

# A HALF-DECADE OF INSPIRING BRILLIANCE AND VALUES

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS, NURTURING CONFIDENCE, AND EMBRACING A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Durham School  
for Girls Doha



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In the heart of Doha, Durham School for Girls stands tall as a beacon of academic brilliance and values-driven education. This year marks a significant milestone as the school celebrates its fifth anniversary, a journey filled with achievements, triumphs, and the unwavering commitment to shaping young minds into confident, responsible, and ambitious individuals.



## DSGD SHINING STARS

Durham School for Girls Doha takes immense pride in the stellar achievements of its students, and none shine brighter than Zara Rashad Alkilani. Zara's extraordinary accomplishment in Advanced Subsidiary Arabic, recognized by Pearson Edexcel International as the best in the world, is a testament to her dedication, hard work, and the school's commitment to academic excellence.

In her own words, Zara expresses gratitude,

بفضل الله سبحانه وتعالى أولاً، و من ثم بفضل قُرَّتَا عيني حفظهم  
الله ، و بالطبع لا شك في أن هناك فضل عظيم لمعلماتي الغاليات ،  
أستطيع أن أقول الحمد لله بقلب مفعم بالرضى بكوني أشعر بفخر لا  
مثيل له تبعاً لهذا الخبر البهيج. لطالما تأملت و دعوت الخالق جل  
جلاله أن يتحقق إنجاز مثل هذا، و بكرمه سبحانه و تعالى أصبح الحلم  
واقع أمامي اليوم. لا بد للإنسان أن يتوكل على الخالق سبحانه... و لكن  
بالطبع لا بد من الأخذ بالأسباب و المثابرة و السعي للوصول إلى  
المُبْتَغَى. و من أحسن ظَنِّه بالله الكريم، لن ترى عيناه إلا كل خير، و  
الخير دائماً فيما اختاره الله. على الصعبد الآخر، يكمن في قلبي ما  
يعيق كمال الفرحة، ف ما يحدث في وطني الآن هو أصعب من كل  
الصعاب؛ ستبقى فلسطين قضيتنا و سيبقى الأقصى عقيدتنا و  
سيدوم الشوق لنصر الله... نحن في انتظار وعد الله. اللهم قر أعيننا  
بنصر قريب".

Reham Ahmad and Almayasa Nasser Alkhelaifi further contribute to the school's stellar reputation, with Reham securing the Pearson Award for the highest mark in English First Language IGCSE in Qatar, and Almayasa earning the Pearson's outstanding award for exceptional grades in over 6 subjects.



## ADVOCATING VALUES

MARKing Success at Every Step, with Emphasis on the Crucial Role of Arabic and Cultural Values.

Durham School for Girls Doha is not just about academic accolades; it is about fostering a holistic development that aligns with both MARK (Moral Integrity, Ambition, Responsibility, Kindness) and Qatari Values. The school firmly believes that true success is achieved when academic accomplishments are accompanied by a strong moral compass.

In the National Quran competition, DSGD winners Alanoud Ahmad Alobaidli, Alanood Nasser Al Thani, Hessa Abdulrahman Alkuwari, Shahd Nasser Alemadi, Mariam Omar Alkhatib, Hind Abdulrahman Alemadi, Moza Ahmed Alkuwari, Aljohara Fahad Dahrouj, and Fatima Hassan Alemadi have not only made the school proud but have also embodied the essence of moral integrity and kindness. These students, through their success, serve as exemplars of the school's dedication to instilling Islamic morals and values, further demonstrating the core values that form the foundation of our cultural heritage and shaping the character of DSGD students.

Similarly, in the DSGD Palestinian Art competition, the talents of Maryam Alsheeb, Dana Mohammed Ali, Fatima Aldarwish, Athari Almahameed, and Mayasa Alkheleifi have used their creative expressions to showcase responsibility and ambition.

## DSGD Shining Stars Continued...

In addition to these achievements, Durham School for Girls Doha proudly reflects on outstanding IGCSE results, showcasing a perfect 100% pass rate in English 1st Language, Arabic 2nd Language, Fine Arts, History, English Literature, and French. Noteworthy success extends to subjects like Travel and Tourism (91%), Arabic 1st Language (87%), Food and Nutrition (83%), Triple Physics (82%), and Triple Biology (82%). These remarkable outcomes solidify DSGD's well-deserved reputation for excellence across diverse subjects.



## Advocating Values Continued...

Furthermore, Aisha Saleh, who triumphed in the 321 Museum Writing Competition, along with the accomplished winners of the QNL Story Writing Competition—Alya Almaadeed, Hind Alhajri, Zakya Alboainain, and Moza Almohannadi—showcases not only academic prowess but also a profound commitment to their literary craft. Additionally, DSGD Year 8 student Hissa Abdulla Al Thani received well-deserved recognition from the Ministry of Islamic Affairs for her exemplary participation in the ATHAR Islamic Reading Program. These achievements collectively underscore the multifaceted excellence and dedication to both academic and cultural endeavours that define the ethos of DSGD.

These achievements are not just laurels for the school; they are reflections of the students' commitment to be the best they can be, aligning seamlessly with the school's values.



## CONFIDENCE FOR LIFE: “MY SCHOOL, MY SECOND HOME”

Durham School for Girls Doha has consistently aimed to instil in its students the confidence to face the challenges of life. The school believes that education extends beyond textbooks and exams; it is about shaping individuals who are confident, responsible, and ambitious.

The school's commitment to the "My School, My Second Home" slogan, a cornerstone of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education's vision, is evident in every aspect of its functioning. Durham School for Girls Doha is not just an educational institution; it is a nurturing environment where students find a second home—a place where values are cultivated, ambitions are nurtured, and confidence for life is instilled.



## GRATITUDE TO THE MINISTRY: A COLLABORATIVE JOURNEY TOWARDS EXCELLENCE

Durham School for Girls Doha extends heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education for their instrumental support in guiding and supporting the school towards excellent standards. The Ministry's commitment to academic achievement and values-based education aligns seamlessly with Durham's vision. Together, they create an environment where students excel academically and grow into responsible individuals, contributing to the Qatar 2030 vision.

This collaboration actively shapes the future female leaders and entrepreneurs of Qatar, preparing empowered women to play pivotal roles in the nation's progress. The school's partnership with the Ministry underscores its vital role in moulding the leaders of tomorrow, aligning with Qatar's vision for a prosperous future.



## LOOKING AHEAD: FIVE YEARS OF EXCELLENCE, COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES

As Durham School for Girls Doha celebrates its fifth anniversary, it is not just a reflection on the past but a glimpse into a promising future. The school envisions more years of moulding young minds, fostering values, and achieving academic excellence. Amidst the celebrations, we also acknowledge the day-to-day achievements and progress made by our students. Emphasizing the significant impact of regular attendance on academic success, we recognize the vital role it plays in shaping the overall educational progress at Durham School for Girls Doha.

The journey so far has been remarkable, filled with accomplishments that resonate with the school's commitment to be the best they can be. As Durham School for Girls Doha looks ahead, it stands tall, confident in its ability to continue nurturing the leaders of tomorrow—individuals with a strong moral compass, ambitious goals, and unwavering confidence for life.