JCoSS
JEWISH COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOL

The JCoSS Graduate: our vision

חנך לנער על פי דרכו גם כי יזקין לא יסור ממנה

Train a child according to their way; even when they grow old, they will not turn away from it.

Proverbs 22:6

JCoSS graduates are young adults with integrity. Their time at school has given them the tools for their life journey: they are respectful, courageous and resilient, grateful and humble in success, dignified and resourceful in failure. They are as open-minded as they are open-hearted, grounded in reflective moral and spiritual values. They know what it is to be a mensch and strive to be one in all that they undertake. They are committed to the virtues of Pluralism and share that passion with those around them.

JCoSS graduates are courteous, thoughtful, and reflective. They communicate difference and disagreement in a respectful way. They respect the dignity and integrity of all human beings even if they reject or disagree with their beliefs or opinions. Respect for others shows itself through compassion, empathy and understanding, as well as in challenge and critique.

JCoSS graduates engage with their Jewish heritage, and with the State of Israel. They have considered views of Judaism, Zionism, Jewish history and Jewish culture; they have a respect for and a commitment to the Jewish people as a whole and a sense of connectedness to individual Jews. They are knowledgeable and literate in the Jewish bookcase. They are committed to developing their Jewish identity, in an honest, committed and open manner.

JCoSS graduates are vocal advocates for an inclusive community, in relation to gender, sexuality, equality, human rights and disability. They actively engage in promoting the flourishing of all citizens and communities and engendering constructive dialogue between and within them. They seek to be informed members and leaders within a diverse and multi-cultural Britain. They seek to create and enrich community in ways that simultaneously preserve and strengthen diversity, and transcend it. They feel a sense of obligation and responsibility for every human being.

JCoSS graduates value and pursue academic excellence, and ascribe importance to excellence in all other fields of human endeavour. They aspire to a balance of life between work, relationships, physical activity and cultural pursuits. They have high aspirations for themselves and those around them. Politically inquisitive and alert, they are committed to justice and stand up to the injustices they see in the world. They retain a commitment to Tikkun Olam – healing the world – throughout their lives.

JCoSS graduates know the value of learning as a life-long enterprise. They are committed to learning in all its forms and seek out opportunities where they can be challenged and can grow. They view setbacks as opportunities and are generous in acknowledging the contribution of others to their achievements. They aim to achieve, enrich and inspire in every aspect of their lives.