Dear Parents

**Re: Update on Year 9 Israel Trips**

I am writing to you briefly with regard to the ATOI and LEV trips preparation for which would ordinarily be well under way at this stage in Year 9. You will appreciate that due to the pandemic we have been unable to proceed.

However, taking an optimistic approach we would like to be ready and in a position to offer your children an Israel experience towards the end of the academic year should the Department of Education lift the restriction on residential trips. To that end, we are beginning to investigate the viability of both ATOI and LEV. At this stage I cannot promise exactly what each offer will be and whether they will indeed go ahead. However, I am aware that there have been a number of parental enquiries and therefore wanted to share this update with you.

The opportunity for students to participate in a trip to Israel is a highlight of the JFS School experience. I would therefore also like to take this opportunity, whilst writing to you, to remind you that students must meet high expectations of behaviour throughout the year if they are to have the privilege of participating should the trips proceed.

I do hope that we will be able to fulfil our ambitions and we will keep you updated. A strong Israel educational experience is a core value of JFS and these trips I know have a lasting impact on every participant.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Rachel Fink**

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