



# JFS School Information

## INTRODUCTION

The JFS School is a co-educational inclusive, modern, Orthodox Jewish secondary school for students aged from 11 to 18 situated in northwest London. It is the largest Jewish School in Europe and was established in 1732. The School strives to produce well-educated, faithful and proud Jews who will be responsible and contributing members of society. It produces outstanding annual public examination results, with the School consistently placed in the top five schools in the country outside the independent sector. Information about the school may be found on its website: <http://www.jfs.brent.sch.uk>.

JFS has a scale and depth of facilities that enables students to specialise in a wide range of curriculum options. Students are able to flourish academically and all staff are subject specialists. The pastoral care structure ensures that time can be taken to nurture every child's individual ability and talent. The School prides itself in offering a programme, which enables every child to reach their full potential.

Having relocated to a purpose-built Kenton Campus in 2002, the School serves over 2000 students from across London and Hertfordshire. The outlook and practice of the School is Orthodox Judaism. The School comes under the religious authority of the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth and our Foundation body is the United Synagogue. Our students come from diverse Jewish backgrounds, with varying levels of knowledge, experience and practice. This diversity is our strength, with a broad spectrum of youth developing Jewish values together. The overwhelming majority of students and around 40% of staff identify as Jewish.

## SCHOOL ETHOS

Our school motto is 'Orah Viykar' a Hebrew phrase meaning 'Light and Honour'.

Through their Jewish and secular experience JFS students are educated towards bringing light and honour to themselves, their families, their school, their community, their society and to mankind.

This is achieved through their learning, their speech, their conduct and the way in which students are encouraged to contribute to the world around them.

At JFS we believe that an ethos of responsibility and giving will be the platform upon which to achieve wellbeing, success and happiness in this world.

## IDEALS

Our ideals for all our students are for them to be:

- dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and excellence
- independent learners, willing to question and engage in thoughtful debate
- aspirational, with a desire to achieve beyond expectations
- proficient and active in Jewish practice and skilled in the study of Torah and traditional Jewish texts
- proud and involved in Jewish culture, history, identity and community
- committed to the State of Israel and learn Hebrew as part of Jewish heritage
- responsible and care for all humankind as loyal citizens of the United Kingdom.