

# THE GESHER GAZETTE

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The Bridge

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Look out for Gesher in the Rosh Hashana edition of the Jewish Chronicle linked [here](#)

## School Council Votes

We are thrilled to announce that our School Council is officially up and running, and this year promises to be better than ever! The Council will be led by three key roles: President, Vice President, and Secretary, along with a dedicated Class Representative from each class. These student leaders will play an active role in shaping the school community, sharing ideas, organising events, and making sure every voice is heard. Having a fully functioning School Council gives us a fantastic opportunity to empower students to take on leadership roles, build confidence, and contribute to decisions that affect the entire school. From exciting new initiatives to advocating for positive changes, the Council will represent the heartbeat of our school. We can't wait to see the incredible impact our Council members will make throughout the year! Be sure to keep an eye on the Gesher Gazette, where we'll be sharing biweekly updates in our new "Student Voice"



section. Here, you'll find news, stories, and ideas straight from the Council, keeping you informed about upcoming events, campaigns, and all the amazing

things our student leaders are working on. We're looking forward to a great year of collaboration, creativity, and great community-building! Stay tuned!



### Kodesh Corner

With Rosh Hashanah next Wednesday evening, it is wonderful to share some new resources that we hope will help support your child, and the whole family, to access the upcoming Chagim (Jewish festivals) in a more meaningful, interactive and enjoyable manner. These include: an overview with fun facts from Chief Rabbi Sack's z'l (in blessed memory), Social Stories,

Key Words mat, Cross-curricular activities and Enrichment activities. These resources can be found [here](#) and will be updated for each chag as they approach. We will also be handing each student our updated chagim resource booklet to bring home with them next week. We hope these resources enhance your families chagim and please be in touch with any feedback. Shabbat Shalom and Shana Tova U'Metukah - Wishing you a peaceful Shabbat and a Happy and Sweet New Year.

### Therapy Corner

October is a very busy month for our students and this change in routine comes not so long after a long break for summer. Lack of routine and change can cause anxiety for adults and neurotypical children, but is a particular struggle for children in our school. Mr. Bradley has made some Social Stories for each of the festivals, and you can find the link to these in Kodesh Corner. In addition, visual timetables/calendars can help, as well as speaking to your child about the changes; what is going to happen, and how you understand that this can be tricky for them. If you have any specific concerns about how you and your child will manage over this time, please do reach out to their class teacher or one of the Therapy team so we can support you. Wishing everyone an enjoyable time over the upcoming festivals.