

# DURHAM SCHOOL FOR GIRLS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER EDITION

This is the first Edition of the Newsletter for Durham School for Girls Doha, bringing you all the latest news and upcoming events. Stay informed and up to date with everything happening at the school!

## THIS WEEK'S YEAR 12 CELEBRATION BREAKFAST!

This week, our year 12 girls were excited to host the "Seniors' Breakfast," a beloved event that brings the school community together. The year 12 have worked hard to organize this special event, which featured a delicious spread of breakfast favorites prepared and served by the students themselves. Many Year 12 girls were awarded certificates for achieving excellent marks in their IGCSEs celebrating their hard work and dedication recognizing their academic achievements and inspiring others to strive for success.

This celebration was a wonderful opportunity for them to give back and share a memorable moment with their classmates and teachers before they embark on their next chapter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

24TH SEPTEMBER  
SECONDARY KS3 SETTLING IN PARENTS MEETING  
4:30PM - 6:00PM

25TH SEPTEMBER  
SECONDARY: Y11 IGCSE ART TRIP

29TH SEPTEMBER  
PARENTS WORKSHOP WEEK

3RD OCTOBER  
PRIMARY: WORLD ANIMAL DAY

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## COLLEGE HOSTING FOR YEAR 12

This Week Durham school hosted a special event for year 12 students, where representatives of Qatar Foundation Colleges visited the school offering an opportunity to explore higher education options within the foundation. This event provided insights into the diverse academic programs, campus life, and scholarship opportunities available at various colleges. It's a great chance for students to engage with faculty, ask questions, and gain a clearer understanding of what it's like to pursue a degree in one of Qatar's top educational institutions.



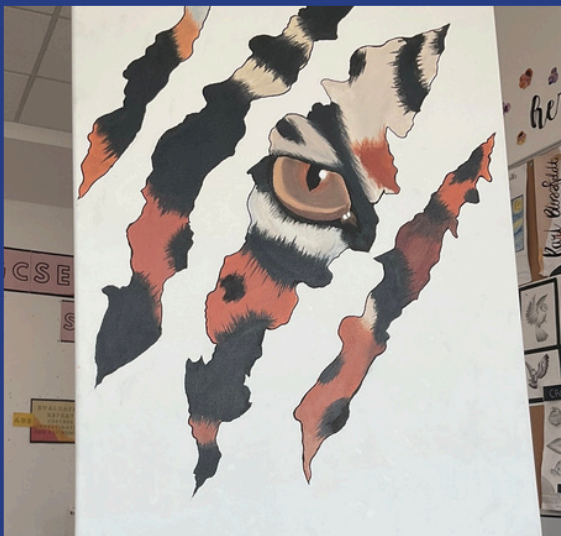
## A NOTE FROM JO HAYWARD



What a fantastic first three weeks it has been at Durham! It is a real pleasure to share what we have been up to with everyone, from celebrating IGCSE results with our amazing Year 12s, to welcoming our new EYFS1 girls, to hearing everyone's holiday stories, it is lovely to be back. I look forward to seeing you all at some of our forthcoming events.

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## ARTIST OF THE WEEK!

This week, we are excited to feature Alkadi Almarri from class 12A as our Artist of the Week! Given the theme of "Protect," Alkadi created a stunning piece of art using acrylic paint, showcasing her incredible talent and creativity. Her dedication truly shines through, as she completed the vibrant painting in just four hours. Alkadi's work beautifully captures the essence of protection through a thoughtful blend of color and expression, and we are proud to celebrate her artistic achievement!



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You are braver than you believe, stronger  
than you seem and smarter than you think."

A.A Milne

## I OWE MY SUCCESS TO DURHAM

REEM ALBADR STATEMENT ABOUT HER TIME AT DURHAM.

During my time at Durham school for Girls I learnt to be a better student in ways I could not have imagined doing so in the past. Moreover, I became invested in my studies and role as deputy head girl. On top of balancing both my academic endeavors and social life, I also learnt how to become a better person, by contributing my time and effort back to the Durham community through a range of various initiatives. I have garnered experiences and responsibilities which aided in my application to various universities across Qatar. Having teachers invested in my success not only heightened my interest in liberal arts subjects but also inspired me to apply to Georgetown University in Qatar as it aligned with my interests and future goals. Reaching this feat has highlighted to me the importance of my time at Durham in such ways I would never take for granted.

REEM AL-BADR YEAR 12 PAST PUPIL  
ATTENDING GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY TO STUDY ECONOMICS AND PHILOSOPHY  
AS RESULTS - AABC

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## ECHO OF LOST INNOCENCE

Durham School for Girls supports the Echos of Lost Innocence Art Installation by artist Bachir Mohammad which highlighted the plight of the children in Gaza. The work shows 1500 teddy bears embodying the lives of children facing a lost future consumed by war. We encourage our families to buy a bear in support of Palestine. Durham School will create year group competitions for our students to win one of the 15 bears bought by the school.



## WELLBEING TIP OF THE WEEK

If you have the chance to make someone happy, just do it. Sometimes people are struggling silently. Maybe, your act of kindness can make their day.

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## RECYCLING WEEK:

Recycling Week at Durham School For Girls included a range of engaging activities to promote environmental awareness. Students wore a touch of green with their uniforms to symbolize their commitment to sustainability. They used recycled materials to create volcano models and participated in art and craft projects centered on recycling. These activities combined creativity with learning, emphasizing the importance of sustainability and demonstrating how small actions can contribute to environmental preservation.

