



23rd July 2015

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to introduce myself to you - albeit virtually - and I looking forward to meeting you and your children in person over the coming months.

I am writing now to update you on our leadership opportunity for post Bar or Bat Mitzvah students and to invite your child to formally take the next exciting step on their Jewish journey by joining our **NLS Teen *Scholarship Programme***.

**This programme is their window into becoming a *Teaching Assistant* at NLS' Cheder and combines hands-on teaching experience with an exciting and newly developed training provision. Open to all children who have had their Bar or Bat mitzvah ceremony and who are in school years 9 or above**, it is a rewarding and worthwhile way of volunteering time to our community and to experience personal growth. It is also a fantastic leadership experience they can add to their CV, UCAS forms and volunteering reward schemes.

#### **THE EXPERIENCE**

- A fun, challenging and unique training programme
- Sessions delivered by David-Yehuda Stern, Rabbi Jeremy, Cantor Jason and relevant guest educators
- Trainings sessions run in partnership with Noam - The Youth Wing of the Masorti Movement
- Skills development across a wide range of leadership skills including; public speaking, session planning and delivery, welfare, *dugma ishit* (leading by personal example) and teamwork
- A great opportunity to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships
- On-going support and mentoring from NLS professional staff for the duration of the programme as well as guidance on leadership opportunities post graduation
- Hands on experience working with children an opportunity to become a role model for our NLS children. A chance to deepen knowledge and understanding of Judaism
- A small, monthly stipend to support their regular commitment to working at Cheder each Sunday
- A 'graduation stipend' paid upon successful completion of the **NLS Teen Scholarship Programme**

## EXPECTATIONS

- A commitment to the role of teaching assistant at our cheder on Sundays during term time until they have completed the **NLS Teen Scholarship Programme**. (This will usually take place at the end of Year 10).
  - We expect no less than 90% attendance from your children Sunday sessions across all three terms per year.
  - To attend all 15 training sessions (these will be spread over the two years of the programme and will take place in either the autumn or spring term).

Students who complete both the year 9 and 10 courses will be able to lead on all NLS youth events and will be in a strong position to undertake senior leadership roles in the community. Graduates will also be well placed to join Noam as a *madrich* or *madricha* on their camps.

### How to sign up

To apply, please ask your child to email [youth@newlondon.org.uk](mailto:youth@newlondon.org.uk) with their full name along with 250 words on 'What Being a Jewish Leader Means to Me'. **Applications must be submitted by 31st August 2015 as the programme begins on September 6th 2015 at the first staff day.**

I am available to answer any questions relating to the scholarship programme and you can reach me on either [youth@newlondon.org.uk](mailto:youth@newlondon.org.uk) or by friending and messaging 'NLS Synagogue-Youth' on Facebook.

Best regards,  
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