



Message from the Headteacher

As you know, we have just had our first Ofsted inspection and our first Jewish Studies Pikuach inspection. I am very pleased to say that the five inspectors who came along were deeply impressed with the school and its pupils, as you will see for yourself when you read the reports that they will provide soon after half term. Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete and return the two questionnaires; your views played an important part in the evidence-gathering exercise undertaken by the inspection teams.

Attached to this newsletter is a consent form for the biometric readings that we need for the operation of our new cashless catering system from September. The readings will be taken during the school day, on 10 July. Each reading only takes a few seconds, requiring the child's fingertip to be placed on a pad.

I am pleased to inform you that the pre-construction programme for the final phase of building works is going well. The contractors will move on site at the end of next month. The construction of the new teaching block, the refurbishment of the old Hillside School buildings and the installation of new hard courts will then get underway.

The official opening of the school takes place on Friday 20 June, in the presence of The Rt. Hon. Ed Balls MP, Secretary of State for Children, Schools & Families and the Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks. We look forward to welcoming parents and other guests on this special day.

Summer Holiday Cycle Courses

The Road Safety Unit will be running cycle training courses during the school summer holidays. The courses consist of both on and off road training and are designed for children who are ten years of age or over by 31 August 2008.

The cost of the course is £40.00 and there are half price concessions for those in receipt of benefits. There are limited places and bookings are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bookings can be made on line at www.hertsdirect.org and follow the on line services link. Alternatively booking forms can be obtained from the Road Safety Unit on 01992 556800.

MAY MATHS PUZZLES

Who carries the rocks?



April, Rosa and Carrie who are sisters went on a hike. They found four rocks that they wanted to bring home to add to their collection. Each girl had a backpack to carry the rocks. In how many different ways can the three sisters take home four rocks in their backpacks?

Tournament time

One hundred and twenty-eight basketball teams enter a tournament. If a team loses one game, it is out of the tournament. If a team wins, it moves on to the next round and continues to play until it loses a game. Extra-time will be played so no game will end in a tie. How many games must be played in this tournament?



SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

If parents have items of good-quality used uniform (including PE kit) that your children have grown out of, the school would very much welcome these to be donated to the school's stock of second-hand uniform.

The School Office

A Deserving Award

Mrs. Shiradski

Year 8 pupil Charlotte Pearlman entered the Microbiology in Schools Advisory Committee Competition (MiSAC) 2008, a nationwide competition for children aged 11 - 16.

The judges looked for eye-catching factfiles that showed scientific accuracy, elements of originality and highlighted the role that fungi play in the production of medicines in the treatment of disease.

Charlotte received a certificate from MiSAC to acknowledge her commitment and achievement shown in her entry.

Her A4 factfile was displayed in the Yavneh College Science Museum during National Science and Engineering Week.

Congratulations to Charlotte on her hard work!

Important dates for your diary!

Closed for Half Term	Mon 26 May to Fri 30 May inclusive
Closed for Shavuot	Mon 9 June & Tue 10 June
School starts at 09.30 Yavneh College	Wed 11 June
Official Opening	Fri 20 June
School exams Yr 7 & 8	Mon 30 June to Wed 2 July inclusive
Work shadowing Yr 8	Tue 8 July
French trip Yr 7	Thurs 17 July
Summer Term Ends	Fri 25 July

**Please note that for the school year 2008/2009,
Winter Fridays (school end 1.15pm) will commence on
24 October 2008 and will finish on 20 March 2009**

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We consult on our school rules each year. They are reproduced below.
If you have any comments about these rules, please write to the school office or
email at admin@yavnehcollege.herts.sch.uk

SCHOOL RULES

Yavneh College pupils are expected to behave in a manner that demonstrates a respect for each other, for adults, for the school site and for the religious ethos of the school. We therefore expect our pupils:

- to act and speak politely**
- to be helpful and considerate at all times**
- to allow teaching and learning to proceed without disruption**
- to respect the school's regulations for uniform and general appearance**
- to behave in a manner that does not put themselves or others at risk of harm**
- not to drop litter or deliberately damage property**
- not to bring any food or drink into school, other than fresh fruit and vegetables. N.B. Sixth formers may bring in food bearing a Rabbinical supervision label or included in the 'The Really Jewish Food Guide' as amended from time to time - a copy of this guide is available on request from the Kashrut Hotline tel. 020 8343 6333 – for personal consumption in the sixth form common room.**

If an individual fails to meet these expectations, an appropriate sanction will be issued. We make no apology for this; our pupils are entitled to be safe at school, to feel that they are members of the school community and to be able to focus on academic achievement in their lessons.

Sanctions may include: detentions; putting the pupil On Report; calling in parents; issuing a punitive essay; issuing a service duty such as clearing up lunch tables or litter; isolating the pupil from their peers at breaks; excluding the pupil from certain lessons; issuing a fine; banning the pupil from a school trip or from representing the school; requiring the pupil to attend school on a Staff Day; requiring the pupil to attend the Headteacher's Exclusion Surgery; issuing an exclusion. The senior leadership team has discretion to issue any other reasonable sanctions.

Certain breaches of our expectations will result in specific sanctions:

mobile phones, electronic games and music players must not be switched on during the school day. If this rule is broken, the item will be confiscated and retained in the school office for the rest of that day. If this rule is broken for a second time, the item will be confiscated for 5 school days. If this rule is broken thereafter, the item will be confiscated for 20 school days.

pupils are expected to keep the site tidy e.g. putting litter in bins, observing the ban on chewing gum, using the storage areas provided for property (lockers, coat hooks, corridor bag racks when using the dining hall at break and lunchtime). If this rule is broken, the pupil will be assigned clearing up duties at lunchtime or - in cases involving chewing gum - may instead be required to clean off gum around the school site.

wearing of jewellery is not allowed. If this rule is broken, the item will be confiscated and retained in the school office. It can be collected from the school office at Friday morning break of the following week.

trainers may not be worn (except for PE, playing outdoor games at breaks or if required by the pupil's doctor). If this rule is broken, the trainers will be confiscated and the pupil will be issued with plimsolls to wear. The trainers will be returned when the pupil comes to school wearing school shoes.

pupils are expected to comply with staff instructions without delay or argument. Pupils must never swear at a member of staff. If either of these rules is broken, the pupil will be placed in isolation for a day i.e. the pupil will spend the day away from their peers, completing set work.

pupils must not enter areas designated 'out-of-bounds', including areas where building work is underway. If this rule is broken, the Headteacher will issue a fixed-term exclusion.

smoking is illegal on the school site and is forbidden in its vicinity. A pupil smoking or in the company of smokers or in possession of materials for smoking will be issued with a fixed-term exclusion.

School rules and sanctions are reviewed on a regular basis.
Any changes will be notified to pupils and parents.