physics	MS Energy stores and pathways SB Electricity Assessment 23rd January	MS Energy progress task SB Waves
11 Biology	Ecology	Ecology
11 Chemistry	EoT Assessment: Alcohols, carboxylic acids, esters & polymers Revision: 1A & B	Revision: 1C & D
11 Physics	MS life cycles of stars DL Radioactivity & Particles	MS origins of the universe DL Radioactivity & Particles
12 Biology	3A Cell Structure Assessment 24th January	3B Mitosis, Meiosis and Reproduction
12 Chemistry	6 - Energetics	6 - Energetics EoT - Topic 6



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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 pronouns	- 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	Vocabulary about lifestyle. Revision the tenses.
Geography	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	River processes: Transportation, erosion and deposition	What features are found along a river?/ how are v-shaped valleys and waterfalls formed?
8	Coastal erosional landforms: headlands and bays, caves- arches' stacks' stumps, wave cut platform	What is longshore drift?/ Coastal depositional landforms: How are spits, bars, tombolos formed?
9	Responses to natural hazards/ Present their homework case study presentation on a volcanic eruption	continue with student presentations/ How are tropical storms formed? create pop up diagram for homework
10	Population and resources : The theories predicting the link and future issues/ Factors affecting energy supply and demand	Ways in which energy can be generated/ the pros and cons of renewable vs non renewable
11	Revision: Natural Hazards	Revision: Economic activity and energy



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History	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Who should be King in 1066?	William and His Problems
8	Why were the French Angry?	The Revolution Begins (1787-1789)
9	Who was Jim Crow?	Did Brown Vs Board of Education change America?
10	Topic 2 - Medicine	Topic 2 - Medicine
11	Topic 4 - Medicine	Topic 4 - Medicine
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Arabic	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	تابع الوحدة الأولى	الوحدة الثانية
8	تابع الوحدة الأولى	الوحدة الثانية
9	تابع الوحدة الأولى	الوحدة الثانية
10	تابع العمل	تابع العمل
11	تابع أوقات الفراغ	تابع أوقات الفراغ
12	تابع البيئة	تابع البيئة
DT/ART	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Initial sketches started- Pugly monster	Product analysis spec
8	Cam/ Lazer cutter	Product analysis spec
9	Ceramic Artists	
10	thermostting and thermoforming plastics	The categorisation of fibres and textiles/ lazer cutting
11	Workshop- Manufacturing final product	Photo dairy/ Woods



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Computer Science/IT	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Scratch programming	Creating web games on Scratch
8	Design and create a tower defence game in Kodu.	Plan out their own game that they will create in Kodu
9	Python Turtle Test	Introduction to Photoshop
10	Encrypting Data	Data Representation Topic Test
11	Network Security	Topic 2 Connectivity test
Business	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
10	Recruitment and Selection	Training
11	Unit 1 Revision	Unit 1 Revision
12	Sources of Finance (Internal)	Sources of Finance (External)
PE	What has happened this week?	What is coming up
7	Field events in athletics and shooting in basketball	Field and track events in athletics and defending 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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