

LJFS Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents

Can I firstly thank you for your support throughout this term, we are always trying to improve across all areas of our school and we appreciate your input and feedback through parent forums and parent voice, especially during our recent Pikuach Inspection.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you about the staffing at LJFS. As you are aware we have a contract with Rodillian Academy to supply some of the teaching staff this academic year. We currently have some subject staff employed by LJFS. These are English, Maths, Science, Geography, History and PE.

From September 2018 we are looking to employ all our own high quality members of staff to ensure stability and consistency with respect to Teaching and Learning across all subject areas. We have our own Drama teacher starting in January Mrs Sarah Haig who has a wealth of experience teaching both Drama and Music to GCSE level with some amazing results. We will be recruiting in the New Year and will update you with further details next term.

I hope you all have a fantastic break and a good rest and we look forward to your continued support throughout the rest of the year

Susy Jagger

Executive Headteacher

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I am delighted to present to you our autumn newsletter and with lots going on around LJFS. It has been a busy term and as we have now grown again and are proud to be able to say that we now have 5 year groups for the first time. We have a lovely atmosphere and I am proud we are embracing our ethos of **tzedek, mishpat, chessed ve-rachamim**. That is: integrity, respect, kindness and a sense of reverence or compassion toward the laws and rules of the school.

I would also like to share with you our guiding principles that are fundamental to our decision making; **Community, Resilience, Empowerment, Aspiration, Trust and Excellence (CREATE)**. They can be seen through the variety of excellent lessons and events throughout the term.

We have had a fantastic start to the year that has seen the transition of our wonderful new year 7s, our first groups passing their DofE expeditions and the warm and informative visit of Mark Regev, the Israeli Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

We are awaiting the final report on our Pikuach (Ofsted for faith schools) Inspection earlier this month and the details are officially embargoed until it is published, but the process was a thorough and constructive one which chimed closely with our own judgments. I am very grateful to the colleagues, students and parents who responded to questionnaires and who spoke to the Inspectors – the strong support for the values and achievements of LJFS was heart warming.

I wish you a restful holiday, Chag Sameach and best wishes for Christmas or any other festivals you might be celebrating and a prosperous new year.

Mr Dhaliwal

Deputy Headteacher

LJFS Achievers

Eitan in Year 7 has been selected for the Great Britain Trampoline Performance Squad. Good luck and well done!

YORKSHIRE YOUNG ACHIEVER'S AWARD

On Thursday November 23rd the Yorkshire Young achiever's award was celebrated in Leeds. The region's youngsters were awarded for their achievements across 8 categories from arts to sport. Our very own Evie was presented with Youngster of the Year for her tireless fundraising for Colitis



and Crohn's disease. LJFS are so very proud of you Evie and well done!

Student of the Month

November

Hannah (yr 7)

Evie (yr 8)

Danielle (yr 9)

Liat (yr 10)

Abigail (yr 11)



Our guiding principle of 'Resilience', and finding the inner strength and the ability to dig deep is a key quality that each of the 10 D of E Students displayed in abundance.

Sunday 8th Oct morning arrived; bright and early our bronze teams arrived at Garforth station, ready to leave at 08:30. Ahead of them lay a significant challenge which was to test their personal resolve and resilience. The boy and girls group to navigate to our camp at Wike. The groups had already been

challenged with heavy rain that cancelled the last expedition turning the paths to slippery mud and reducing the visibility significantly.

After 10 hours of walking, and better weather and a few false turns both groups made it to camp at dusk. Tired but in good spirits the intrepid students put up tents and in the dark cooked their evening meals and began to enjoy relaxing in each other's company for the evening.

The next morning was greeted with excellent weather and by 09:30 both groups, having packed up and prepared themselves for the day, set out on their final leg of their expedition. They walked navigating through fields, valleys, hilltops and bridleways. As the terrain became harder to navigate the boys added extra mileage to their route through simple errors. Navigation errors happened but together, in their teams, the students showed real determination in correcting themselves and pushing onwards towards the end.

At the end of a long 2 days again, the students had to find their inner strength to make it to the minibus in Wetherby and the last check point. All of the students had successfully completed their expedition and we, as a staff team, are immensely proud of each and every person. The determination and resolve displayed is a real credit to them all and they all showed a sense of achievement for a job well done.

'Dofe was an amazing experience. I have loved every bit including the expedition which was amazing! Our expedition was mentally and physically draining but also very funny to be around my friends. Dofe has given us the opportunity to go out with your friends and experience life outside in the wild'.

Ella Reynolds (Year 10)

Ambassador Regev

A huge thank you to ambassador Regev for visiting our campus and giving a delightful talk to both Brodetsky and LJFS. It was certainly interesting to hear about life on an international stage and all of our students will take his talk and use it for the future.



Thank you to the PTA

The **Friends of LJFS - Working Together For Our School Children**, organised a fund raising '**Bake Sale**', after school on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June 2017.

Thank you for all your efforts and continued support.

Attendance

It has been great to hear comments from students (especially from year 8) about being resilient and wanting 100% attendance.

- School's target is 97%
- School currently stands at 96% attendance

Notices

- All students must be in school promptly. Form time begins at 8.10am
- Please can parents remember to sign student planners before Monday morning to avoid students getting comments.
- Please use this opportunity to encourage and praise your child's achievements over the past week and also discuss any issues/negative comments. .

- Please can all parents check our uniform requirements (see the website <http://www.ljfs.org/admissions/uniform/>). Skirts must be knee length and loose fitting and boys must wear a school Kippah at all times

Year 9 visit to Leeds University

On Tuesday 12th December, I was fortunate enough to take a group of seven Year 9 students to Leeds University to take part in a "Discovering Geography" activity day. What pleased me most throughout the day was seeing how involved all of our students were and engaging well in all of the activities.

To their testament, the students asked pertinent and interesting questions and really showed off their natural understanding for the topics covered throughout the day; topics included understanding how to combat gridlock on the roads as well as developing an awareness of the problems of global warming.

It was a rewarding experience for the students and I know that the taste of University life they experienced has left with clear aspirations for their future.

The students were: Rozheen, Paneez, Evie, Hibba, Isaak, Karam and Louis

Year 11 and UCAS Progress

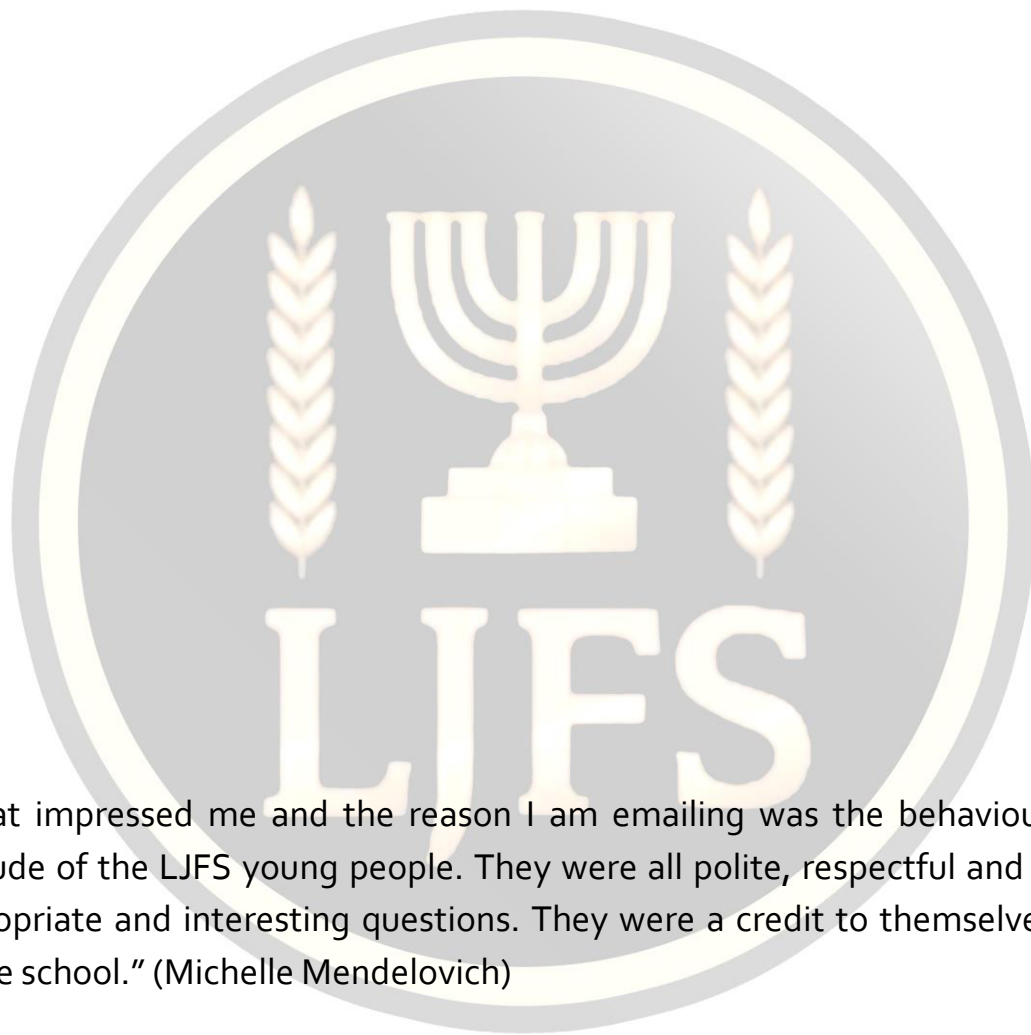
At the start of the academic term in September, all the Year 11 students were invited to begin considering their options post-16. As part of this process, the students have been enrolled onto UCAS Progress which is a website designed to help students make their applications at post-16 level. The students have spent time understanding the various options available to them and establishing what the most appropriate courses for them have been. This has involved considering whether following a BTEC programme of study or standard A Levels is more suitable as well as understanding the type of environment they would want to study in, for example at a 6th Form College or at a school with a 6th form. The students have had to write personal statements as part of the application process and these have helped to focus the students in identifying their true passions and interests. It has been a tough process for the students to cope with particularly at a time when revising for mock exam was also a priority but to their testament, the students have completed their applications on time and have commenced the formal application process.

I also wanted to make special mention to the students that have gone to visit post 16 colleges and 6th forms and include a quote from one of our Year 11

parents who kindly offered to take a small group of students to St. Aidan's in Harrogate.

January 3th

Spring term begins for all students. 8:10 am



"What impressed me and the reason I am emailing was the behaviour and attitude of the LJFS young people. They were all polite, respectful and asked appropriate and interesting questions. They were a credit to themselves and to the school." (Michelle Mendelovich)

Key Dates

W/C January 8th	Mock Results for year 11
January 11th	Parents Evening years 7 and 8
January 17th	Parents Evening years 10, 11
February 8th	Year 9 Parents evening and Options Consultation Evening 4:30 – 7pm
February 21st	Parent Forum - 6:00 – 7:00pm
March 12th - 19th	Year 11 Mock Exams (Hall)
February 27th	Options deadline - year 9



It all started on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd September when Jewish people around the world gathered in their local shuls to celebrate and collective atone for their sins as the Jewish New Year started. In LJFS we celebrated Rosh Hashanah with a special reflection assembly followed by the sweet treat of apple dipped in honey!

Following on from this was the festival of Yom Kippur when Jewish communities come together in their local shuls for communal prayers as

Hashem closes the gates to Heaven sealing our fates for the year ahead. Students in each year group focused on learning about different aspects of the Yom Kippur.

Then on Thursday 5th & Friday 6th October came the festival of Sukkoth. The festival when Jewish people put all their faith in Hashem as they leave the comfort of their warm dry homes and reside in impermanent structures called Sukkot (or a Sukkah - singular). During the intermediate days, known as Chol Ha'Moed, at LJFS students had the opportunity to experience one of their classes from within the Sukkah, eat food and to say the bracha (blessing) in the Sukkah and to shake the Lulav and Etrog, four special species of vegetation.

Throughout the festivities, with the assistance of the Leeds Kollel, we have also put on a couple of Lunch & Learn sessions. Lunch & Learn is when students enjoy eating a special £2 lunch while conversing about current Jewish topics such as the weekly Parasha, upcoming festivals or what they are eating for Friday Night Dinner!

We are now all looking forward to the next Jewish festival coming up in December, the colourful Chanukah!

Bad Weather Update

In the event of severe weather (i.e. snow) we would like to remind parents about our bad weather arrangements.

Decisions have to be made bearing in mind the needs of both students and most staff that travel from quite a distance away.

Early closure during the School Day

LJFS's priority is for the safety of its students. If weather reports confirm that transport is likely to be seriously affected, the decision to end school will be taken as soon as possible so that all students concerned can be told by 1.00 pm at the latest. Students will not be free to leave before these times other than in very exceptional circumstances.

When students are free to leave school they should go straight home, if possible, but if they need to wait for special transport they may wait at school until they can be collected. The schools will remain open until every student has been collected.

It is most important that parents/carers should - in their own interests - have contingency plans, making clear to their sons/ daughters what they must do in order to get home when they are released early from school in the event of bad weather.

Closure of the Schools before 8.15am

As a general principle we will not close the schools unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the need arises then a decision will be made as early as possible.

Equipment

Please ensure you have all of your equipment with you every day

Equipment checks will be done daily in the New Year and comments issued for missing equipment. 3 comments = a detention.

- Pens (black ball point pens for exams)
- Pencils

- Purple Pen
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil Sharpener
- Compass
- Protractor
- Scientific Calculator
- Glue Stick
- Board Pen
- Ear Phones
- Dictionary

All these **must** be in a pencil case (clear for exams).

You **MUST** bring your Ipad every day to school and it must have at least **50%** charge.

