

Social media

Winter Round-up

Dear Parents

New beginnings is certainly a theme that resonates as we approach the end of this half term. Has half a term ever passed so swiftly? Not for me! When I welcomed the students back to school on January 3 after the winter holiday I spoke about a new year, a new term and a new Headteacher. I have loved every moment of my new beginning at JCoSS and want to thank the whole community for your support and warmth.

As you will see in the social media posts reproduced in the pages that follow JCoSS continues to thrive and we have celebrated a whole host of wonderful events and initiatives over the last few weeks. Social action is always a key theme at JCoSS and this term has been no different. It was wonderful to see our Model Mensches volunteering to raise money for our Social Snacktion project which supports those in need in the wider Barnet community. Year 8 students also celebrated Jewish Care's Go Purple Week by volunteering in the local community – this brought a smile to many a face and well done to our fabulous Year 8s. Our first Yom Tzedakah of the year was a huge success thanks to the excellent lunchtime fair run by Year 9. They are raising money for the Fred Foundation which provides educational support for children with autism to reach their potential. We are equally proud of our sixth form students - a special Kol Hakavod (well done) to Amy Irwin and Gabriella Wilton who organised for Harry Olmer MBE, Holocaust survivor and one of the Windemere Children to visit JCoSS. Harry gave a very moving and inspirational talk and we are so grateful to him for spending his time with us.

On a personal note I am so proud to have re launched Headteacher's Commendations and am enjoying celebrating many of our students' exceptional achievements both inside and outside the classroom. I have been witness to many notable and memorable experiences in this first few short weeks. Have you ever heard the story of Jacob's ladder set to a rap written by four enthusiastic Year 8 students? I am lucky enough to say that I have indeed witnessed this and it was certainly a highlight for me. And how about seeing the abridged version of the classic film High School Musical brilliantly performed after approximately two hours to learn lines, songs and routines? Another highlight - and testament to the opportunities afforded to our students through enrichment days.

There are a great many other examples of joy that I could share with you which highlight what a remarkable, wonderful school we are all part of. I am fortunate to spend my days talking to staff and students, visiting lessons and working with my hugely talented, hardworking colleagues, always with the focus on how to provide the very best opportunities for your children.

When the Governing Board asked me to talk about my first few weeks as Headteacher of JCoSS I described my feelings in three words: happy, lucky, busy. I am surrounded by inquisitive, interesting young people and fortunate to work with the most supportive, intelligent and conscientious staff. I am in my dream job, so how could I feel anything other than happy and lucky?

Thank you for your support for the school, and to my wonderful colleagues for everything you do. This school is blessed to have such a talented, dedicated, energetic team on its side.

Dr Melanie Lee
Headteacher

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9th February 2023



Today we had students visiting all the way from the Tarbut Jewish School in Buenos Aires!

They spent the morning with Year 10s taking a tour around the school and then a group of Y9 students had the wonderful opportunity to practice their Spanish and find out about one another. We heard presentations from students from both schools in English and Spanish about the cultures and traditions of Argentina and the UK and how both schools share a similar Jewish ethos. It was a wonderful morning.

8th February 2023

Year 7s were asked to write a paragraph of no more than 250 words, on their favourite quote about any subject and why it inspires them. 53 students accepted the challenge, an impressive turnout! Every single entry was truly meaningful and demonstrated a passion for a subject characteristic of a scholar. Hence everyone who entered is now a member of the Scholars' programme team, a platform to discover events, resources and competitions in all subjects. This meant it was very difficult to pick the winners, but we are delighted to wish Mazeltov to the 15 students who received the Scholars' Programme medals and certificates who demonstrated exceptional writing skills, dedication and poignant choices of inspiration. Well done!



7th February 2023



Yesterday, JCoSS celebrated Tu B'Shevat! In the spirit of environmentalism, students took part in a clothes swap in which students and staff donated a number of clothing items to be swapped or donated. We also decorated plant pots and planted parsley to celebrate! 😊😊

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3rd February 2023



Today we hosted number day for all Year 9 students featuring four lively and enriching sessions. Students get the opportunity to problem solve and implore a variety of mathematical technique. The activities the students took part in have been carefully designed to highlight where we use Maths outside of the classroom and to enhance their intellectual curiosity.

2nd February 2023

'Thinking about the Future' was the theme for Year 7 this morning where students presented their research to their form class as part of their ongoing careers project. Their effort was clear to see as the presentations were excellent and informative. Well done Year 7! 🍌



31st January 2023



It was an exciting end to the month for the JCoSS Drama students. Today we hosted a 'Frantic Assembly' Workshop in the Drama Studio. Year 10 and Year 12 Drama students worked with an experienced senior practitioner on technique and using Frantic Assembly as part of devised pieces. This is a key learning component to support Drama students in progressing with devised theatre ideas and techniques. The workshop was a huge success across both year groups!

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27th January 2023

Year 13 visited Poland last week for a very emotional but worthwhile trip. As part of the journey they visited the Warsaw Zoo, learning about the story of the Zookeeper who sheltered and saved Jews during the Shoah, spent time at Triblinka learning and remembering the 900,000 Jews who were murdered there, including the great grandparents of 2 members of the group and spent their evenings learning, eating and singing, including one evening at the building which once housed the Chachamei Lublin Yeshiva.



26th January 2023



We are excited to welcome [@norwoodcharity](https://www.norwoodcharity.co.uk/) back this term for Year 7 volunteering club. This week students have been making masks to help residents in Norwood homes to celebrate Purim in the coming weeks. 💜

25th January 2023

Enrichment drop down day was a huge success today with students enjoying a choice of over 50 different activities. The sessions were vibrant, energetic and interesting and ranged from jewellery making, to cooking delicious millionaire shortbread to forensic investigations and even producing a musical in a morning! Students could also learn new skills such as sign language, fencing, car mechanics and it wouldn't be enrichment day without the Great Egg Race! A great day was had by all – with lots of smiles all round from both staff and students 😊😊😊😊😊
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24th January 2023



Mazel tov to Year 9 for kicking off our first Yom Tzadakah of the year and for supporting their chosen charity The Fred Foundation. Students planned and ran a lunchtime fair to raise money. The Fred Foundation Formed in April 2007, is built on the principle of allowing children with autism to reach their potential through individual specialised education programmes. [#yomtzadakah](#) [#fundraising](#) [#socialaction](#)

23rd January 2023

Last week, our Y13 A-level English Literature students went to see Othello by William Shakespeare at the National Theatre, along with their teachers. They enjoyed a great performance and seeing their set text brought to life.



19th January 2023



Today we were honoured to be joined by Harry Olmer MBE, Holocaust survivor and one of the Windermere Children. Harry spoke of his experience during the Holocaust to Year 12. This was organised by Amy Irwin and Gabriella Wilton (both Y12) as part of their work as ambassadors for the Holocaust Education Trust. We thank Harry who ended his story by saying 'After all of the bad, beauty will come'.

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17th January 2023

JCoSS celebrated Jewish Care 's Go Purple week last week with our Year 8 volunteers visiting and taking part in special themed activities. There were lots of lovely photo ops and smiling faces, both students and members alike! 💜 [#volunteering](#) [#jcoSSmensches](#)



16th January 2023



We are very grateful to Resource for running workshops for our Year 12 students throughout the year. These excellent sessions prepare our students for the workplace with how to write a CV and develop their interview skills.

Thank you to Resource for coming today to run another invaluable session for our students. [@resource_charity](#) Resource - Helping the community back into employment

12th January 2023

At the end of last term, Year 7 students all received their Bookbuzz book. These books are a gift from the LRC & the English department and were generously paid for by the JCoSS Parents Association. We hope you are enjoying reading them! 😊😊 [#ImportanceOfReading](#)



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10th January 2023



Well done to our model Menches who give up their free time to be part of our Social Snacktion lunchtime club, where they organise social action projects for the school and wider community. Their latest project was a tuck shop to raise money to buy personal hygiene products which will be distributed to @togetherinbarnetcharity These were packed today ready to be donated 💜 [#modelmenches](#) [#socialaction](#) [#volunteering](#)

9th January 2023

After a rigorous and transparent process, concluding with interviews on Friday, we are delighted to announce our new Head Student Team for 2023:

- Timara Kaplan and Matt Dady - Head Students
- Ran Coriat, Ella Haber, Luke Godfrey and Amy Irwin - Deputy Head Students
- Oneli Dewage - PSRP Head Student

Mazel tov to the elected team who are mature, articulate, strong champions for JCoSS who clearly value and cherish everything the school has taught them so far. The quality of applications was exceptionally high and very impressive and all applicants should be extremely proud of themselves.



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5th January 2023



We were excited to welcome the mainstream youth movements into JCoSS today to promote their Israel tours and meet the participants who have already signed up. There are still some spaces on some groups, contact the Youth movements directly to enquire.

[#summer](#) [#israeltour](#) [#jcooss](#)

3rd January 2023

New Year, New Beginnings and the start of the next exciting JCoSS chapter.

Dr Melanie Lee gave assemblies to all year groups this morning to introduce herself and welcome everyone back to school. Dr Lee spoke about the importance of continual improvement being the key to progress, development and growth and about how proud she is to lead JCoSS on the next stage of its journey.

[#NextJCoSSMilestone](#) [#NewChapterBegins](#)



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