

Protocol for B'nei Mitzvah Preparation at JCoSS

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The school sees itself as a “co-centre of community”, together with synagogues across the denominations. We seek to work in partnership with synagogues to promote and enhance the Jewish life and identify of students; we do not wish either to detract from their importance or replace their role in the life of students or families.

As a School we do not provide B'nei Mitzvah preparation, although we do offer generic practical or emotional support for students in the lead-up to their celebrations. Our default position is to encourage families to prepare for, and celebrate, B'nei Mitzvah in their own synagogues. If they do not have a synagogue the School can propose one from the full mainstream denominational range. For families who do not wish to be affiliated but seek a teacher the School will, if appropriate, endeavour to identify a suitable teacher from a range of denominations.

Members of JCoSS staff do not as a rule act in this capacity for JCoSS students. They may be able and willing to do so in a private capacity, subject to the consent of the Headteacher.

In exceptional circumstances and with the express consent of the Headteacher, JCoSS will work with a Rabbi to form a minyan and arrange a B'nei Mitzvah on site.