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GESHER SCHOOL FETE 26



This year's summer fete was another incredible success, with the PTC raising £1,656 on the day. However, the success is always measured by how much fun the students had, and this year was no exception. It was wonderful to see so many families, staff, and friends coming together for the day, and the weather really outdid itself this year. New additions like the gaming tent were a hit, and Ritchie Rich provided fantastic entertainment that had everyone laughing. "Soak the Teacher" once again drew a big crowd, with some brave students joining in to cool off from the heat. As always, the food spread was utterly delicious, thanks to the wonderful support of our parents who contributed their time and efforts to bring so many tasty treats. We were also thrilled to showcase the artistic talents of Melanie and JJ, who had their works on display for everyone to enjoy. This year, we introduced a silent auction that kept many participants eagerly refreshing their screens to find out the final winners. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event so memorable, especially our wonderful PTC. We all look forward to next year!

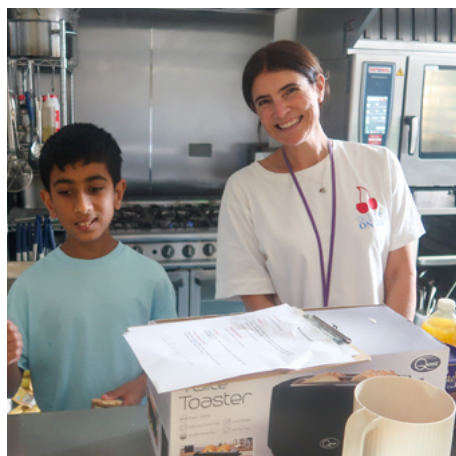
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Kodesh Corner



We were very excited to see some of the Geshher students up on stage for the first time at this year's Yoni Jesner Volunteering Awards where students from various schools were celebrated for their impressive volunteer hours. We had 5 students from KS3 who received awards for their volunteering including Max and Olivia each contributed 50 hours and Leon, Ari, and Melanie proudly completed 20 hours each. This year marked the first time that Geshher participated in the awards, opening up exciting long-term opportunities for students to engage in meaningful volunteer work. The evening also featured inspiring speeches from Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and Marsha Gladstone, mother of Yoni Jesner ztz"l, emphasising the positive impact of community service. We look forward to seeing even more students participate next year.

Year 7 Overnighter @ Geshher



How often can you say you've got the whole school all to yourself? Well our year 7s can tell you all about it! On Thursday, our year 7 class took part in our first ever Geshher School Sleepover! We focused on developing life skills and independence in our students but ultimately, our main priority was having as much fun as possible! From hide and seek and waterfights to pizza making and movie nights, it was an evening jam-packed with activities designed to get students excited about their burgeoning independence. Kiyana: "liked making pizza and having a sleep over" Batsheva: "It was incredible, I loved hide and seek in the school" Max: "I loved the water fight" Olivia "It was scary but I was ok in the end and had fun" Leon "It was very fun and also I loved being with my friends for longer and we had so many fun activities"

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Year 8 & 9 UK Activity Residential



Unforgettable, action-packed, and truly special—our residential trip to Marlow was an absolute triumph! For three incredible days, our students stepped outside their comfort zones, challenged themselves to try things they've never done before, and showed what can happen when we work together as a team. From the moment we arrived, the atmosphere was fantastic. Students conquered their fears on the high-climbing walls, cheered each other on during raft building, and demonstrated brilliant strategizing and communication during some intense laser tag battles. It wasn't just about the high-adrenaline activities, though; everyone mucked in behind the scenes, getting stuck into preparing mealtimes and tackling the washing up with great spirit! The absolute highlight of the trip came on our final evening. Gathered around the bonfire, the whole group came together to toast marshmallows, chill out, and sing under the stars. It was a beautiful, heartwarming moment that perfectly captured the camaraderie of the entire trip. Our students were fantastic: showing resilience, kindness, and boundless enthusiasm. We came back tired but with full hearts, and memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime. Well done to all the students!

Aaron: "I had a really good time on the residential. My favourite activity was the crate stacking, and I managed to get up to 12 crates! I liked the food, but I think it would have been even better with a few more options for lunch and dinner. I had so much fun that I wish the trip could have lasted until Thursday. Overall, it was a great experience, and I made lots of good memories"

Moishy: "I really enjoyed the residential. It was really good because it helped everyone with teamwork. We all got along, had lots of laughs, and made some great memories together. The teachers were really supportive and helped us throughout the trip, which made it even better"

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Year 10 & 11 Amsterdam Trip



The year 10 and 11's have had an experience of their Geshar lifetime by going to Amsterdam for 4 days and 3 nights. For some, it was their first time away from their parents. For all of them, it was their first time being away from their parents in a foreign country. Their experience included travelling on the Eurostar and trams throughout the city; going to a Diamond making factory, the Anne Frank's museum, a Canal cruise, 5D Cinema experience of the history and present day of Amsterdam, an Interactive Science Museum, and shopping in the centre of the city. The trip was a chance for them to experience a different culture, develop their independence and resilience, and improve their social and life skills. Below are some comments from the students about the trip.

"I haven't experienced anything like it and it was better than what I thought it would be and I am glad that I went"

"The high swings on the top of a 15 story building was very thrilling and amazing and I could see the whole city"

"It was very interesting seeing the interactive activities at the science museum and the culture around the city"

"Anne Frank's house was a great museum and it was really interesting to learn what she went through. I also enjoyed going on the canal boat and seeing the different parts of Amsterdam via water"

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ADVAIT'S ANGLE!

It's almost my birthday!

I'm turning 12 soon !!

I feel excited! I am going to wear a blazer when I go to the city on my birthday! I'm becoming an adult!

This week I will also do the overnighter! This will be the first time away from my parents and their first time away from me too! As I spend the night away at school! I am nervous, but at least there are adults on the trip.

Imagine a trip without adults. I will let you know how it goes and react to it in the next Advait Angle.

This is my next Explosion Rockstars Comic, Henry the Hetty.

EXPLOSION ROCKSTARS - HENRY THE HETTY



Conversation Corner

Primary:

What's your dream job?

Which book/tv show/game would you like to live in?

Secondary:

If you had £1 million to spend in a day, what would you buy?

What invention would make school easier?

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Parent Teacher Community (PTC)

Message from the PTC

New Members Welcome

In addition to fundraising, the PTC endeavours to bring together the Geshher parent community.

- We welcome new families with a small gift
- We reach out to any families who need support in times of need
- We put on an annual Quiz Night and a Summer Fete
- We welcome parents at in-school events by providing refreshments

If anyone is interested in getting involved with the PTC, help with events or just would like to share ideas please email gesherptc@gmail.com.

Family Support Worker

Parent Support Group

The next meeting will be held in the Autumn Term. Check back here for the date.

Family Support Worker - Survey

To help us shape this provision we would be very grateful if you could complete a short survey to help us understand which topics and session formats would be most useful for our families.

[Please complete the survey here.](#)

The survey will take just a few minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and support.

External Professional Support Services

Norwood

Norwood provides a range of early intervention groups and services and specialist help and advice to neurodiverse children and their families.

They provide a range of group and individual support to provide parents and grandparents with the skills and resilience to manage difficult circumstances and meet the needs of their children. They also have a range of groups and courses for families.

<https://norwood.org.uk/our-services/children-and-family-services/>