

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

***Pupil Movement:***

Leavers

Year 8 Nathan Goldman	-	Jewish Grammar
Year 12 Robert Sciama	-	Excluded

Prospective New Pupils

At the time of writing we have 119 Year 6 pupils who have accepted places for entry into the High School in September 2009. The transition evenings were well attended by parents and new pupils and there was a good, positive attitude. We have also received applications from most of our year 11 King David Students and received applications from other schools for our Sixth Form in September 2009 totalling 122 students to date.

Please see attached breakdown list for pupils on roll as at 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

***Staffing:***

We are saying goodbye and good luck to the following member of staff

Non Teaching: Mrs J Stavisky - Retired

And wishing all the best to Mrs N Marcus who is on maternity leave.

***Charities:***

The pupils, as always, have been very generous with their donations to lots of charities, which include Jewish and non-Jewish organisations. Year 9 pupils have also raised over £2500 so far to take to Israel and present to the Alyn Hospital.

***Educational Trips/In School Events:***

As well as the extra curricular activities (list attached) within the school 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:

***Presentation Evening:***

This is the highlight of the year for the students who have achieved outstanding results in their examinations and for the staff and school as a whole.

The Music department performed a number of pieces including Daniel De Wijze – winner of the Northern Young Musician of the year and there was a jazz medley from Ben Addlestone. The Chamber Choir also performed excerpts from Dido and Aeneas by Henry Purcell. There was also poetry readings from our students and a lively performance from 'The Fractures' – winners of the 2008 KD Battle of the Bands.

The Sixth Form then gave a powerful presentation 'History of the Arab Israel Conflict'

**Parents Evenings:**

This term there have been evenings for parents of pupils in years 7 to 13 in the main school and Yavneh Boys and in Yavneh Girls for years 10 to 13.

All these evenings were well supported and highly informative for parents.

**Yavneh Girls:**

The Yavneh Girls concert, ladies only, was a huge success and special thanks go to Mrs Eden, Mrs Hoffner and Miss Burberry for all their contributions.

**Yavneh Boys:**

Thanks to Rabbi Ben-Shushan, Mrs Ben-Shushan and some Sixth Form Madrichim, there was a Shabaton in Llandudno for all the Yavneh Boys in Years 7, 8 & 10.

**Main School:****Taster Days**

Children from our feeder schools and other schools enjoyed spending the day in the main school and Yavneh. As always, lunch in the canteen was a special high-light for them all!

**Trips**

**Art** Mrs Waxman organised a trip to Birmingham for the Year 12 art students to visit the Clothes Show. There was also a trip to the Manchester City Art Gallery. Thanks to Mrs Rourke, Mr Rich and Miss Ganson for helping with these trips.

**Business Studies** There was a Year 13 trip to Brussels with Mr Hodgson, Miss McLaughlin and Mr Shepherd. Miss Airley organised a Travel & Tourism trip to the Trafford Centre and Miss Moore also took a group of Business Studies students to the centre. Mr Hodgson went to the Bank of New York (in Manchester!) and Mrs O'Flaherty-Davis took students to The Manchester Jewish Museum.

**Duke of Edinburgh** Students went on an expedition to Delamere Forest and Rivington Pike with Mr Gold.

**Drama** The Drama department organised a Comedy Club. This lunchtime club is a huge success. All the students who entered the LAMDA exams passed with merits and distinctions.

**English** Mrs Kerslake took a group of students to Sovereign Education for a lecture.

**French** Mrs Janvier took Year 10 GCSE students to the Cornerhouse for a study session and a screening of the film 'Les Choristes'.

**Gateshead trips** were organised by Rabbi Rabbi Shwalbe for Year 10 girls.

**Government & Politics** Mr Watson took some Year 13 students to the Houses of Parliament.

**History** Trip to Berlin with Mr Watson and Mrs Hughes.

**Maths Challenge** Thanks to Mr Milejski King David High won gold awards in the intermediate maths challenge.

**Media** There was an A level Media trip to the ITV Studios to observe 'Countdown' with Mr Frankell.

**Music** There was an A level and GCSE music recital evening in the high school hall. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to Dr Siemens, Miss Buckley, Mrs Friedman and also Dr Hampson.

**Science** Mrs Raczkowycz organised a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry and the MRI. Thanks to Mr McEvoy, Mrs Mintz, Miss Harrington and Mr Smith for their help.

### **P.E. Events**

Another busy term for the P.E. department. Events included the Manchester Schools Football League in which we have 2 representatives. The semi-finals of the Manchester school badminton championships and the finals in the Manchester Schools swimming finals. The boys have enjoyed clubs in golf, swimming, squash, badminton, rugby, cricket and table tennis. The girls have also a variety of clubs; football, trampolining, fitness, badminton, rounders, swimming and dance. The girl's netball teams have all done well this season and some teams should be moving to division one next year. Some girls reached the semi-finals of the Badminton Tournament held at North Manchester and they came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the KS3 Swimming Gala at Abraham Moss. In January, 10 girls from main school and Yavneh attended a leadership course at Sportscity in netball, and 10 boys attended in golf.

### **UCAS Evening**

An important evening arranged by Mr Frankell that provided information to students about their university applications, student finance and choosing a course. Speakers came from Manchester University, Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Salford, University of Oxford and Liverpool John Moores University.

### **Sixth Form Prospective Evening**

This evening was attended by all Year 11 students who are planning to attend the Sixth Form in September. Thanks to Mr Pitt and team this was a highly informative and successful evening.

### ***Future Events:***

Swimming Gala - 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Drama - Performing GCSE drama at the Lowry 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Bible Quiz - 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Year 10 Gateshead Trip – 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 9 Israel Trip – 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Bat Chayal Ceremony – 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Lower School Concert – 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Sports Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Yavneh Girls Camp – 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 10 Work Experience -13<sup>th</sup> July

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.

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