

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

Pupil Movement:

New Arrivals

Year 8:	Gabrielle Stanley	- Gateways School
Year 9:	Talia Kingston	- King David Liverpool
	Rafael Saipe	- Leeds Grammar School

Leavers

Year 7:	Joel Fulda	- Transfer
	Georgina Lichenstein	- Transfer
Year 8:	Jake Geller	- Transfer
Year 10:	Chelsea Drew	- Transfer
	Alyx Glazer	- Transfer

Prospective New Pupils

At the time of writing we have 125 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 Main School Students and received applications from other schools for our Sixth Form in September 2009.

Please see attached breakdown list for pupils on roll as at 13th July 2009.

Staffing:

We are welcoming the following staff for September 2009:

Rabbi Benson	- Yavneh Girls
Mrs Benson	- Special Needs/part time
Rabbi Cohen	- Yavneh Boys
Rabbi Kanterovitz	- Yavneh Boys/part time
Miss Callan	- Business Studies
Dr Cox	- Mathematics/part time
Miss Ainsworth	- Geography/part time
Mr Faraday	- Geography
Mr Garner	- Music/part time
Ms Cogbill	- Science
Miss Hirst	- Science

The following staff are returning after a spell of absence:

Miss Rimmer	- History/Citizenship/English
Mrs Gutentag	- English/part time

We are saying goodbye and good luck to the following staff who are leaving:

Rabbi Ben-Shushan	- Israel
Mrs Ben-Shushan	- Israel
Rabbi Bodenheimer	- Israel
Mrs Bodenheimer	- Israel
Miss Brumby	- Sweden
Mrs Friedman	- Further her career
Miss Houlston	- Moving to London
Miss Moore	- Promotion
Ms O'Flaherty-Davis	- Maternity cover for Mrs Marsh
Miss Perkins	- Sick leave cover Mrs Ronksley
Mrs Ringwood	- Maternity cover for Mrs McGill
Naomi Richter	- Shnat Sherut
Adar Bouhnik	- Shnat Sherut

After a long service, we wish all the best for the future to our retiring member of staff:

Mr Shepherd	- Geography
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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 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:

Israel Trips:

The main school Year 9 Trip to Israel is a fantastic highlight for all students in Year 9. This year it was lead by Mr Rose, Mrs Greenstein, Mr Watson and Mr Gold.

The daily updates on the King David High School website kept family and friends of the Year 9 families updated thanks to Mr Leventhall.

Yavneh Boys Year 9 also enjoyed a busy week in Israel visiting sites and Yeshivas with Rabbi Ben-Shushan.

Yavneh Girls Year 9 were joined by Rabbi & Mrs Bodenheimer on their annual Pen Pal trip to Israel which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the girls.

March of the Living:

In April this year students and parents joined Jewish teens from all over the world in Poland on Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, to march from Auschwitz to Birkenau. The goal was for these young people to learn the lessons of the Holocaust 'never again'. It was a very moving and emotional experience for all those involved.

Yavneh Camps:

Both Yavneh Girls and Yavneh Boys enjoyed a fun packed week on their camps. Mrs Eden and team took the girls to Castleton, and Rabbi Ben-Shushan and team took the boys to Burrs Country Park, then Ashworth Valley.

Bat Chayal Ceremony:

This special event for the girls in Year 7 was, as always, a highlight in the King David Calendar. The girls performed in front of a packed audience. Special thanks go to Mrs Engle and Mrs Edis. Yavneh Girls will also be holding a Bat Mitzvah Presentation Evening, thanks to Mrs Hoffner.

Yavneh Boys Prize Giving:

The annual Yavneh Yeshiva High School Presentation Evening was organised by Mr Leventhall and Rabbi Ben-Shushan. The evening celebrated the Kodesh learning, academic, social and sporting achievements made throughout the year.

Art:

Expressive Arts Evening, incorporating music, drama and art proved to be a wonderful event, well attended and beautifully organised by Mrs Waxman, Dr Siemens and Mr Sills. We are very fortunate to have such talented students in the school.

Business:

Mr Hodgson took a group of Business Studies students to Brussels with Miss McLaughlin and Mr Shepherd.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme:

The Main School and Yavneh Girls were up to the challenge and achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold. Mr Gold led the way to Clitheroe, Rivington, The Lakes and Delamere Forest.

Gateshead:

Thanks to Rabbi Schwalbe many of our Year 10 and Year 11 students spent a wonderful Shabbat in Gateshead at the Hamayon Centre.

History:

Mr Watson and Mrs Hughes took A level History students to Berlin. Rabbi Schwalbe also visited Frankfurt for the day with some students.

Maths:

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

Music:

Thanks to Dr Siemens our talented young musicians had the opportunity to showcase their skills at this years Summer Concert.

P.E. Events:

Years 7 & 8 and Years 9 & 10 girls rounders teams entered the Manchester Rounders Tournament held at Parrs Wood.

Lower school pupils took part in the Manchester Schools Athletics held at Sportscity.

In the North West Squash Championship, King David finished third out of 23 schools. Well done to Daniel Seaman-Harris, Josh Hayes, Sam Cohen, Ethan Cohen, Rafi Dines, Daniel Levy and Osher Landes.

Ten Year 9 girls took part in a Dance Festival at Abraham Moss.

The boys completed their football fixtures and boys from Year 7 & 8 took part in a Rugby Tournament at North Manchester.

Boys and Girls enjoyed golf at Heaton Park and twelve pupils had a smashing time at the Quad Kids Track and Field Championships at Sportscity. Zoe Gibson representing King David in Year 7 came 3rd overall in Manchester.

Swimming awards at the City Wide Finals at Wright Robinson were awarded to Charlotte Gold Caution, Or Maman, Isabel Seager and Danielle Nevitt.

Sports Day this year was held again indoors at Sportscity. Galil won the trophy this year. Thanks go to Mrs Turner and Mr Greenwood for their continued hard work and dedication towards this event and all the sporting events here at school.

Forthcoming events – Swimming with Australian Olympic team for 16 selected pupils on July 17th.

Science:

The science department organised a practical field course trip to the Blencathra Centre in the Lake District for A level Biology students. Organised by Mrs Raczkowycz and team.

Year 12 Kaplan Testing running a UKCAT training course for medical/dental students.

UCAS Evening:

Mr Frankel arranged a UCAS evening for Sixth Form Students that was well attended and highly informative.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Day:

School celebrated in true Israeli style with fun activities and an outdoor barbeque organised by Mr Mintz. The rain held off and a good time was had by all. Thanks to our 'Israeli Girls' Adar & Naomi who helped organise the activities.

A fieldwork trip took place for those students studying GCSE Geography, thanks to Mr Shepherd and Miss Houlston.

The Year 9 Young Enterprise Master Class was organised by Mr Hodgson. All the students were up to the challenge and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Year 10 students are about to experience the real world in their week of work experience. Organised by Mrs Epstein.

A Drug Awareness Session was held for all parent/guardians by a drug awareness officer from Manchester City Council. The [school is aware that some young people are using drugs recreationally out of school.](#)

An activity day in computing/ICT was held for Year 5 pupils of our feeder schools. Mrs Kesler organised a full day of activities for the children entitled 'Computers in Space'. All the children received certificates and had a wonderful day.

The Israeli disabled soldiers made their annual visit to the High School. Also the Russian students enjoyed a full programme of events over 3 weeks of the summer with thanks to Mrs Edis and Mr Stemmer.

As a reward to those students who had few IRIS points a trip to Alton Towers has been organised. Also those students who have extra Kodesh lessons have been rewarded by a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

The Parents Guild held a Fun Day and raised funds for all the pupils on the campus. Thanks go to Mrs Kay, Chair of the Parents Guild, and all her team for their continued 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:

Chief Rabbi Sir Dr Jonathan Sacks

Assistant Chief Constable of Manchester Mr Terry Sweeney

JLGB – Jewish Lads & Girls Brigade

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