



# Alumni Newsletter

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# WELCOME

Dear Valued Alumni,

As we approach the end of Term 1, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to the third edition of our alumni newsletter. It has been a remarkable year so far, filled with academic excellence, extracurricular triumphs, and a continued strengthening of our bond with our esteemed alumni.

At Doha British School Ain Khaled, we are immensely proud of our alumni network, which spans across various industries and continents. Your contributions to society are a testament to the values and principles instilled in you during your time at our school.

To further foster connections within our alumni community and between our alumni and the school, we are committed to creating more intentional opportunities for engagement. We believe that these interactions will not only enrich your personal and professional lives but also contribute to the ongoing success of Doha British School Ain Khaled.





# WELCOME

## Term-end Highlights

- As we near the end of this term, we're proud to reflect on the numerous events and accomplishments we've achieved.
- CIS Accreditation Cycle: We have completed our CIS accreditation cycle, an external review that assessed our school's commitment to providing high-quality education and a nurturing learning environment.
- Community Event: On December 8th, we hosted the One Community, One Cause Fair, bringing together our students, staff, parents, and alumni.
- Year 6 Performance: Our Year 6 students showcased their talents in the production of "Pantastic," a musical adaptation of J.M. Barrie's classic "Peter Pan."

On behalf of the entire Doha British School Ain Khaled community, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. Your contributions, both big and small, make a significant difference in the lives of our current students and in the overall success of our school.

We look forward to continuing to engage with you and to celebrating your accomplishments in the years to come.



**Mrs Lynette Grant**  
Vice Principal

# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AT DBS



## 'The Oxford Essay Competition 2023'

Three of our students participated in 'The Oxford Essay Competition 2023'. This is a highly prestigious competition, with thousands of students entering each year. We are proud to share that Rebecca Magness in 10C received a **DISTINCTION 1st**, which is the highest mark available. This was also followed by amazing results from Nikitha Thomas in 10S and Syeda Salman in 10F who received an amazing High 2:1 Merit. This is a huge achievement and we are all extremely proud. Congratulations.



## The Qatar Talks 2023: The Hunt for the Champion Speakers of Qatar

We are delighted to share with you that, Divneet Kaur Sarin, 10S, won second place at "The Qatar Talks 2023: The Hunt for the Champion Speakers of Qatar" in the category "Youth Inspirational Speech" (for the second consecutive year). She has also received a trophy for the school. This is an annual event organised to promote communication and leadership skills. Over 45 students from various schools across the country participated in the Pre-Qualifiers in this category, of which 7 finalists were selected. The Grand Finale was held on the 3rd November, at Radisson Blu Hotel, Doha. Congratulations Divneet!



# MEET THE ALUMNI

" It has been a long time since I have reflected on my journey from DBS to Leicester and I have to say that it was truly an experience transitioning from the Middle East back to the United Kingdom. I actually took a gap year as I was unsatisfied with the offer I already had on the table. Because of that, myself and my family decided to permanently move back to Ireland, where I was born, in order for me to prepare for the next application cycle. Fast forward 2 years later and I am currently in my 2nd year studying medicine at the University of Leicester doing what I've always wanted to do.

Whilst I am not working in the healthcare sector, I did train to become a Healthcare Assistant for the NHS but have not yet decided if I want to spend time working shifts. Throughout my time in medical school, I have been acquiring more in-depth knowledge of the human anatomy, the clinical aspect of medicine, as well as the necessary holistic skills to be a better doctor. Furthermore, I have enjoyed learning and practising my research skills in the scope of medicine which I am currently trying to pursue to participate in research programs as well as audits. Outside of that, I have been developing my programming skills with regards to 'lua' whilst working on a game with some of my friends.

I am happy to say that my first year in medicine was fruitful, as I had managed to achieve a Distinction certificate for scoring in the top 10% in my class. Unfortunately, I was not able to participate in a research study that I had been waiting to do for a long time due to extenuating circumstances. However, I am adamant in trying to make the most out of this year so that I can fully explore career paths that I may wish to pursue further down the line after medical school. What I found upon reflection of my time in secondary school was that DBS helped shape my passion for medicine, as well as an interest in research with the IB program. Some of my first moments learning about referencing and writing higher level essays was at DBS, and it most definitely assisted in my further development of those skills at Leicester.

Some words of advice for those wishing to pursue medicine is not to take it lightly. This is NOT something that I am interested in doing because of money and neither should you. Medicine is a responsibility to treat those in your community to the best of your abilities in order to support them through difficult moments in their life. It is also about helping your colleagues in the development of our understanding of how we treat patients through research and rigorous study. It is a lifelong profession, which makes it a part of you. I wish you all the best of luck in your future careers wherever they may take you, and I hope that DBS is helping with that journey. "

**Muhammad Aarsal Taimoor**

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

# VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

## **Reconnecting with Your Alma Mater:**

At Doha British School, we take immense pride in the achievements of our alumni, and we believe that your experiences, insights, and expertise can be a valuable resource for our current students. The Virtual Careers Fair provides an excellent opportunity for you to reconnect with your alma mater, share your post-graduation experiences, and inspire the next generation of learners.

## **What We're Looking For:**

We invite you to create a 3-5 minute video recording in which you can share your journey since graduating from Doha British School. You can offer insights into your career choices, the paths you've taken, the impact of your education at DBS, and advice for students considering similar fields of study or careers. Additionally, we kindly request a short bio and a recent photograph to accompany your video.

To make the process seamless, we will provide a link to a secure Google folder where you can upload your materials. Please rest assured that only you and the school will have access to this link, ensuring your privacy and data security.

## **Why Your Participation Matters:**

Your involvement in the Virtual Careers Fair will have a profound impact on our current students. They will benefit from hearing about your successes, learning from your experiences, and gaining valuable advice as they plan their own academic and career paths. Your stories and guidance will serve as a source of inspiration and motivation.

This Virtual Careers Fair will serve as a powerful educational resource for our students. We will compile all the submitted materials into an interactive website, which will be accessible exclusively to the Doha British School community through DBS email addresses.

## **Next Steps:**

This letter serves as an initial expression of interest, and we will follow up with further instructions and details for those who express their willingness to participate. Please complete the [Google Form](#) should you wish to be involved at this stage.

We sincerely hope you consider this invitation and join us in inspiring the next generation of leaders, innovators, and thinkers. Your journey since graduating from Doha British School is a testament to the values and education instilled in our students, and we believe your insights will play a vital role in shaping their futures.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or for additional information. Thank you for being an essential part of our school's legacy and for contributing to the success of our current students.



# 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](#)





# 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.