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# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS







It has been an exciting few weeks at Gesher with students engaging excellently in the School Council election process. Students have taken the time to craft campaign posters and speeches that they confidently delivered to the whole school on the 5th of December. It was heartwarming to hear the students' passion for the school to continue ensuring success on all levels.

We are thrilled to announce that our President is Yitzi K and our Vice President is Olivia E! Our secretary is Ari F and Class Representatives are: Raina, Elior, Poppy H, Jonny, Leon, Aaron, DG, and Jack. Year 11 are not part of the school council this year but instead, have Michal as the Prom Organiser, with the support of Bea and Rafael! A big congratulations to everyone who campaigned - we are so proud! The council will be meeting before the Winter Holidays to come up with project ideas. We look forward to updating you on what we are up to!

### **Kodesh Corner**

Chanukah is starting on Sunday evening, and for the following 7 nights (8 in total) we have the wonderful family opportunity of lighting the chanukiah lights all together. Personally, I always find in the cold and dark days of winter, Chanukah, with the lights, songs, presents, and doughnuts/latkes brings tremendous warmth into the home; maybe not physically but definitely in a spiritual and familial sense.

One of the reasons for celebrating Chanukah is because the Greeks tried to stop us from doing our Jewish practices and learning and tried to destroy our connection to our Jewish identity. By lighting our Chanukah lights in a public place (normally on a windowsill towards the public domain), we are showing that not only did they not succeed, but it made our Jewish and family connection even stronger throughout the ages. May this Chanukah bring tremendous light and connection into your home during these dark and cold evenings. Shabbat Shalom and Chanukah Sameach.

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## Project News from Gefen & Rimon, Tamar & Chitah















Exhibitions at Gesher for the Autumn term have been going well so far. Gefen and Rimon class worked on a project which was all about identity and aspirations. They created books about their lives, filmed videos, and wrote letters to their future selves.

Tamar and Chitah classes learned all about what life was like for families and children during World War II for their project. They wrote and illustrated descriptions of good and evil characters. They even worked with technology like AI to depict characters and then created puppets based on those depictions. They practiced story writing and then told those stories using puppets.

We look forward to seeing exhibitions from our secondary classes next week!

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### **Conversation Corner**

The suggestions of Primary and Secondary conversation starters are for a guideline only, please do feel free to use both suggestions, whatever the age, if you so wish! Also if you have any great ideas for conversation starters please do send them in to Miss Victoria <a href="mailto:victoria.rutter@gesherschool.com">victoria.rutter@gesherschool.com</a>

**Primary**: What would you do if your toys came alive?

Secondary: What if you were king/queen of the world and could make one rule?

### **Announcements:**

#### **Call for Announcements:**



Parents and families, we would like to feature your family announcements and any notable student accomplishments here in the Gesher Gazette. Please email any births, celebrations, bar/bat mitzvahs, special awards, sports wins or other merits to Content Manager, Zahra Axinn

(zahra.axinn@gesherschool.com) and we will include in a future edition.

## **Staff News:**

#### **Hellos and Welcomes**

This term we have welcomed three new Teaching Assistants to the team, welcome on board to Mr Elias, Mr Jovan and Mr Noradeen.

Welcome also to Miss Vicky who is covering three days in the school office and is really enjoying getting to know everyone.

#### Goodbyes and See You Laters

We have a number of goodbyes at the end of this term:

Miss Katie is taking a term's sabbatical, travelling to see family in Australia, and also will be taking time to complete her Level 5 Dyslexia qualification. Miss Katie will be back in the Spring term. Thank you Miss Katie, good luck and enjoy the adventures!

Miss Eliana is leaving us for a move to Israel. Thank you Miss Eliana, best of luck with the move and Bon Voyage!

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We are saying goodbye to Miss Jemima who has supported Zayit and Seorah this term. Thank you Miss Jemima and good luck for the future.

Lastly we are saying goodbye to Miss Alex, who has been supporting the SENDCo team, she is leaving to take up a full-time position in another setting. Thank you Miss Alex and good luck in your new role.

#### **Baby News**

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that Miss Rowan has welcomed a baby girl, Cassie. Her big sister is absolutely delighted and is enjoying getting to know her new sibling. Both Mum and baby are doing very well, and we send our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the whole family!

## Parent Teacher Community (PTC):

### Message from the PTC:

If anyone is interested to get involved with the PTC, help with events or just would like to share ideas please email <a href="mailto:gesherptc@gmail.com">gesherptc@gmail.com</a>

We are delighted to share that the PTC has generously funded a much-needed upgrade to the sound system in the Hall. This enhancement will significantly improve the sound quality for all of our events—performances, festivals, assemblies, and of course the much-loved Gesher's Got Talent! This support helps ensure that every student's voice is heard clearly and every moment on stage can be enjoyed to the fullest. A huge thank you.

The work was carried out by <a href="https://www.sounddivision.com/">https://www.sounddivision.com/</a> who did a fantastic job and were a pleasure to work with.