



Message from the Headteacher

Rehearsals are now well underway for *Les Misérables*. Being a very ambitious production for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils to undertake, the cast is having to work hard in order to be ready for the performances scheduled for early April. We are most grateful to Miss Landsman and Mrs Saunders for giving up so much of their own time after school to ensure that the acting and singing will once again reach the exceptional standard of last year's production of *My Fair Lady*.

Our first Sixth Form Open Evening on 27 November was a resounding success, with a hall full of prospective students and parents who came along to learn about the courses on offer, the informal and formal Jewish education programme for sixth formers, extra-curricular activities and sixth form facilities. The feedback from those who came along was very positive and we have already received our first applications.

We are very pleased to inform you that Yavneh College has been awarded the SportsMark, in recognition of our commitment to physical education and fitness. The first of many kite marks, we hope!

The Chanukah concert again promises to be great fun. Our principle for this enjoyable event is to encourage pupils of all musical abilities to join in, to experience the joy of playing and singing together and to develop their confidence in performing in public. We hope that all parents will come along - and singalong - on 10 and 11 December.

Term dates for 2008/09 have been finalised and are reproduced in this newsletter. Please note them in your diaries for future reference.

The school's behaviour policy is attached for your information. As part of our regular cycle of policy reviews, we would welcome any written comments about this policy from parents and pupils. Please send your letters to the school office.

Thank you.

Science Department BA Crest Bronze Awards



Earlier this term on 14 September 2007, eleven Year 8 pupils were awarded the prestigious BA Crest Bronze Award. This was as a result of their research into 'What conditions are most favourable for seed germination' and culminated in their presentations in July 2007 to an audience of fellow pupils, parents, grandparents, Mrs Shiradski and Dr Coleman.

The following pupils were awarded the BA Crest Bronze Award:

Charlotte Pearlman,
Nirvana Mitchell,
David Shaw, Jack Stern,
Joel Huberman,
Yoel Kamara, Ben Israel,
Ben Hilsenrath,
Rosie Stain, Anna Gray,
Charlotte Sint



All are to be congratulated and Charlotte Pearlman in particular is to be commended for her excellent research and engaging presentation.

In view of the high standard of some of the work and presentations, Sue Allenby from Setpoint Hertfordshire will be taking a sample of our pupils' work to the National Conference for BA Crest Awards where the pupils' portfolios and presentations will be examined by representatives from Setpoint from around the UK.

Mrs. Shiradski

Jewish males entering the school are respectfully requested to wear a Kipah. Kippot can be borrowed from Reception.

Parents and visitors are asked to respect the school's religious ethos in matters pertaining to school life. When Yavneh College pupils are invited to celebrations, parents are encouraged to ensure that the laws of *kashrut*, *Shabbat* and the festivals are maintained for them.

Text Messaging Test



We have set up a text messaging service to contact parents in emergencies, (such as closure of Yavneh College due to heavy snow). We will be testing the system on Monday 10th December, and would be grateful if you would let us know on Tuesday 11th December if you did receive a text message from us. We will be using the 'first priority' mobile number as listed on the Data Collection Forms, completed when your child started at Yavneh College.

School Meals

The invoice for school meals in respect of the Spring Term 2008 is attached. Your son/daughter should have already received a menu choice sheet for next term - if this has not yet been completed, could you ensure that this is now returned to the school office as a matter of urgency.

NOVEMBER MATHS PUZZLES

A very fast growing sunflower grows to a height of 12 feet in 12 weeks by doubling its height every week. If you only want your sunflower to be 6 feet tall, after how many weeks should it stop growing?



Find the smallest possible number that leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by 2, 3, 4 or 6, but which can be divided by 5 exactly.

Find the smallest possible number that leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, but which can be divided by 7 exactly.



In recent weeks we have become concerned to note that some Year 8 pupils are not eating a full lunch, in a misguided belief that they are overweight and need to shed some pounds. Mrs Spelman will be contacting the parents of those concerned, so that you can support us in tackling this important issue.

Rehearsals

Due to the large volume of correspondence we have received, we are no longer able to deal with personal letters or telephone calls from parents regarding rehearsals, although we will be happy to acknowledge any short notes explaining absence from rehearsals which are written in study diaries.

The rehearsal schedule is posted in the library at least a week in advance of the given rehearsal and it is the child's responsibility to check the noticeboard in the LRC.

Mrs Saunders and Miss Landsman

The Science Department would like to request that if you have any washed out, clean plastic ice cream tubs with lids, if your child could bring these into school, it would be very much appreciated!

Would you like to work at Yavneh College?

We require a full-time catering assistant (10am to 3pm daily), term-time only to assist with our morning tuck shop and lunchtime meal service.

If you would like any further details, please contact the school office.

Work Shadowing

As part of our commitment to Business and Enterprise, on 8th July 2008 all pupils will be given the opportunity to experience life in the workplace and 'shadow' a person who is in a role to which they may aspire.

We will be looking for parents to identify people willing to participate in this scheme. Look out for more information coming soon about how to let us know about any volunteers.

Project Darfur

As a result of the highly successful Project Darfur enrichment programme, Nicki Leverton from Aegis visited the school as a guest speaker at a whole-school assembly to speak to Year 7 and Year 8 about the project.

It was a tremendously thought-provoking assembly and raised much interest from the pupils who took the opportunity to ask her questions.

The QCA has asked that Project Darfur be placed on their website as an example of good practice for other schools.

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Premier Coaching are pleased to announce a Performing Arts taster camp to include Dance and Drama at Yavneh College in February Half-Term 12th - 14th, three days at £75, limited places available, call the above numbers.

Should parents ever have any concerns about security in the vicinity of the school, Please contact the CST on

020 8457 9999

New Simcha Venue at Yavneh College

Superb dining and dancing facilities in convenient location available from October 2007

For full details please contact Mrs I Arbisman, Yavneh College, Hillside Avenue, Borehamwood, Herts WD6 1HL. 020 8736 5580
admin@yavnehcollege.herts.sch.uk



Sports Hall and Dance Studio available for hire

Long-term contracts or one-off hire. Superb facilities available for:
Badminton, Basketball
Table Tennis, Volley Ball
Dance, Pilates
Indoor Football

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SCHEDULE FOR PE CLUBS AND FIXTURES FOR REMAINDER OF THIS TERM

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesdays	Wednesday	Thursday
3 rd December	Girls' football club Yr 8 Rugby Match	Fencing Club Yr 7 Rugby Match	Girls' basketball Club	Girls' basketball fixture (home) Boys' Basketball club
10 th December	Boys' Rugby Club in sports hall	Chanukah Fair in sports hall no fixtures, no clubs	Girls' basketball match	Girls' Rugby Tournament Tabards Boys' Basketball Club
17 th December	Boys' Rugby Club in sports hall	Cheer Leading taster session Yr 7 Boys' 5 a-side football tournament	Yr 7 Rugby Match Girls' basketball	Boys' basketball club

Cheerleading Taster Session

Tuesday 18th December

Amy Pike, Head Coach of Hert-stoppers Cheerleading Club is coming in to provide a taster session for girls. Participation in this activity will not involve wearing skimpy costumes. The session will cost £2. Please let Ms Smith know if your child is interested in attending.

Girls' Year 7 & 8 Basketball Club



**after school
4.00-5.00pm
All pupils welcome**

Ms.Smith

Boys' Year 7 & 8 Basketball Club



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4.00—5.00pm
All pupils welcome**

Ms.Smith

A reminder that pupils have been asked not to use spray deodorants in the changing rooms in the sports hall or elsewhere in the school.

Please use the other forms available; roll-on or stick deodorants.

Fencing Club For any pupil who has completed the Introduction to Fencing Course

The first session starts on Tuesday 8th January 4-5.30pm and will run for 5 weeks (half term).

Please collect a letter from the office and return the consent form with monies to reserve your place. The course costs £20.00.

If you are interested in completing an **introduction to fencing course** which is the pre-requisite of joining our fencing club you should register your interest at the school office and when we have sufficient numbers a beginners course will be arranged.



Labelling PE Kits

As with all school uniform items, please ensure that your child's PE kit is labelled and the correct kit is brought home. If the wrong kit is brought home, please return it to the PE Office or School Office. It is every child's responsibility to look after their own school uniform and PE kit!!

Please note that any un-named school uniform items and PE Kit will be disposed of at the end of this term. If your child believes they have lost an un-named item, please ask them to check in lost property.

Thank you.

Hertswood Match

Hertswood vs Yavneh College was to be the first Borehamwod derby between the two schools. The highly anticipated friendly match did not disappoint. Our domination in the first half lead to Harry Moss slotting the ball past the keeper from a Jamie Nagioff cross. We continued to control the game for the rest of the half. After a complete change in personnel, Hertswood came out the better team in the second half. Despite a Hertswood equalizer, Yavneh did not give up. The final score was 1-1.

By Jamie Nagioff and Adam Isaacs

Stanborough Match

Yavneh College football team travelled to Stanborough School for their first cup match this season. Despite dominating the first half, the team went to the break 1-0 down due to a killer through ball, leaving the striker one-on-one with the goalkeeper, Sam Singer. As the second half began, Stanborough came out strong but our defence held out well. Our hard-battling paid off when Max Gooft found the net with a good strike from 20 yards. This lifted the team and we could have had several more if it weren't for great keeping from the Stanborough goalie. The final score was 1-1.

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Yavneh College v Dame Alice Owens 22nd November 2007

Yavneh College hosted Dame Alice Owens in an eventful football match. Yavneh started brightly and the team was rewarded with a penalty early on, which was won and scored by striker, Zac Cohen. The glory did not last though, a well-worked corner by Owens, resulted in an equalizer. Despite this, yavneh did not let their heads drop. Two goals from Harry Moss put the side 3-1 up at half-time. In the second half, Owens grabbed two goals to make it 3-3. We had many chances to win and we were unlucky not to. The final score was 3-3.

By Jamie Nagioff (Match Reporter - injured former-captain)

Term dates 2008/09

Autumn term 2008

Mon 1 Sept to Fri 19 Dec	
Staff Day	Mon 1 Sept
Year 7 & Year 12 Induction Day	Tues 2 Sept
All pupils in school from	Weds 3 Sept
Closed for Rosh Hashanah	Tues 30 Sept, Weds 1 Oct
Closed for Yom Kippur	Thurs 9 Oct
Closed for half term	Mon 13 Oct to Weds 22 Oct

Spring term 2009

Mon 5 Jan to Fri 3 April	
Closed for half term	Mon 16 Feb to Fri 20 Feb

Summer term 2009

Mon 20 Apr to Thurs 23 July	
Staff Day	Mon 20 April
Closed for half term	Mon 25 May to Fri 29 May
Closed for May Bank Holiday	Mon 4 May

Important dates for your diary!

Chanucah Concerts	Mon 10 Dec, Tue 11 Dec
Term ends 1.15pm	Fri 21 Dec
Spring Term begins for pupils	Fri 4 Jan
Year 8 Shabbaton school ends 12.30pm	Fri 25 Jan & Sat 26 Jan
Parents' Evening 7HS	Mon 4 Feb
Parents' Evening 7CP	Wed 6 Feb
Closed for half term	Mon 11 Feb to Fri 15 Feb inclusive
Parents' Evening 7AL	Mon 18 Feb
Parents' Evening 7ALB	Wed 20 Feb
Parents' Evening 8DL	Mon 25 Feb
Parents' Evening 8AD	Wed 27 Feb
Year 7 Shabbaton	Fri 29 Feb & Sat 1 March 2008
Parents' Evening 8PK	Tue 4 March
Closed for Easter Bank Holidays	Fri 21 & Mon 24 March
Spring Term ends	Tue 15 April