

THE KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL
The Headteacher's Report for the Autumn Term 2009

Pupil Movement:

New arrivals

Year 7:	Shlomie Strenger	- Manchester Mesivta
Year 8:	Ellis Boyd	- Leeds Grammar School
	Simcha Steinberger	- Beis Yaakov School
Year 9:	Harry Goldstone	- Woodhouse Grove, Leeds
	Leah Port	- Gateways School, Leeds
Year 10:	Ari Steinberger	- Manchester Mesivta
Year 11:	Chaya Kupperman	- Beis Yaakov School
Year 12:	Miriam-Adi Manning	- Christian Fellowship School, Blackpool
	Charlotte Cohen	- Manchester High
	Michael Cohen	- Cheadle Hulme High School
	Yishai Cohen	- Israel

Leavers

Year 7:	Shifra Woodbridge	Emigration
	Joshua Glazer	- Transfer
Year 8:	Hannah Jackson	- Emigration
	Sophie Holder	- Emigration
Year 9:	Ella Fadida	- Transfer
	Jessica Kowalski	- Emigration
	Jake Power	- Transfer
Year 10:	Dalya Holder	- Emigration
	Gilia Thwaites	- Emigration
Year 13:	Jamie Bomsztyk	- Leaver

Please see attached breakdown list for pupils on roll as at 15th December 2009.

Staffing:

New appointments:

Teaching:	Mrs A Aron	-	Modern Hebrew
	Mr M Lamming	-	P.E.
Trainee Teaching:	Mr B Kayser	-	Physics/Mathematics

The following staff are returning on a part-time basis:

Non Teaching:	Mr Shepherd	-	Sixth Form Mentor
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We are saying goodbye and good luck to the following staff:

Teaching:	Mr J Greenwood	-	Emigrating
	Mr M Nicholls	-	Further his career

Charities:

The pupils, as always, have been very generous with their donations to lots of charities, which include Jewish and non-Jewish organisations.

Educational Trips/In School Events:

As well as the extra curricular activities within the school (see attached list) there have been many successful events this term and thanks go to those staff who have arranged and given much of their time to these events which include the following:

Open Evenings:

These were well attended and generated a good, positive response.

Media students exhibiting diploma work carried out interviews as an essential part of their diploma media course.

Parents Evenings:

Year 7 – Form tutors only.

Yavneh Girls Years 7 – 9.

Year 12 and Year 13 Main School and Yavneh.

These evenings resulted in very positive feedback.

Yavneh Girls' Presentation Evening:

This was a most enjoyable evening with a presentation given by the girls in Year 10 'Helping Hands in the Community', with thanks to Miss Burberry. There was also a music recital by pupils. Hebrew and secular prizes were awarded. All thanks to Mrs Eden and her team.

Sem Trip:

Year 13 girls went to Israel with Mrs Hoffner. This trip to Israel was most enjoyable and successful.

Gateshead Trips:

Rabbi Schwalbe organised separate trips to Gateshead for the girls and boys in Years 11 & 12.

Business Studies:

Mr Hodgson took Year 12 & 13 students to an exams conference.

Chanukah Concert:

The music Department held a concert in the main school hall which was a huge success. Thanks to Dr Siemens and Miss Buckley. The school are privileged to have so many talented and gifted young pupils.

Science Trips:

Dr Hampson took a group of Year 12 medical students to the annual medical society lecture.

Mr McEvoy accompanied Year 11 applied science pupils on a trip to the football museum in Preston and took some Sixth Form Physics students with Mr Milejski to Alton Towers to learn about mechanics. Also girls in Year 10 joined Mrs Raczkowycz at Salford University for a lecture.

Maths:

The Year 5 Primary School workshop was held in the hall and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children, organised by Mr Milejski.

There was a maths challenge for years 12 & 13 and a maths lecture for years 11 & 12.

Media Trip:

Miss Thomas took Year 12 Media students to the Corner House Cinema and Year 13 Media Diploma students on a trip to Liverpool Hope University.

RS Trip:

Rabbi Rickman took 7 pupils from Year 10 to Edgehill University for a multi-faith lecture.

Theatre Trips:

Drama Students were provided the opportunity to attend a variety of shows including Dorian Gray, Grimm Tales and The Good Soul of Szechuan.

Year 10 students enjoyed a theatre show in school and A level students had a theatre day with Mr Sills.

Music and Art Trips:

The Lower School Choir performed at the Manchester Evening News Arena representing King David High School Young Voices. Thanks to Miss Buckley.

The Zulu Warriors came to school! For a Year 9 Music and Art Workshop. Thoroughly enjoyed by all thanks to Miss Buckley.

Mrs Waxman took Art Students to The Clothes Show in Birmingham and to various galleries.

Yeshiva/Sem Fair:

Thanks to Rabbi Rickman this was a highly informative and well attended evening for sixth form students.

P.E. Events Girls:

Girls have participated in regular activities including dance, squash and golf! They have also been ice-skating regularly. Other regular clubs include netball, badminton, yoga and swimming.

Year 7 girls won the North Manchester School Badminton competition and are through to the City Wide finals and Country finals in January 2010.

Swimming – KS4 girls won the North Manchester swimming gala and some girls are in the City Wide finals.

Leadership course – Megan Gold and Kim Lewis from Year 10 were sent on this course.

P.E. Events Boys:

Football – Year 8 are top of the league with 5 wins out of 5.

Rugby – Year 7 won their first tournament, the team is going from strength to strength.

Badminton – Always a strength at King David. The boys won the Manchester Schools tournament.

Table tennis – Dean Clyne and Yoni Morrison compete in Manchester tournaments regularly.

Other clubs include basketball coaching, triathlon, squash and boxing.

Assemblies:

During morning assemblies pupils are asked to contribute toward the assemblies. This term included assemblies in voice of Israel, Poetry, Spanish and French.

There was also a special assembly in honour of Mrs O'Flaherty Davis who passed away after the birth of her first child. Mrs O'Flaherty Davis was with us for a year and her passing had a huge impact on all the staff and pupils. We were joined by 20 members of her family and friends.

Parents Guild:

Thanks to all the committee members of the Parents Guild for all the hard work and dedication involved in raising funds for the campus. The Parents Guild continue to support the school and we appreciate all their support.

Guest Speakers:

Guest speakers and lecturers are an enjoyable and integral part of the school day, and visitors and speakers this term have included:

The Fed – Caring Sunday

Rabbi Hammer – Israel

Ivan Lewis MP – Government & Politics

Future Events:

Year 6 Assessment Exam	Wednesday 6 th January 2010
Year 10 Boys Gateshead Trip	Thursday 7 th January 2010
Year 10 Girls Gateshead Trip	Thursday 14 th January 2010
Year 12 Shabbaton	Friday 29 th January 2010
Year 11 & 12 Boys Gateshead Trip	Thursday 4 th February 2010
KS4 Maths Challenge	Thursday 4 th February 2010
Purim Activity Day	Friday 26 th February 2010
School Play	Monday 8 th March – Wednesday 10 th March 2010
Yavneh Girls Concert	Monday 15 th March
Swimming Gala	Tuesday 16 th March 2010
Cross Country	Wednesday 17 th March 2010
UCAS Evening	Thursday 18 th March 2010
Year 10 Girls Gateshead Trip	Thursday 22 nd April 2010
Year 10 Boys Gateshead Trip	Thursday 29 th April 2010
KS3 Maths Challenge	Thursday 29 th April 2010
Year 9 Israel Trip	Sunday 9 th May – Monday 17 th May 2010
Bat Chayal Ceremony	Sunday 13 th June 2010
Yavneh Girls Bat Chayal Evening	Wednesday 16 th June 2010
Yavneh Girls Camp	Monday 5 th July 2010
Sports Day	Friday 9 th July 2010
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 12 th July – Friday 16 th July 2010
Sports Day	Friday 9 th July 2010

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr Rowe, the Governing Body and Mrs Rowe, for their support and help. Also thanks to the staff for their total commitment, not just in the classroom but at lunchtime and during after school activities.

B N Levy
Headteacher
December 2009