

Social media

Autumn Round-up

Dear Parents

There's a theme of change and continuity in the air, and also in the social media posts reproduced in the pages that follow. Continuity is always a challenge in a half term of many part-weeks, but as I surf the final term of my time at JCoSS it is wonderful to see the resilience and longevity of the school community.

Witness the numbers of staff who have clocked up 10 years in the school; witness the three alumni who have joined the staff (bearing in mind the small number of cohorts that have had time to emerge from university); witness thirdly a former student coming to share her experience of social activism at University; witness lastly (not in the posts) those staff who leave and return, tugged back by the JCoSS ethos. This isn't cause for complacency, but does suggest that there is something special about the place.

It is certainly good for our students to have this kind of stability in the staff body, especially when the rest of public life – both nationally and internationally – has seen so much change and anxiety in the past few months. We shouldn't underestimate the unsettling impact on students of the churn and drama in the news, especially so soon after the churn and drama of the pandemic. If as parents we get caught up in the emotions of the news cycle (I plead guilty as charged...) we need also to provide our children with all the reassurance we can that grown-ups are in charge and that there is continuity amidst the change that they experience.

Some change is also good! Last night saw the inaugural Year 7 Singing Competition: it was a wonderful evening, with each Music class singing a song with a title somehow connection to either Rock, Roll or both. The evening was topped and tailed by the whole year singing 'We Will Rock You' and 'We Built This City on Rock and Roll'. It was a great innovation and the first production from the new leadership of the Creative & Expressive Arts Faculty (particularly Ms Berg, Mr Leffman and Ms Whittlesea). Watch out for more...

Perhaps what we yearn for is change at a reasonable pace and with time to prepare. With that in mind, I have been meeting regularly with Dr Lee my successor and we are making the most of the opportunity to have a thorough handover process. She has been meeting key members of staff, Governors and Trustees, talking through the distinctiveness of our community and experiencing the vibrant life of JCoSS too. She attended Open Evening and will also be at the 6th Form Open Event for Y11 students and parents after half term. JCoSS will be a hard place to leave, but the future is in very safe hands, with grown-ups remaining fully in charge!

Despite only clocking up 32 schools days so far, they have been spread over 8 weeks and so half term is most welcome. With apologies to families like mine where different schools have had different dates, I wish you a good one. I hope it will be a change to the routine that allows us to resuming the continuity of the months ahead with resources recharged.

Thank you as always for your support for the school, and to my colleagues whose energy, creativity and love sustain all that goes on here.

Patrick Moriarty

Head Teacher

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28th October 2022



JCoSS are proud to be partnering with @jewishchildsday for an exciting art competition for Year 7, to design Jewish Child's Day's Channukah card for 2022! The winning design will be printed and sold to raise money for Jewish Child's Day.

The competition closes for entries on 31st October with the winning design to be announced on 11th November. Head to the JCD website to vote for your favourite! Good luck Year 7! #jcoSS #jewishchildsday #innerlight #channukah2022

27th October 2022

Yesterday our students walked to school from Arkley and West Finchley, raising money for our amazing school charities. We are so proud of all who took part in the 8km walk, whilst raising awareness for their charities. Through their hard work, they have managed to raise over £2,500. If you still wish to donate for this amazing challenge our students took on, you can do so by visiting www.justgiving.com/campaign/stepitforward22



25th October 2022



Chodesh Tov and our first Rosh Chodesh of this year! We started the morning with our legendary moon shaped biscuits and students welcomed various youth movements and charities who ran informal lessons. We were delighted to welcome back Maddie Buchi, JCoSS alum, who gave a powerful and inspiring assembly to KS4 about her recent social media campaign. #newmonth #jcoSS #roshchodesh #chodeshtov

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25th October 2022

Mazel tov to the JCoSS staff who were honoured today for celebrating their 10 year anniversary at JCoSS. We now have over 30 staff who have reached this significant and wonderful milestone at JCoSS 💜💜. [#JCoSS](#)



20th October 2022



[@norwoodcharity](#) were back for Y7 Volunteering yesterday, decorating kiddish cups for Norwood residents to enjoy for Shabbat. Well done to those who took part! [#volunteering](#) [#charity](#) [#jcoassbeamensch](#)

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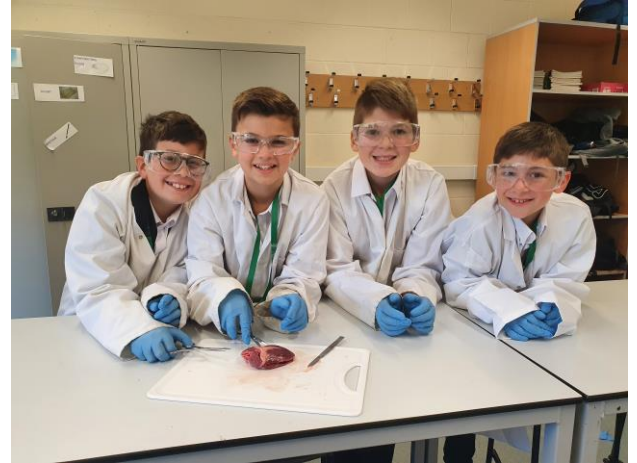
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19th October 2022

Earlier this term was Biology Week and we celebrated by running different activities throughout the week and sharing with students why Biology is important. We held STEM Club at lunchtime and dissected hearts, lungs and liver and students were able to find the 'strings' in the heart and see their strength by hanging weights off them! They learnt about the different chambers of the heart and the important blood vessels that help living things move blood around their body. We also held a garden club at lunchtimes where we decorated plant pots for the wellbeing garden and made bug hotels to encourage wildlife into this space. We had a fantastic time and can't wait for our other Science weeks! [#scienceisfun](#) [#Biologyweek](#)



14th October 2022



This week we have been celebrating Sukkot with a variety of fun activities! Year 7 have played games, eaten sweets and participated in a special Kabbalat Shabbat in the Sukkah during lunch times. Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach

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13th October 2022

[@norwoodcharity](#) were back at JCoSS today for the start of volunteering club for Year 7. Students decorated 'easy read' Shabbat blessings for Norwood residents. We are so proud to be in partnership with Norwood, helping our students to give back to the community. [#Volunteering](#) [#Socialaction](#) [#Mensch](#)es at JCoSS



3rd October 2022



Y13 Drama students went to a production of one of their Component 1 set texts, *Antigone*, at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre.

Antigone was written in Greece in 441BC and is the second oldest surviving play by Sophocles. This is the first time the Open Air Theatre has staged a Greek tragedy and hopefully won't be the last.

A blistering retelling of the epic story from the writer of *Barber Shop Chronicles*, Inua Ellams. Directed by Max Webster, the students were invited to rethink the play as they know it, and were encouraged to compare and analyse the themes, production, and characters in preparation for their upcoming A Level Drama and Theatre

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29th September 2022

Y12 IJE (Informal Jewish Education) kicked off this week, where once a fortnight students get the chance to explore various Jewish topics including Jewish food, Israeli sport, discussion of Jewish texts and more! #JCoSS #jewished #jewishlearning



9th September 2022

The JCoSS community mourns today the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We salute with deep gratitude her sense of service, faith and duty, and the love she bore for the people of this and so many nations. Our hearts are with her family and with all who bear the burden of grief. May her memory be a blessing.



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6th September 2022



We have a full house! It was so great to hear the buzz in the playgrounds and the school full of life again. Welcome back JCoSS - we hope you have a fantastic year



5th September 2022

Welcome to our new Year 7s! We hope you all had a great first day and we look forward to watching you flourish on your JCoSS journey. Welcome also to our Year 12s - we hope you had a great day too and enjoyed using the 6th Form Cafe! [#newbeginnings](#) [#JCoSSjourney](#)

