

Dear Parents/Carers

**YEAR 7 SHABBATON - FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021.**

I am delighted to invite your child to participate in a Shabbaton which will take place at the Grosvenor Hall in Kent. The programme will run from **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021** and I, together with my team, will lead the trip.

The Shabbaton is an opportunity for students to spend the weekend away with friends, whilst enjoying a unique Shabbat atmosphere. The weekend will include a range of fun group activities and is also a fantastic opportunity for students to cultivate new friendships.

There will be limited spaces available and student acceptances will be based on the order that applications are received, on a first-come, first-served basis. Residential visits are considered a privilege and we welcome students who demonstrate that they embody the school principles of responsible and thoughtful behaviour. Please note all student acceptances will be subject to the approval of the Year 7 team along with JFS senior staff. As with all JFS school visits, certain student expectations will be in place, including but not limited to, appropriate behaviour, following the set dress code, and respecting the Shabbaton environment regardless of personal religious observance. Failure to adhere to these expectations may, in extreme circumstances, result in premature dismissal from the trip at the parent's expense.

The details are as follows:

**Time and Place of Departure:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30 pm from JFS

**Time and Place of Dismissal:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30 pm from JFS

**Mode of Travel:** Coach (seat belts are a statutory requirement for coaches and minibuses).

**Dress:** Uniform on day of departure, casual clothes on site and return. Smart clothes for Shabbat.

**Food:** Students will need to bring a kosher packed lunch on Friday. They will have time to eat lunch before departure. All other food will be provided.

It goes without saying that the highest standards of dress and behaviour will be expected from each student in accordance with the JFS school regulations. This will be distributed upon acceptance.

The Shabbaton will cost £160 per student, however, we will be requesting a contribution of **£100** to help cover the costs. For parents that wish to contribute the full amount of £160, there will be the option available on ParentPay to do so once your child's place has been confirmed. Please note that, while the school always strives to keep the cost of visits to a minimum, certain costs are unavoidable. The school has some limited funds which are used to subsidise some visits in order to make the cost more reasonable for parents. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Collis at [collis@jfs.brent.sch.uk](mailto:collis@jfs.brent.sch.uk)

If your child would like to go on this visit, please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the online form no later than **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. The form contains a section where you can indicate which payment option you would like to choose. Once the place has been confirmed, a ParentPay link will become available.

The Governors wish to make it clear that, in line with the School's Charging Policy, no student will be omitted from this activity if his/her parents are to help meet the costs of the visit. If, however, the school does not receive the support of parents, this visit may not take place due to insufficient funds.

Please do feel free to be in contact with me directly with any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Deni Jacob**  
**Acting Head of Jewish Informal Education**