

# THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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## The Grand Opening



On Tuesday, we celebrated the grand opening of our remarkable Wolfson Makerspace, where the Honourable Laura Wolfson-Townsley and Paul Ramsbottom from the Wolfson Foundation were invited to cut the ribbon. The students showcased the dynamic functionality of the space, demonstrating activities ranging from laser cutting to project critique and podcast production. We consider ourselves incredibly fortunate to possess such an exceptional facility that nurtures our students' passions and fosters their boundless creativity. The Wolfson Makerspace is a versatile learning environment comprising four distinct zones: a cutting-edge manufacturing space, a dedicated reflection zone, a collaborative area for teamwork, and an immersive media zone. Each zone is thoughtfully equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and tools, specifically designed to enhance and engage the learning experience. For a glimpse into the transformative potential of this space, we invite you to tune in to Daisy's captivating weekly podcast, "The Chatterboxes."

## New Colleagues & our Leavers

As we near the end of the year, it's time to say our goodbyes as some of our staff will be moving on. We are always very fortunate that these are never just goodbyes but see you soon! So we will be saying see you soon to Miss Laura who has been at Gesher since the very first day and who is moving back home to Switzerland to start her Art Therapy journey there. We wish Miss Yael good luck in her studies and Miss Natasha best wishes for her next step in her career. We would also like to wish Miss Nyasha and Miss Corina who have been cooking up a storm in the kitchen best of luck in their new roles. With this comes new members to the Gesher family who you will meet through the Meet The Team document which will be shared the first week back- so do look out for it! Following this we also wanted to share the exciting news that Miss Rowan had a happy and healthy little girl called Audrey, as you can imagine we are all very excited to meet the newest member to the Gesher family soon. And on that news we also would like to say a huge B'Sha'ah Tovah (All in good time) to Shoshie who will be welcoming her little one soon!



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## Kodesh Corner

This term, every class has been learning about Shabbat in their Kodesh lessons, its significance and the key rituals connected to it. With scaffolded learning for different classes and students to enhance their theoretical knowledge of this special day, the students are also learning practical skills through fun (and messy) tactile and olfactory activities like preparing a Shabbat table; squishing and straining grapes to make grape juice; making dough and plaiting it into challah; to the upcoming smelling different spices to make spice boxes (shhh, don't tell the students yet). This has been a great topic to end the year on and teach the students the importance of work, rest and family time just in time for the summer holidays.

## Therapy Corner

With the summer break coming up, what better time to start working on bike riding skills. Bike riding encompasses many gross motor skills, including balance, bilateral coordination, postural strength, lower limb strength and core strength. Before starting to ride two-wheeler bicycles we suggest practising riding tricycles and scooters, which help children to learn these essential skills. We recommend breaking down the task in a manner where you are helping your child learn to balance as a distinct skill separate from learning to pedal. Please see our website for some OT tips & tricks for supporting children to ride a bike at home: <https://gesherschool.com/learning-to-ride-a-bike-tips-tricks/>