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Alumni Newsletter

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WELCOME

"Alumni are as important to a school as the students we serve". As alumni you are a fundamental part of the school's legacy. A legacy that is preserved in the ongoing mission of preparing all young people to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community. As the new Principal at DBS Ain Khaled I am privileged to join the DBS Community past and present. I am a seasoned teacher and leader who fundamentally believes in the importance of education and the provision of successful outcomes for all. It is imperative that you are forever connected to the school and the ongoing support that is afforded to you by your peers, staff, family and the wider DBS community as a whole.

You are always welcome to visit and share your experiences. Both the memories from your days as a student, as well as the life experiences and interactions you have had since graduating from the school. You will always be part of a unique collective that is continually growing and striving for excellence. Your support is imperative to a school that continues in its drive to be inquisitive, resilient, integral, respectful, community spirited, ambitious and confident.

Things change, however DBS Ain Khaled is a constant and a school that you have helped to create, with a reputation for excellence in learning and a community spirit to be proud of.

So whether you are a Horse, Oryx, Camel, Falcon or Scorpion, we are and forever will be united together as members of the DBS community. We are honoured to call each of you alumni. Your success is the school's success.

Kind regards

Mr. Simon Berry
MSc (Ed), BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH





NEW HEAD OF PRIMARY

I am absolutely thrilled and deeply honoured to introduce myself as the new Primary School Head and Cluster Lead for Doha British School. Joining this vibrant and esteemed learning community is a privilege, and I couldn't be more excited to embark on this incredible journey.

Having had the incredible opportunity to serve as an international headteacher for almost nine years, I have witnessed the transformative power of education in diverse cultural settings. I firmly believe that learning knows no boundaries, and it is my passion to foster an inclusive and enriching environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Doha British School's reputation for academic excellence, commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals, and dedication to fostering a strong sense of community has inspired me. I am eager to work collaboratively with our talented staff, engaged parents, and, most importantly, our remarkable students to continue the legacy of educational excellence in the drive of ensuring that all thrive.

I share in the pride that the DBS community has in considering each of you esteemed alumni, as your achievements are a reflection of our school's success. I sincerely hope to have the opportunity to meet with you, whether it's for a visit back to the school or another occasion. Please know that our door is always open to welcome you back. #WeareDBS

Best wishes,

Dr. Luke Cheater

Dr. Luke Cheater Ed.D, MSc, BA(Hons), NPQH





NEW HEAD OF SECONDARY

It has been an incredibly exciting and happy time to welcome our students back to this Academic Year at Doha British School, Ain Khaled. As you will remember, our school is a unique school with a very special ethos and sense of purpose and I am very proud to be the Head of Secondary of such a vibrant and purposeful school community.

Dr Cheater, Head of Primary, and I have had the opportunity to lead staff professional learning sessions with our teachers even in these early stages and we have focused on what excellence looks like. Crucially to create a common language, we have also broken down the key components of an ethic of excellence for our students in all secondary year groups. This is something we will discuss regularly and I look forward to being able to collaborate with our distinguished Alumni to further reinforce the benefits and value of a DBS education and how it has afforded opportunity and advantage in your post school life.

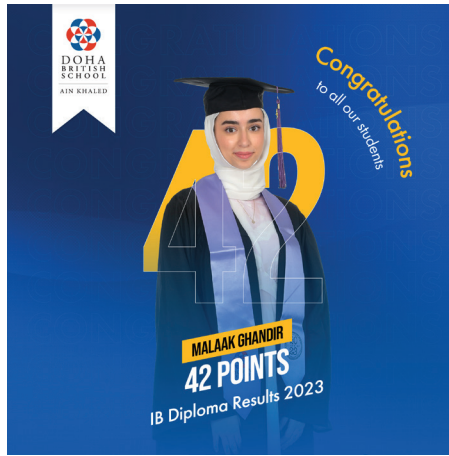
Finally, I wish you all a safe and successful year ahead and we look forward to collaborating soon,

Warm Wishes

Mark Healy
Head of Secondary



EXAM RESULTS



Our tradition of excellence continues to shine brightly, as we are thrilled to share the remarkable results achieved by our current crop of AS/A Level and IB students. Their dedication, perseverance, and hard work have once again produced outstanding outcomes that have left us in awe.

In the latest examination session, our students have truly excelled, achieving results that are nothing short of exceptional. I am thrilled to share that our students have secured a commendable number of top grades and have made us proud with their exceptional performance. Their success is a testament to their diligence and the unwavering support they have received from our dedicated faculty.

Our alumni have always been the shining stars in their respective fields, and these remarkable results only reaffirm that legacy of excellence. We thank you for being the torchbearers of our school's legacy of excellence. Your continued support and achievements make us proud, and we look forward to celebrating many more successes with you in the future.



GRADUATION

DBS Class of 2023 proudly celebrated their graduation ceremony on June 21 at the prestigious Pullman Hotel in Doha. The graduation ceremony was a momentous occasion, filled with immense pride and excitement for what lies ahead. It was a truly extraordinary year for DBS as the school had the privilege of celebrating this significant milestone alongside the graduating students from our Al Wakra campus for the very first time. At the Graduation Ceremony, we had the privilege of welcoming distinguished guest speakers, Dr Asmaa Al-Fadala and Mr Mohammed Al-Qassabi. They generously imparted their valuable insights and inspiring words of wisdom to the graduates. Their presence added great significance to the event, leaving a profound impression on the students as they embark on their future endeavours. As the graduates begin a new chapter in their lives embarking on their journey towards higher education and professional endeavours, Doha British School reaffirms its commitment to providing exceptional education and equipping students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.



MEET THE ALUMNI

My name is Roufaida Tabet, I graduated from DBS with an IBDP in June of 2018. Shortly after I graduated from the school, I actually got into an internship with Ginger Camel - a media production company, where I learned more about the skills needed in the field. I wanted to pursue an internship as I was torn between studying communications or psychology. Doing the internship has actually helped in assuring me that I'd like to study communication and media. I just graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from the University of Sharjah, with first-class honours. I am still based in Sharjah, UAE, and I'm currently on the journey of establishing my name as a freelancer and content creator.

Given that I am a fresh graduate (my graduation ceremony was last week haha), I haven't accepted any opportunities yet for several reasons. One of which is that most did not match my needs, and with a plan of starting my masters in September of this year, committing to a year-long contract was not viable. Thus, I am focused on freelancing, taking a few extra certified courses, and establishing my name.

There are several skills that I've learned throughout my journey in DBS and still carry with me. One of which is resourcefulness, which I've learned during DT lessons, thinking outside the box, and research skills, both learned during the majority of the classes I took in school. Independent learning and taking initiative were embedded in me and I have used them throughout my 4 years in university.



MEET THE ALUMNI

My advice to students is, when it comes to choosing a path, think of a project (be it a short film, product design, building, etc), that you wouldn't mind doing it all 24/7, and when you look back at it, the positives, overview, and the negatives. For example, I genuinely enjoy filmmaking from start to finish, some parts of it I don't like as much, such as planning the visuals and organising the shots. That being said, after every project, I don't have any regrets nor do I feel drained. Seeing the end product rejuvenated me and inspired me to do more.

And also, if you're not starting your bachelors right away because you're unsure, that's no big deal. I took a gap semester and did an internship in Qatar for 3 months before moving and starting my bachelors. But when you start, make the best out of it, and the best part about that is that it's completely up to you how you wanna make the best out of it

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TEACHER INTERVIEW

Longest serving DBS teacher.

How long have you worked at DBS?

This is my 15th year working at DBS as a science teacher. I have considered DBS my second home here in Doha, and being with the students has been my treasured experience.

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

One of the best times I had in DBS are the field works I did with my IB-ESS students. Beyond the classroom learning, leading the students to develop field work skills are valuable in their understanding of concepts. The enjoyable and unforgettable part in those activities are the funny events whereby one student even left his shoe at the Purple island in Al Khor as it got stuck in the mud. The laughter I spent with them during our travel time-telling each other stories and experiences in life, their dreams and aspirations in a very casual way.

What do you love most about working at DBS?

Each cohort leaves a mark in my heart as I have unique experiences with them and as each of these students leave DBS and start their uni life and even progress towards their professional life, it is heartwarming to know that they take time to update me of their successes. It is a pat in my shoulder, a consolation and a confirmation that I have chosen the right profession. These memories also remind me why I am still here at DBS, teaching, to make a difference in the students life and that they consider me part of their secondary memories.



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.

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.

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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.