Reasons to train at JCoSS

Our Vision: JCoSS is a heavily oversubscribed maintained non-selective comprehensive school. We offer 180 places per year group, though we have some bulge year groups of 210. We also offer 7 places per year group in The Pears Special Resource Provision for students with autism. We are an academic, aspirational learning community, known and respected for our pioneering spirit, our humanity, our inclusive ethos and our excellent outcomes.

Our Ethos: Our outward-looking and pluralist Jewish ethos combines an embrace of open-minded values with a deep love of the varied riches of Jewish tradition. The staff and leadership team includes different faiths and none at all levels, and the school has a culture of purposeful good humour and humanity. We are a faith school like no other.

Our Results: We have a track record of excellent academic results and in 2023 over 46% of GCSE grades were at Grade 7 or higher, and 12% of students gaining Grade 9. Our Progress 8 score is 0.8, and these results enable us to continue to be an SSAT Top 10% school for achievement and progress. At A level, 46% of grades were A/A* with 77% of grades at B grade or better. At Level 3 Vocational, 71% of grades were D*/D.

Our Location & Community: The school is in a beautiful £48m buildings overlooking the Green Belt. It is easily accessible from Northern, Piccadilly and Overground rail links and buses run past the entrance. We attract students from eloquent and supportive communities across North London and Hertfordshire. We are planning an expansion in response to over-subscription.

Staff wellbeing is a high priority at JCoSS and we constantly strive to ensure that staff are well-supported, do not have an excessive workload and can thrive and enjoy their work.

We have established a reputation for our high-quality training and support both among the trainees themselves and the training providers with whom we work.

We are focussed on helping trainees choose the right route for you, and supporting and guiding you through the training by providing:

- A comprehensive in-school training programme tailored to individual needs
- Opportunities to observe expert colleagues across a range of subjects
- Reduced timetable including a range of ages and key stages
- Regular meetings with a dedicated subject mentor
- Support from an Induction Tutor
- Regular lesson observations and feedback from a range of staff
- Involvement in all aspects of school life

We hope that you will consider joining us.

What trainees say about training at JCoSS

"I was incredibly well-supported during my Teacher Training, not just by my mentor but by the whole department Two years on, I am now confident enough to be taking on new responsibilities in the school and really enjoying my role!"

Daniella (Schools Direct bursary route)

"JCoSS is a supportive and nurturing environment in which to complete teacher training. My regular mentoring sessions provided me with feedback on how to improve my practice as well as a space to talk and process the year"

Ben (Straight to Teaching route)