KSHS NEWSLETTER

Shacharit group with Rabbi Sufrin and Brian Mitchell, pictured in the Wohl IJPS Sukkah

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting fortnight at King Solomon High School, with our students taking part in a wide range of activities, festivals, sporting fixtures, rehearsals and opportunities to celebrate their achievements.

We began at the beginning of the fortnight with our celebrations of Sukkot. A small group of volunteers had the wonderful opportunity to visit Aztec House, run by JBD – Jewish Blind & Disabled, where they worked alongside residents and staff to decorate the sukkah in preparation for the festival. It was a fantastic mitzvah and a lovely example of our students giving their time to support others within our wider community.

Our Sukkot celebrations continued this week, and we were incredibly fortunate to be able to use the sukkah at Wohl Ilford Jewish Primary School. We are extremely grateful to Wohl IJPS for welcoming our students and providing them with the opportunity to learn more about the traditions and meaning of Sukkot, including shaking the lulav and etrog and spending time together in the sukkah.

There has been plenty happening beyond our festival celebrations too. Our students have been busy representing the school in sporting fixtures, with both our Year 9 and Year 11 boys' football teams taking on

Ilford County High School. We are delighted to celebrate a 3–1 victory for Year 9 and a hard-fought 1–1 draw for Year 11.

We are also delighted to celebrate the achievements of our students in the Performing Arts, with some fantastic results from the recent LAMDA examinations. In addition, rehearsals are now underway for our upcoming production of Disney's *Newsies Jr.*, following a fantastic round of auditions. We look forward to seeing the cast bring this exciting production to life.

As well as celebrating our LAMDA students, we would also like to congratulate those students who have achieved the highest number of reward points over the past fortnight, as well as those who currently have the highest cumulative totals within their year groups. Their consistent hard work, positive attitude and commitment to our school values are truly commendable. Keep up the good work!

A reminder that Tuesday 6th October is our Open Evening. All students will have an early finish at 12.30pm on this day. Open Evening will take place from 5.00pm to 7.30pm, and students who are involved in the evening will need to return to school and be back on site by 4.30pm. Please also note that there will be a late start of 10.00am for all students on Wednesday 7th October.

As always, we hope you enjoy reading about some of the many activities, achievements and opportunities that have taken place across our school community over the past two weeks.

Top Achievers - Reward Points

Congratulations to the students who achieved the highest number of reward points over the last two weeks, and to those who currently hold the highest cumulative total of reward points in each year group. Their consistent hard work, positive attitude, and dedication to both academics and school values have been recognised by staff.

The students who achieved the most reward points over the past two weeks are:

Student	Form
Diya Sood	11Z
Erik Popescu	11Z
Naitik Makwana	11Z

The students with the highest reward points in each year group are:

Student	Form
Nur Arsalan	7G
David Lisnic	8P
Alexandra Ciolacu	9P
Esther Da Costa	10K
Diya Sood	11Z

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Sukkot

This year, Sukkot was celebrated from 25th September and comes to an end this evening, 2nd October.

Sukkot is a week-long Jewish festival that begins five days after Yom Kippur. It celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the protection G-d provided for the Israelites as they journeyed from Egypt.

During Sukkot, Jewish families and communities celebrate by spending time in a temporary, foliage-covered shelter known as a sukkah. Another important tradition is the taking of the "Four Kinds" (arba minim) - four special species of plants that are brought together as part of the festival's celebrations.

As part of this year's celebrations, our students have been involved in a range of activities, providing opportunities to learn more about the festival, experience its traditions and share the joy of Sukkot with our wider community.

Decorating for Sukkot at Aztec House

On Wednesday 23rd September, five students, accompanied by Mrs Spurling and Ms Shepherd, visited Aztec House, run by JBD – Jewish Blind & Disabled, a supported living home for Jewish adults with physical disabilities or vision impairments.

The students volunteered their time to help decorate the home's sukkah in preparation for the festival. Working alongside residents and staff at Aztec House, they did a phenomenal job decorating the sukkah's rafters with artificial plants and fruit, as well as photographs and colourful bunting. They even had a little help from Ruby the dog, who was on hand to supervise the decorating!

The finished sukkah looked wonderful, and the residents were hugely grateful for the students' time and contribution. It was a wonderful mitzvah and a fantastic example of our students giving their time to support others in the community.

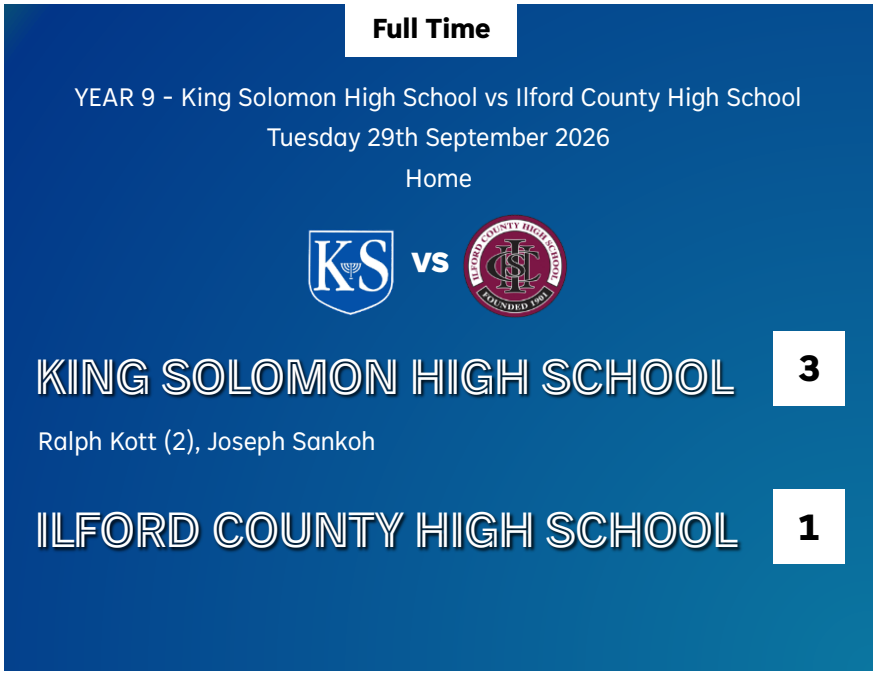
Celebrating Sukkot at Wohl IJPS

Throughout the week, several groups of students also had the opportunity to visit the sukkah at Wohl Ilford Jewish Primary School, where they heard more about the story and traditions of Sukkot from Mr Walmer, Rabbi Sufrin and Brian Mitchell. Students also got to experience one of the festival's central traditions by shaking the lulav and etrog, bringing the Four Kinds together as part of the celebrations. Some students were also able to share food together in the sukkah, experiencing the sense of community and togetherness that is such an important part of the festival.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the traditions of Sukkot, learn more about its meaning and take part in meaningful mitzvot, while celebrating the values of community, gratitude and togetherness.

Sports Bulletin

Year 9 Boys Football Team vs Ilford County High School



Match Report

King Solomon High School secured an impressive 3-1 victory over Ilford County in an entertaining and competitive encounter.

The game began cautiously, with both sides battling for control and creating chances at either end. King Solomon broke the deadlock following a dangerous attack into the penalty area. After a scramble involving several deflections, the ball looped into the air, allowing **Ralph Kott** to produce a moment of brilliance with a bicycle kick that flew into the net.

Ilford County responded positively and began to grow into the game. Their striker broke through the King Solomon defence and raced clear before calmly finishing to bring the score level at 1-1.

The match continued at a high tempo, with both teams attacking down the wings and delivering dangerous crosses into the box. King Solomon regained the lead when a cross struck the hand of an Ilford County defender, resulting in a penalty. **Ralph Kott** stepped up and confidently fired the ball down the middle to make it 2-1, completing his brace.

With the lead restored, King Solomon pushed for a third goal, although persistent fouls disrupted their rhythm. The decisive moment came when **Joseph Sankoh** stepped up to take a free kick from around 30 yards out. He struck the ball superbly into the top corner, leaving the goalkeeper with no chance and sealing the 3-1 victory.

It was an excellent team performance, highlighted by three memorable goals, as King Solomon High School earned a well-deserved win.

Year 11 Boys Football Team vs Ilford County High School

Match Report

The Year 11 team put in a strong and committed performance, showing plenty of determination and character to earn a well-deserved point. Several players stood out with excellent individual performances, while the team as a whole worked hard from start to finish.

Joris Misevicius and **Jacob Speakman** formed a strong partnership at centre back, working well together and making important challenges to keep the team organised and disciplined. **Yonatan Saltman** at right back and **Luca Nathan** at left back also put in assured performances, defending well while providing support when the team moved forward. Both showed excellent positioning and worked tirelessly throughout the game.

In midfield, **Aaron Blitz** worked hard to link the defence and attack, while **Adeane Paul** provided excellent protection in the defensive midfield role. **Morgan Fiszzon** and **Aariz Khan** showed good energy and movement, helping the team maintain possession and create opportunities.

On the wings, **Zack Mumba** and **Charlie Levy** provided pace and width, giving the team important attacking outlets and stretching the opposition defence.

A special mention must go to the Year 10 students who stepped up to join the Year 11 squad. Their willingness to take on the challenge was excellent, and they showed that they could compete at the higher age group. **Keano Iyeli** deserves particular praise for an outstanding performance. He worked tirelessly throughout the game and showed great composure and determination, scoring the second-half goal that earned the team a well-deserved point. His contribution was a real highlight of the match.

Overall, it was a positive and encouraging team performance, with everyone showing effort, discipline and determination throughout the game. The result gives the team a valuable point and plenty of positives to build on as they look ahead to their remaining matches.

Performing Arts

LAMDA Examination Success

This week, students who participated in LAMDA tuition received their official examination results from their exams in June.

We are delighted to celebrate some fantastic achievements. **Leah Kaye** obtained her Level 6 Acting Qualification with Distinction, as well as her Bronze Medal. **Sofia Awan** received a Distinction in her Grade 1 Acting examination, while **Summar Roopra** achieved a Merit in Grade 4 Acting. **Anna-Victoria Amoafo-Sennie** also achieved a fantastic Distinction in her Grade 3 Acting.

In Speaking in Public, **Elizaveta Tsvetkova** achieved a Distinction in Grade 1, while **Radu Merlusca** received a Merit in Grade 3.

Congratulations to all our students who have worked so hard to achieve these wonderful results. We are extremely proud of you and your fantastic achievements!

Left: Leah Kaye is presented with her LAMDA qualification by Mr Coates.

Below (from left to right): Elizaveta Tsvetkova, Anna-Victoria Amoafo-Sennie and Radu Merlusca proudly display their LAMDA qualification certificates.

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT – NEWSIES CAST ANNOUNCEMENT!

After a fantastic round of auditions, we are delighted to announce the cast for our school production of Disney's Newsies Jr.

During the auditions, the talent was undeniable, making the job of selecting our cast incredibly difficult. But the wait is finally over – the cast members for the show are revealed on the graphic below!

Rehearsals are now underway, with all cast members ready to Seize the Day and make this a performance to remember.

Congratulations to everyone who auditioned, and a huge well done to all those who have been awarded a part. Your hard work, enthusiasm and talent really shone through!

There are still plenty of ways for you to get involved. If you would like to be part of the production, please speak to Mr Coates or Miss Daniel in Performing Arts.