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Summer Round-up

Dear Parents

Here we are at the end of another half term and as I write to you now there is one phrase that befits this message: 'fugit irreparabile tempus'! How much Latin do you remember from your school days?! This simply means 'it escapes, irretrievable time' which is a far more elegant way of saying 'time flies when you're having fun'! It astounds me that we are soon to be welcoming the final half term of this academic year and for me time is without a doubt flying by. This half term has been full of joy and fun – we have enjoyed and celebrated so many events and I would like to mention a few in particular.

The start of term was dominated by a very real opportunity to experience sorrow turning into joy as we marked Yom Hazikaron, the Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen Soldiers and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. My first JCoSS Yom Hazikaron was such an emotional, moving experience and I will always remember the Tekes (the whole school assembly), which was organised so beautifully by our Shinshinim, Yotam and Yuval. The ceremony was poignant and memorable and I was proud to share this special day with all the students and staff. JCoSS celebrated in style the next day and we enjoyed a fantastic day commemorating Yom Ha'atzmaut as a whole school community – the lunchtime fair, Israeli dancing and candyfloss was a great way to end a fun packed, educational day. A huge well done to team JE and IJE for a wonderful programme.

The term was soon into full swing and we are delighted to have welcomed many JCoSS Grandparents into our school this half term at our Year 7, 8 and 9 Grandparents' Afternoons. This was the first time we have held this event since 2019 and that made these afternoons even more special. Grandparents enjoyed a lovely afternoon of speeches, music from our students, tea and cake and then the pièce de résistance – a guided tour from their grandchildren when lessons were over. Thank you to everyone who came along, it was wonderful to see so many visitors enjoying our amazing school.

As this half term draws to a close a very significant period of time begins – public exam season. Over the last few weeks we have marked the end of an era when we celebrated Y13's last day at JCoSS with a joyful and brilliant Leavers' Assembly, full of music, speeches, nostalgia and love! And then only a few days later it was the turn of Year 11 as their last day was also celebrated in true JCoSS style. With these red letter days behind them, I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our students every success in their exams and we hope all the hard work and effort results in achievements to be really proud of.

All of this is just a snap shot of what has been happening in our incredible school during this short half term. JCoSS is a vibrant, happy, invigorating place and I truly believe that we are all so fortunate to be a part of it. I'd like to once again pay tribute to all the staff because without their relentless drive and commitment none of this would be possible. I am constantly grateful to work with such a knowledgeable, passionate group of people.

Wishing you a wonderful half term and a Happy Shavuot. Enjoy plenty of cheesecake and here's hoping the next few days don't fly by so fast!

Chag Sameach.

Dr Melanie Lee
Headteacher

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 JCoSS

25th May 2023



23rd May 2023



Today Year 8 took part in their Yom Tzadakah, where each form had the opportunity to raise money for their chosen charity, [@norwoodcharity](https://www.norwoodcharity.org.uk/). A huge well done to everyone involved!

Norwood supports vulnerable children and their families facing challenges and anyone with a learning disability and autism.

Norwood supports more than 2,500 people each year, giving them the tools they need to live the most fulfilling lives they can. Norwood works with 56 local authorities and is in 40 schools, delivering wide-ranging services including residential and supported living accommodation, short-breaks facilities, a range of therapeutic services including occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and psychotherapy, as well as a range of support groups aimed at the whole family, not just the individual.

19th May 2023

Some of our Year 12 students have been training with [@jewishwomensaid](https://www.jewishwomensaid.org.uk/) to become ambassadors for healthy relationships. Here they are running a lesson they planned for Year 7 students about social media use. 💜💛



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18th May 2023



This week at JCoSS there is the most incredible display in the Heartspace of shoe designs made from clay, by Year 8!

Year 8 students learnt about the process of making shoes from 2d design to 3d model making. They learnt about the different properties of dry and wet media and recorded their designs in a variety of different materials including ink and mixed media. Students made cardboard maquettes first and were then introduced to different clay techniques. The students researched their own cultural patterns and adorned their ceramic shoes with beautiful patterns and textures. The school is fortunate to have its own kiln so ceramics forms an integral part of our curriculum.

Well done for your creativity Year 8, it truly is amazing work 🍌🍌💜💜

17th May 2023

Earlier this term, Year 12 geographers went to north Norfolk in preparation for their non examination assessment. They spent the week formulating their own investigative questions and sub questions surrounding coastal processes or urban and rural environments. Students collected data including beach profiles and characteristics, coastal engineering, and rates of longshore drift. They went on to collect data surrounding the health of high streets in rural and urban areas, comparing services available to local and non-local people. Following intense days of data collection and hard work, students enjoyed evening activities of abseiling and nightline which was very funny to watch! The students were amazing all week and produced fantastic work!



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12th May 2023



Today marked the end of an era for Year 11 as they celebrated their last day at JCoSS. Mrs Kaye's final message to Year 11 - '5 years in the making, you have grown from sweet and cute little 11 years olds to the lovely, resilient, hard- working students in Year 11. You have really made such an impact on both JCoSS and me which I will never forget. We all wish you every success and good luck in all of your exams and your next steps. Remember be the best you can be, work hard and you are stronger than you know. You can do it but you have to believe in yourselves.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September to start your next journey in the 6th form and those of you leaving us, we can't wait to hear from you and hear what you are up to. Best wishes and take care of yourselves' 💜

11th May 2023

JCoSS hosted its annual Higher Education day today as part of our ongoing 6th form destinations programme. We were joined by a range of speakers including the University of Oxford, Birmingham and Nottingham Trent University as well as Resource. Sessions covered a variety of topics such as the application process, apprenticeships, student finance, choosing a university and interview skills. A gap year fair also took place and optional sessions were run for students interested in the Oxbridge route as well as a portfolio workshop for those applying to Art Foundations or other design-based degrees. Our alumni are now forming an integral part of this programme as we follow their journeys and they share their successes with us.



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9th May 2023



We were thrilled to hold Grandparents' Afternoons to welcome our wonderful and supportive JCoSS Grandparents from Year 7, 8 and 9. This is the first time we have held this event since 2019 due to covid, which made the afternoons even more special. Grandparents were given a lovely afternoon of speeches, music from our students, tea and cake, and then once lessons were over their grandchildren came to meet them and take them for a tour around the school. We all had a great time and it was wonderful to meet them and show them our school 💜💜

5th May 2023

Today marked the end of an era for Year 13 as they celebrated their last day at JCoSS with a leavers' assembly.

Mrs Myers' (Head of Year 13) message to Year 13 - "Class of 2023 I will miss your charismatic, kind nature and the impact that you have had on the JCoSS community. On behalf of everyone at JCoSS I want to wish you lots of luck for your exams. You've got this! You have worked incredibly hard over the past 2 years and you all deserve the very best.

JCoSS won't be the same without you, but know that you will always be part of the puzzle that makes up our school. So please keep in touch and come back and visit us! Enjoy all that the future has in store, be happy, but most importantly, don't forget to always be a mensch!"



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3rd May 2023



Earlier this month for Yom HaShoah, a group of Year 9 students from JCoSS partnered with a group of Year 9 students from Friern Barnet School and visited the Holocaust Exhibition at the Imperial War Museum. This was organised by Sixth Former Gabriella after gaining a greater appreciation of Interfaith Holocaust education following The Lessons from Auschwitz programme, in which she was one of only 2 Jewish students. It was a thoroughly successful and meaningful visit, that will hopefully have the same impact in years to come.

27th April 2023

There have been two huge footballing achievements for JCoSS this week! Firstly Joe Johnson JCoSS alumni who left in 2022 made his professional debut at 17 years old for Luton Town live on Sky Sports earlier this week. Following in his footsteps our Year 7 team has won the Barnet Schools Under 12 Plate competition, beating many teams along the way. It was a tense final with the match decided on sudden death penalties and our boys tenacity pulled them through for the winner! We are so proud of all our footballing superstars and look forward to more to come 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Luton Town FC 🟡 @LutonTown · 15h
What a cameo from 17-year-old debutant Joe Johnson! 🟡

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26th April 2023



We have had an amazing day today, celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) with a fun and educational day off timetable, packed full with all things Israel! Students cooked, heard Israeli music in a look back through Israel's greatest Eurovision entries, explored famous landmarks, discussed peace and conflict, and enjoyed an Israeli style lunch and blue and white sweet treats at the lunchtime fair. It was a fantastic day celebrating the birth of Israel as a whole school community! 💙💙💙

25th April 2023

Today is Yom HaZikaron, the Memorial Day for IDF fallen and victims of terrorism against Israel. There was a Tekes (whole school assembly) which was organised by our Shinshinim, Yotam and Yuval for the memorial of the fallen. There was also a memorial walk at lunchtime as customary in Israel to remember those victims. Each participant got a name of a fallen and an Israeli flag to walk with. Thank you for everyone who participated today, and helped us make this day significant. 💜🇮🇱



24th April 2023



JCoSS Careers Fair returns! Students in years 8, 10 and 12 were lucky enough to have a wide range of over 40 different employers to have meaningful conversations with at the JCoSS Careers Fair last week. Student engagement was amazing with many coming away knowing more about the career paths open to them and some even secured work experience / summer jobs! 😊

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20th April 2023

Last term, all form groups were given a broad bean to participate in the hotly contested 'Great Broad Bean Grow Off', where every form had 2 weeks to grow the biggest bean to win the converted 'Green Fingers Award', as part of Science Week.

Huge Congratulations to the winners 8S whose bean measured in at a whopping 32.0 cm from leaf tip to root tip.

Well done to everyone who took part and we look forward to seeing if we can beat it next year!



18th April 2023



Today we have marked Yom Hashoah as a school community with an emotional and moving whole school assembly. Year 12 and 13 students, who had recently returned from their trips to Poland, read their own words from their recent experience. Candles were lit to remember those who perished. KS3 and Year 10 students could then opt into the Israeli style programme of 'Zikharon Besalon' where small groups gathered in informal spaces to hear personal family stories of the Holocaust. We were honoured to be joined by our guests and members of staff who shared their stories. May we remember together.

17th April 2023

Welcome back JCoSS! We hope you had a great first day and that you have a good Summer Term 💜💜



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