

THE KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL
The Headteacher's Report for the Summer Term 2014

Staffing:

The following staff are leaving this term.

We thank them all for their contribution to the school and wish them all the best for the future:

Miss E Borodenko	- Art	part time	maternity cover
Miss A Callan	- Business Studies	full time	Sixth Form College
Miss J Cogbill	- Biology	full time	moving to Switzerland
Mrs A Engle	- Modern Hebrew/Jewish Studies	full time	promotion
Miss A Fewtrell	- History	part time	end of one year contract
Mr D Hilton	- Mathematics	full time	moving to London
Miss K Kelly	- English	full time	moving to Ireland
Miss K Kuklinska	- Mathematics	full time	end of one year contract
Mr A Loughrey	- Music	full time	end of one year contract
Mrs V Senior	- Biology	part time	change of career
Mr J Shepherd	- Sixth Form Mentor	part time	retirement

New appointments September 2014:

Teaching:	Mr L Ashcroft	- English	full time
	Mr J Balson	- Physics	full time
	Miss H Bate	- Biology	full time
	Miss H Bateman	- Music	full time
	Mrs S Bickley	- Mathematics	part time
	Mr A Cheetham	- History	full time
	Mrs O Flaumenhaft	- Ivrit/Jewish Studies	part time
	Mrs S Marks	- Art	part time maternity cover
	Rabbi B Simmonds	- Jewish Studies	part time
	Miss C Williamson	- Business Studies	full time
Non Teaching:	Mrs S Lachs	- Teaching Assistant	part time maternity cover

Head Boys and Head Girls 2014-2015

HEAD BOY	HEAD GIRL	YAVNEH HEAD BOY	YAVNEH HEAD GIRL
Max Festenstein Yoni Levy	Natanya Grant Mollie Silvert	Joshua Dover Mark Pearce	Pearl Gordon
DEPUTIES Alex Benjamin Jamie Benjamin Jake Fenton Jacob Fine Max Foster Ilan Hasid Oliver Hayes Jakob Marsh Nathan Orr	DEPUTIES Katie Addlestone Georgia Benjamin Georgia Boroda Ruby Cole Jessica Donn Lily Glaskie Abbie Lewis Jacqueline Mann Charlotte Moryoussef Gabriella Savage Justine Saville Odelya Yechezkel	DEPUTY Simon Ibgui	DEPUTY Mimi Steinberger
		SENIOR PREFECTS Saul Fulda Eliezer Korn Raffy Rosenzweig	SENIOR PREFECTS Fleur Haber Anna Levine Shira Miller Rachel Pine

Charities:

The pupils, as always, have been very generous with their donations to lots of charities, which include Jewish and non-Jewish organisations. Thanks to Rabbi Goodman, the Year 9 students in Main school, Yavneh Boys and Yavneh Girls who, together with fellow students across the campus, raised a staggering total of £16,062 for their chosen charity Leket. The Year 9 students presented a cheque of £12,000 to Leket whilst they were in Israel on their recent trip. The amount raised will enable Leket to provide 30,000 sandwiches for lunch to 150 poverty stricken students throughout 120 different schools in Israel.

Thanks to Rabbi Rickman, girls from Year 10 main school and Yavneh worked alongside girls from Muslim and Christian schools and raised £730 for the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

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:

Aish:

Aish continues to inspire our students to engage with their traditions and love their Judaism by presenting an array of activities in school. The Year 9 Israel trip was run in conjunction with Aish who also sent some of their young leaders on the trip. A short film of the trip was shown to parents and pupils at a reunion brunch that Aish helped to organise in conjunction with Rabbi Goodman. Please find the following link to this year's Israel film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f08sg7R3R-o&feature=youtu.be> Year 10 pupils enjoyed a jam packed itinerary during a Shabbaton in Dublin. The students had a great time and came back inspired and enthusiastic with a strong desire to want to get more involved in further Jewish experiences both inside and outside of school. The Year 12 students from Main School and Yavneh schools had the opportunity to visit Poland on a 6 day trip. All the students, without exception, who went on the trip, said it was a life changing experience. One mother wrote: *"all came back full of great enthusiasm and an even greater appreciation of their Jewish Identity of which they are very proud."*

The 'Lunch and Learn' sessions for Years 10 to 13 continue to be very popular. Thanks go to Rabbi Goodman, Rabbi Ross and Mrs. Silverstone together with their team.

Art:

A group of Year 10 and 12 art students enjoyed a thoroughly exciting day out in London to see the 'Summer Exhibition' at the Royal Academy and 'The Best of Italian Fashion' at the V & A Museum. Years 7 and 8 were involved in a series of art workshops inspired by the illustrator Jon Burgerman. An exhibition of their work and group photographs of their drawings can be seen on the VLE and are soon to be displayed outside the High School Library on the first floor.

The Expressive Arts Evening, proved to be a wonderful event recognising the achievements of GCSE and A level students in Art and Design. It was well attended and beautifully organised by Mrs Waxman and the Art Department. We are very fortunate to have such talented students in the school.

Bat Chayal Ceremony:

This ceremony for some of the girls in Year 7 was, as always, a special event, held in the High School hall. Special thanks go to Mrs Steinberg and Mrs Campbell. Yavneh Girls will also be holding a Bat Mitzvah ceremony in the Yavneh Girls School.

Business Studies:

Miss Callan arranged a trip for Year 10 GCSE Business Studies pupils to visit Manchester United's Stadium at Old Trafford. Students created a questionnaire based on customer service procedures prior to their visit to aid their controlled assessment which is worth 25% of their overall GCSE. Students received a seminar around the theme of Customers Service and how it is managed by a large organisation. Students also received a full tour of the Stadium and entry to the Museum along with occupying notes and the answers to their questions. The trip was a great success and enjoyed by all students.

Mrs Mulgrew took a group of Year 12 students to a Stock Market Challenge event at Manchester University. The feedback from the trip was very positive and the students learned a lot about how share prices are affected by external influences.

Year 12 Vocational Business Studies students visited BJL, a multi-awarding winning communications advertising agency. The visit was organised by Miss Airley and the students watched a presentation in the conference centre at BJL, together with being shown round the different office departments. This trip was arranged to facilitate students in meeting the criteria for their assignment on creative product promotion.

The Business Studies department organised an Enterprise Afternoon for the whole of Year 9. The students were set the task of designing a promotional campaign with a World Cup theme for a local business. There were some very good ideas and all the students worked very hard. Thank you to Mr Vincent and Mrs Marsden who volunteered to help out with the event.

Computing:

The focus this term has been on preparing for the new National Curriculum, understanding its implications and exploring how progression can be measured. Mrs Kesler has attended a seminar run by NAACE (National Association of Advisors for Computers in Education) and a conference, jointly hosted by Google and the BBC on the development of computer education. As a result, the new programme of study for 2014-15 will be adapted and strengthened.

Years 7 and 8 pupils had fun during an extended session of Computing during Activity Week, run by Miss Cooper, Miss Thomas and Mrs Kesler, during which time they learnt how to edit and combine movie, music and image files to produce a promotional video.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme:

The expedition season is now coming to an end but has been in full swing since the middle of April. 24 Year 9 Main School and Yavneh girls successfully completed their practice expedition and a week later they were followed by 24 Year 9 Main School and Yavneh boys on their expedition. This year has seen 8 Year 10 and 2 Year 11 Main school pupils complete their Silver Practice Expeditions at the end of April. By the end of the Summer term all those who have completed their Bronze or Silver Practice Expedition will have completed their Assessed Expeditions and are one step closer to completing their Award. Yavneh Girl, Elisheva Goldman, will soon be heading off to the Snowdonia National Park to complete her Gold Award Assessed Expedition. Once her full award is complete she will be able to go to St James' Palace in order to have her award presented by the Duke himself. This year's completion rate from all levels has gone up by more than 100% seeing more participants gaining their award than ever before.

This year has been very successful and once again thanks must go to Miss Morrison and the entire team at JLGB for the hard work and support they have put in over the past year.

Drama:

A level students presented 3 plays in the Drama studio this term, and there have been LAMDA Exams covering a range of levels and medals in acting, speech and drama.

Economics:

A group of Business Studies and Economics students took part in the Stock Market Investor Challenge at the University of Manchester. Students had to play the role of a stock market trader, reacting to changes in the market. In addition students then attended two lectures, one offering careers advice and another on the degree subjects offered by the Manchester Business School.

English:

A level English Language students visited York to explore Language Change in context. Year 11 saw a production of 'A View From the Bridge' in Liverpool and Year 10 saw a production of 'Twelfth Night' in Bolton. GCSE and A level students are taking part in the Foyle Young Poets Award 2014 and the winners are to be announced in September.

Food Technology:

Year 5 pupils enjoyed making cup cakes during their visit on taster days. There has also been cross curricular links with Science - to decorate cup cakes with Year 10 pupils to produce a periodic table out of them!

French:

The French Department took part in the Year 5 taster sessions and organised a French day for Years 7 and 8 where pupils learnt about 'Tintin'.

Geography:

During activity week, after the exams, Mr Faraday led all of Year 7 and 8 to Heaton Park for an orienteering activity which was greatly enjoyed by all.

History:

The History Department was asked to co-ordinate a Great War History Day, combining and linking the resources and teaching of the History, RS, PE and Maths Departments. A successful day of learning, activities and fun was had by Year 8 and 9.

The History Department and PE Department jointly presented a 'History Assembly' focusing on young men and women who volunteered for war in 1914 and the extent which they were fit to fight and the realities of the battlefield. It was presented by Year 10 students Danielle Jeffries and Nathan Boroda.

Israel Trips:

The main school Year 9 Trip to Israel is a fantastic highlight for all pupils in Year 9.

Mr Leventhall downloaded daily photos during the trip and kept family and friends updated on a daily basis. Rabbi Goodman deserves special thanks for all his efforts 'behind the scenes'.

Yavneh Girls Year 9 were joined by Mrs Hoffner and Miss Ainsworth on their annual Pen Pal trip to Israel which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the girls. The Yavneh Boys were accompanied on their trip by Mr Faraday and Rabbi Cohen.

Maths:

A group of Year 7 pupils were entered for the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Eli Prais won Gold Award as well as Best in the School; he was just short of the score needed to qualify for the Olympiad.

Hannah Selig, Alex Harris, Itai Kirsh and Joshua Lesser also won Gold. Eight Silver and nine Bronze certificates were also awarded, an excellent result for Year 7.

Four Year 10 pupils were entered for the Bury College Maths Team Challenge, open to schools in Bury and surrounding towns. The team, through exceptional team work and a display of excellent problem solving skills, finished as overall winners, by a handsome margin. Well done to Nathan Domnitz, Sabrina Kaye, Abe Lisberg and Max Mallerman! Nathan also took part in the UKMT Maths Olympiad and was awarded a Merit certificate. This is a significant personal achievement for Nathan; he was one of only 500 students nationally who qualified for this prestigious competition.

Year 5 pupils from King David, Bury and Whitefield and North Cheshire primary schools enjoyed taking part in a Maths Puzzle Workshop, organised by Mrs Dowdall.

Media:

Media students have been on trips to Tatton Park, Southport and Lyme Park to do photography shoots for their coursework.

Modern Hebrew:

The Modern Hebrew Department is facing some exciting challenges preparing the new curriculum for Year 7 pupils. All teachers in the department have attended a seminar in London, where they were introduced to the new Modern Hebrew KS3 Programme – Developed especially for pupils in England by the Partnership for Jewish Schools (PaJeS / JCP). The new programme will begin in September.

Music:

An exciting term in the Music Department. GCSE and A Level students spent two days at a recording studio recording their exam performances. A fantastic experience for the students resulted in some excellent recordings being produced. The summer concert featured all of the school ensembles, as well as a number of soloists, and was a great success. Several students have taken external instrumental and music theory exams this term, ranging from drum kit to cello and we are expecting some excellent results. The most exciting (and adventurous) activity in the music department this term was the concert tour to Rome. From the 6th - 10th July 33 students and 6 staff set off on a trip to Rome to give two concerts and expand their musical and cultural horizons. The trip was a great success and thanks must go to the staff involved who made it possible and in particular to Dr Hampson who stood in for Mr Lovatt as tour leader at the last minute. Congratulations go to Mr Lovatt on the birth of his new baby boy. Thanks go to both Mr Loughrey and Mr Friel, who will be leaving the school at the end of the term, for all their hard work this year.

PE Events:

Year 8 girls reached the quarter finals in the Manchester League Rounders Tournament.

Two teams entered in Year 7 and 8 tennis tournaments, coming in third position. Allana Edwards has been accepted on an enhancement programme for future Athletes.

During activity week the PE Department helped to deliver numerous sessions in orienteering and contributed to World War 1 History Day. Pupils enjoyed a fishing trip held for the first time this term. The pass rate was 100% for the boys who entered the Bronze Medallion swimming award.

In Tennis, Romi Lewis and Jacob Lee won the City Wide Championships and then went on to win the Greater Manchester School Games as representatives of the City of Manchester – a first for Kind David. Clubs this term have included badminton, boxing, rounders and swimming. Thanks to Miss Cogbill and Miss Pietralski for their help, and also Mr Walsh who has helped run the Boy's swimming club.

Inter-house competitions this term included badminton, basketball, rounders and athletics.

This term, Sports Captains were chosen from a strong cohort and we are convinced they will all prove to be excellent appointments: Guy Berger, Robert Hyman, Kieran Beech, Charlie Lederberg, Sam Fine, Zac Frieze, Alex Demby, Jayden Huglin, Max Berkeley and Sammy Pine. The Girls are: Georgina King, Chloe Shonn, Rachel Lesser, Jordan Kersh, Sharon Kudenko, Maddy Moryoussef, Milly Jobling and Dalia Brown. Representing the North of Manchester at the City Wide Swimming Championships, Ethan Gilmore won a bronze medal in the backstroke.

Year 10 Football squad finished as Manchester League Championship runners up. Year 9 Football squad won the Manchester League Championship. Numerous fixtures have been completed in athletics, cricket, netball, rounders, squash and tennis this term. Galil were winners of the Annual Sports Day. Pupils broke 17 records!

Yavneh Girls Sports Day was won by Darom and Rounders winner was Tzafon.

We have also been awarded the Bronze Award from the Sainsbury's School Games.

Psychology:

Kimberly Peterson from Manchester University (Psychology of Education) came in to talk to the Year 12 and 13 Psychology students about how to conduct research in Psychology. She also spoke about recent research on mindfulness and its possible benefits. The students were keen participators in her research project on this topic and she has promised to send us some feedback in the autumn.

Prize Giving:

Special separate year assemblies were held in the high school hall to celebrate the achievements of our pupils. Certificates and prizes were awarded for academic achievement and Midot.

Science:

Year 7 pupils took part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at Manchester University.

Year 12 students took part in the Young Analysts competition at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Some Lower School pupils took part in the 'Chemquiz 2014' at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Within school some Year 10 pupils have been taking part in the Royal Society of Chemistry Global Experiment to grow crystals with Miss Hirst.

Year 10 Superset made a periodic table of cupcakes with Miss Hirst, and thanks to Mrs Henshaw in the Food Technology Department.

Dr Hampson promoted the 'Man Lit and Phil Young Persons Section' lecture at the RNCM about 'Dark Matter'. Professor Dan Davis visited school to give a lecture to Year 12 and Year 10 Biologists entitled 'Watching Immune Cells Kill'. Year 12 Biologists visited Entwistle Woods and Crowden for part of their coursework. Mrs Dansey took Year 7 pupils to MOSI during activity week.

Taster Days – Year 5:

Pupils in Year 5 from all of our feeder schools joined us for a taste of High School life! A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all the pupils; especially at lunch time!

Taster Days – Sixth Form

After their GCSE exams, Year 11 pupils were able to sign up to a weeks' worth of Sixth Form taster sessions. With the guidance of Mrs Mulgrew, they were also able to do some work experience at a business of their choosing.

Thanks to Mr Walsh, pupils from Year 10 and 11 went to Oxford and visited Corpus Christi College.

Yavneh Boys:

On Yom Yerushalayim there was special davening followed by a festive breakfast and a short presentation. Rabbi Schwalbe took the Year 10 boys to Germany on the annual Jewish heritage tour. There they visited Frankfurt, the Rothschild Museum, the Old Ghetto Museum and the Freidburg Alligator Park. Rabbi P Cohen took boys from Year 11 on a heritage tour to Gateshead and Amsterdam where they visited Gateshead Yeshiva and Anne Frank's House amongst other places. Guest speakers this term included Rabbi Akiva Tatz, Rabbi Eisenberg, Rav Flaumenhaft and Rabbi Hanoch Teller. The guest speaker at the annual presentation morning was Rabbi Atlas. David BenArosh, a scribe, held an interactive and hands on masterclass on the laws and writing of Tephillin. There have been numerous visits to Sharei Torah Yeshiva where Year 7 and 8 boys are able to learn. During activity week, trips included Lazar Tag, Crocky Trail and Ingleton Falls.

Yavneh Girls:

Mrs Eden organised though GIFT for Years 7 and 8 to make sweet trees for children at The Friendship Circle. The girls also enjoyed summer camp this year in Gloucester. Year 10 girls went to the Lake District to 'Tree Top Trek', and enjoyed a Shabbaton with Sixth Form girls in the home of Mrs Hoffner. Mrs Hoffner also hosted a Batmitzvah Shabbaton and challa baking in her home. Streetwise held sessions for Years 7 to 9. The girls made coffee and chatted with the Israeli soldiers during their annual visit. Guest speakers included Rabbi Hanoch Teller.

Yom Ha'atzmaut:

Main School and Yavneh celebrated in true Israeli style with fun activities and special davening in Yavneh. There was also a special guest speaker from Israel, Mr Ari Abramowitz, who spoke to Yavneh Girls, Yavneh Boys and Year 10 pupils.

Other events include:

Photo competition - Check out the winning entries of the photo competition, the theme was 'Selfie': www.kdhs.org.uk/KDHSpix.html

We said goodbye and good luck to Chrissy Matzliach, School Health Advisor, who has taken up another position within the health service. We thank her for her 12 years of support and warmth she offered all pupils.

The Israeli disabled soldiers made their annual visit to the High School.

Assemblies:

Pupils are asked to contribute towards morning assemblies and this term there were assemblies in Spanish, Poetry, Ivrit, and French. There was also an assembly for Year 10 pupils on e-cigarettes.

Parents Guild:

Thanks go to all the committee members of the Parents Guild for all their hard work and dedication involved in raising funds for the campus. The Parents Guild continues to support the school and we appreciate all of their efforts. This term they have contributed towards repairs for the school minibus. Next term there will be a new Chairperson, Nadia Joseph, following the resignation of Debbie Kay. We thank Debbie for all her hard work and dedication and wish Nadia best of luck.

Guest Speakers:

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

UJIA Magic Moments

Gwyn Day, Oxbridge speaker

Rav M Flaumenhaft - Yom Hazikaron

Alex Epstein

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 also at lunchtime and during after school activities as well.

B N Levy
Headteacher
July 2014