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WELCOME

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we present to you the very first Doha British School Alumni Newsletter! As former students of DBS, we are thrilled to be able to reconnect with you all and share news and updates about the school, as well as your fellow alumni.

With this newsletter, we hope to foster a sense of community among our alumni and keep everyone informed about events and activities taking place both at DBS and within our alumni network. We encourage you to reach out to us if you are interested in helping to build up and drive forward the Alumni organisation.

We look forward to reconnecting with you all and hearing about your experiences since leaving DBS. Let's come together to celebrate our shared history and continue to support each other. Once DBS, always DBS: Forever part of the pride!

Kind regards

Mrs. Lynette Grant
Acting Principal



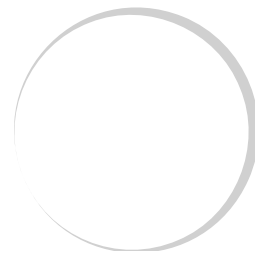


MEET THE ALUMNI

We are thrilled to introduce the “Meet the Alumni” section of our newsletter where we will be catching up with our former students and learning about their journey since leaving Doha British School. As a member of the DBS community, we value your contribution to our school and would love to hear from you. Whether you have pursued further education, started a new career, or embarked on a personal journey, we want to know about it.

Through this section, we hope to reconnect with our alumni, share your stories with the rest of the DBS community, and inspire our current students to follow in your footsteps. So please do get in touch with us and share your updates, achievements, and experiences. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please reach out to us [here](#) if you would like to share.



MEET THE ALUMNI



My name is Omar Mohamed and I graduated DBS back in the peak of the pandemic in 2020. I completed the IB Diploma as my school leaving qualification. Now, I study medicine in Ireland at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. I'm currently in my third year of study out of a total of five. So far I've completed an optional certificate in lifestyle medicine, participated in research and ran a few clubs and societies. Though still studying, I'm currently "working" as part of a team conducting laboratory and clinical research on a type of blood cancer called multiple myeloma. Our aim is to analyse the effectiveness of new technology to "foresee" the likely path the cancer can take based on the patient's genetics, allowing clinicians to create customised treatment plans for each patient (a practice we call precision medicine). Aside from that I'm also on clinical rotations this year where I move to various hospitals in Ireland to practise my clinical skills in the real world setting.

Since leaving DBS I found that my time spent studying the IB Diploma has yielded unexpected fruits. We were always told that the IB Diploma was a university level course and now I can see why. I owe my skills in referencing and looking up articles to the teachers of DBS, as this has now become an integral part of my day to day life in medicine. Thanks to my involvement in a large number of ECA's back in DBS, I have gone on to join the committees of multiple clubs and societies at my university as a way to continue my hobbies from DBS.



MEET THE ALUMNI

Longest serving DBS teacher

Shehata Mohammed Assistant Head teacher & Subject Leader of Arabic Language

How long have you worked at DBS?

I have been proud to be a part of the DBS team since 2004, bringing my expertise as an Arabic teacher and continuing to contribute over the years.

What is your job title and has it changed over your years in school?

Throughout my time at DBS, my role has evolved from being an Arabic teacher to becoming a subject leader, and finally, to being entrusted with the responsibility of a senior leader.

Please share one of your best memories of your time at DBS so far:

One of the most cherished moments during my tenure at DBS has been witnessing the graduation of my students, especially the proud moment of seeing my own son graduate. Additionally, watching my daughter progress from preschool to sixth form IB has been an incredible journey, filled with heart-warming memories that I will treasure forever.



PATHWAYS

We are thrilled to see the wide range of universities our alumni have attended, and the diverse degrees they have pursued. Our alumni have proven themselves to be exceptional individuals who have excelled in their academic pursuits. We want to hear from you! Share your university destination and degree with us, and let us celebrate your achievements. You never know who you might inspire by sharing your story.

Select from [here](#)



GET CONNECTED

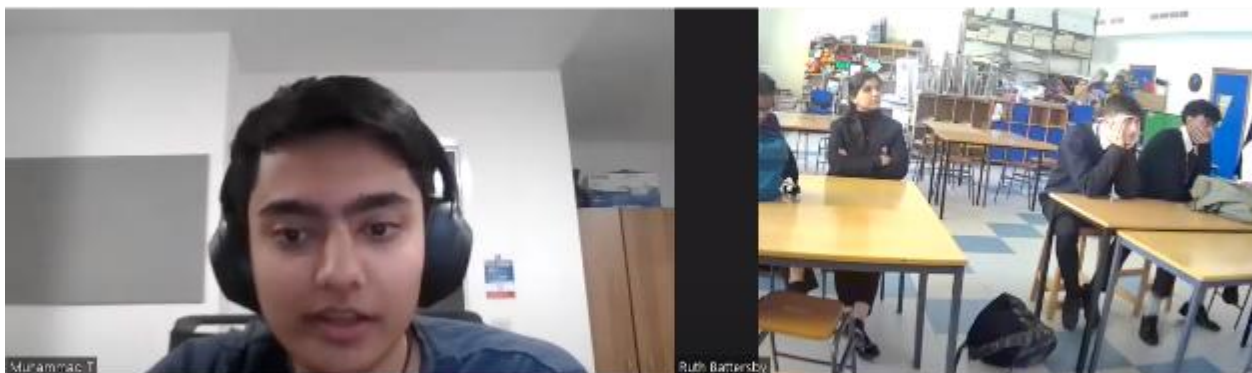
Calling all alumni of Doha British School!

We want to hear from you and keep you connected to our vibrant community. Please complete this form to keep updated on the latest developments at DBS, to provide your valuable feedback on how our Alumni Network can grow and to share what you've been up to since graduation, what you've accomplished, and how your experiences at DBS have helped shape your journey.

By completing this form, you'll be helping us to improve our programs and better serve our current and future students. You'll also have the opportunity to connect with fellow alumni, network with professionals in your field, and participate in exciting events and activities.

Don't miss out on the chance to stay connected to DBS and be a part of something truly special.

[HERE](#)



ALUMNI EVENTS

We are excited to share with you the success of our recent event where we had one of our own, Muhammad Taimoor, lead a session with our current sixth form students on the topic of "Why choose Medicine?".

The session covered various aspects of the medical profession, including expectations beyond medical school, the importance of not choosing medicine solely for financial gain, advice on applications to UK/Irish medical schools, internships, and how to choose the right medical school.

Muhammad shared his own experiences in medical school and university, including his involvement in societies, sports, audits, and research. He also discussed what to expect knowledge-wise and how to prepare for medical school, as well as the decision of whether or not to take a gap year.

The session was well-received by our current students, who found it valuable to hear from a former student who has been through the same experiences they are currently facing. It was great to see current and past students connecting and learning from each other.

As an Alumni Association, we are committed to providing opportunities for our alumni to engage with our current students and to give back to the community. We are planning more events like this in the future, and we would love for you to get involved if you are interested.

Please reach out to us [here](#) if you would like to participate in future events or have ideas for other ways to connect with our current students. Let's continue to foster a strong sense of community and support for our students and alumni alike.



REMEMBERING

Remembering the Moments that Define Us: Share Your DBS Memories and Photographs Today!

We want to celebrate the moments that define us by inviting you to share your fondest memories and photographs of your time at DBS. Whether it's a photo of a memorable event, a group shot with friends, or a cherished moment on a class trip. So, dust off those old photo albums and dig out those old yearbooks. We can't wait to hear from you and include your special memories in the upcoming edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

As they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words," and we can't wait to hear your stories.

Please reach out to us [here](#) if you would like to contribute.

ALUMNI EVENTS

We are excited to introduce our new hybrid project-based and phenomenon-based curriculum, which has been designed to provide our students with a unique learning experience that combines the best of both worlds. Our curriculum is aimed at preparing students for the challenges of the future by equipping them with the skills and knowledge required to excel in a rapidly changing world.

The hybrid curriculum combines project-based learning, which involves students working on real-world projects, with phenomenon-based learning, which focuses on exploring and understanding real-world phenomena. By combining these two approaches, our curriculum allows students to develop a deep understanding of the world around them while also gaining practical experience working on projects that are relevant to their interests and passions.

Our curriculum is designed to be flexible and adaptable, allowing students to tailor their learning experience to their individual needs and interests. Students are encouraged to work collaboratively and to take ownership of their learning, with support and guidance provided by our experienced team of teachers and links with CUC Ulster University in Qatar.

As part of our commitment to providing our students with the best possible learning experience, we are seeking mentors from our alumni network who are currently working in industry. Mentors will work with our Year 10 and 11 students, providing guidance and support as they work on their projects and explore real-world phenomena.

We believe that our hybrid project-based and phenomenon-based curriculum, combined with the support of our alumni mentors, will provide our students with an unparalleled learning experience that will prepare them for success in the future. We look forward to welcoming our alumni mentors and to seeing the amazing projects and discoveries that our students will make as they explore the world around them.