

### Message from the Headteacher

Pupils and staff are settling back happily into a normal routine now that the series of short school weeks in September and October has come to an end. It's a pleasure to go around the buildings during lesson times and see the children so absorbed in their studies.

The Open Evening for admission to Year 7 in September 2008 was a resounding success, with almost 1400 prospective pupils and parents attending the presentations and touring the campus. We have received a record number of applications as a result of this very pleasing level of interest.



The Yavneh College Sixth Form opens next September. Preparations are consequently now underway for our first Sixth Form Open Evening, which will be held on Tuesday 27 November. We look forward to welcoming Year 11 pupils and their parents to the school. Tickets can be booked by emailing the school at [openeve07@yavnehcollege.herts.sch.uk](mailto:openeve07@yavnehcollege.herts.sch.uk) or telephoning the school office.

A new secondary national curriculum will be phased in from next September. In order to prepare teachers for the changes, the DCSF has decided that secondary schools in England should provide an additional training day for staff by replacing one day of the school term for pupils. The Spring Term for pupils will therefore now start on Friday 4 January, so that teachers can have a training day on Thursday 3 January 2008.

### ABSENCE NOTES

The Local Authority Education Welfare Officer has pointed out that our parents are not always providing acceptable absence notes. Please adhere to the following guidance in the booklet 'Welcome to Year 7' that we provided when your child joined the school:

*'If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone the school office on the first morning of absence to let us know that your child is ill. When your child returns to school, please supply them with a signed and dated letter explaining the reason for the absence. Please note - it is not sufficient to write that your child has been ill; Education Welfare Officers require that the nature of the illness is stated'.*

### Important dates for your diary!

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| ▪ Winter Fridays begin School ends 1.15pm | Fri 2 Nov                             |
| ▪ Open Evening for Sixth Form 2008        | Tues 27 Nov                           |
| ▪ 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 &<br>Sat 26 Jan            |
| ▪ Parents' Evening 7HS                    | Mon 4 Feb                             |
| ▪ Parents' Evening 7CP                    | Wed 6 Feb                             |
| ▪ Closed for half term                    | Mon 11 Feb to<br>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 &<br>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                          |

### Locker Keys

Pupils who do not bring their locker keys into school can only now access their lockers at 1.20pm by coming to the school office and having their locker opened by a member of staff. Pupils will have to take everything they need for the remainder of the day at that time.

If a pupil loses their key altogether, then they will need to pay £3.00 for a replacement key to be cut by the school, which will take up to two weeks to process.

We strongly recommend pupils having two or three spare keys cut and held at home, and if possible a spare carried in their bag.

### Announcement from the YCA

**Please note that the YCA AGM will now be held on  
Tuesday 20th November at 8.00pm at the school**

**A notice of the AGM and Nomination Form was sent  
out to parents by pupil post on Wednesday 31st October.**

### Considerate Parking

We appreciate the efforts that parents are making in avoiding parking in Hillside Avenue to drop off and collect their children and would like to thank you all for this.

However, we have to advise you of concerns raised by the Management at Tesco that parking cars in the car park adjacent to the service road is causing congestion in that area.

As you are aware, Tesco have agreed to allow school buses to use the service road in order for children to gain access to the walkway and we must ensure that we do not jeopardise our current good relationship with them.

We would therefore be grateful if you could park elsewhere within the Tesco park and not use this particular area.

Mr.M Slater

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

020 8457 9999



**Last opportunity to purchase photographs from the My Fair Lady performances!**

Visit [www.red-photography.com](http://www.red-photography.com) to place your order

To purchase copies of the DVD of the performances, please contact the school office

All proceeds go to the school

**Introducing a new regular feature to the YC from Mrs.Cohen, Head of Mathematics - parents and children are invited to solve Maths Puzzles contained in each newsletter. Pupils should look out for the solutions which will be posted in Room 201 the following week.**

**Enjoy!**

#### Change from a Twenty

Joe bought two pieces of clothing. He paid with a £20.00 note, and got £3.20 change.

Which items did he buy?

Sneakers £14.95 Shorts £12.45 Jacket £11.65 Tee Shirt £9.95 Hat £6.85 Socks £3.95

#### Deep-Sea Divers

Alisa, Carla, Julie, Sally and Lizzy are professional deep-sea divers. Alisa is at a depth of 210 metres. Julie is 47 metres above Alisa. Carla is 87 metres below Julie. Sally is 30 metres below Lizzy. Lizzy is 110 metres above Alisa.

At what depth (in metres below sea level) is each of the divers?

#### All Together Now

Three lighthouses on three nearby islands flash their lights every evening. On one island, the light flashes every 45 seconds. The lighthouse on the second island has a light that flashes every 2 minutes. The third lighthouse flashes a light every one and a quarter minutes. Suppose all the lights flash together at 8.35pm.

At what time will all three lights flash together again?

#### Boys' Yr 7 & 8 Football Club



after school  
4.00—5.00 pm  
All pupils welcome

Mr.Kirk

#### Girls' Year 7 & 8 Basketball Club



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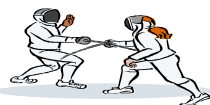
#### Boys' Year 7 Rugby Club



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#### Introduction to Fencing



**ONLY 2 PLACES REMAINING!**

Call the school office to book a place

Course cost £34.00

#### Boys' Year 8



Rugby Club

after school  
4.00-5.00pm  
All pupils welcome

Mr.Kirk

#### Girls' Year 7 & 8 Rugby



after school  
4.00—5.00pm  
All pupils welcome

Mr.Kirk

#### Girls' Year 7 & 8



Football Club

after school  
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## Boys' Rugby

Boys from Year 7 and Year 8 have been taking advantage of the opportunities to play rugby in lessons, enrichment and after-school clubs. The numbers are growing as rugby becomes an activity in which more and more pupils are participating at Yavneh College.

The boys have been able to develop their basic ball - handling, passing, contact skills and positional play in a fun, safe and structured environment. The standard of play has been rapidly improving and we are looking forward to our first rugby fixtures in December.

All boys are welcome and encouraged to attend training on Mondays after school. Newcomers welcome!

Mr.Kirk

## Congratulations!



to David Myers

**who has been selected to play for Mid-Hertfordshire Under -13 football team.**

**David has already established himself as their first-choice keeper. Well done David!**



**Girls' Street and Jazz Dance Taster Session**

**4.00—5.00pm**

**Tuesday 6th November**

Please see Ms.Smith if you haven't already signed up for the session

## Girls' Rugby

A local rugby coach from Tabard Rugby Club, Matt Monte-Columbo, is coming to assist with girls' rugby at Yavneh College. This is one of the ways in which Tabard Rugby Club is promoting girls' rugby. He is also helping out with the boys' enrichment sessions. The first session was on Tuesday 31 October and lots of fun was had in the sessions during and after school.

Ms.Smith

## Year 8 Football v Mount Grace Tuesday 30 October

The Year 8 team produced a spirited display against a very strong Mount Grace team. They have shown vast improvements already this year as a result of dedication to training and excellent teamwork. Look out for a full match report in the next newsletter.

The Year 8 Mid-Herts Cup campaign starts on Tuesday 6 November, with a fixture against Stanborough. Good luck to all of the boys taking part.

## Yavneh v Sherrardswood Year 7 Match Day Report

Yavneh College started the game knowing they needed a good performance to develop confidence and make further progress in the Mid-Herts Cup. Yavneh started slowly as Sherrardswood scored an early goal. Their lead did not last long as Ben Halmer put in a great cross and Sam Levy was there to level the score. Yavneh then took the lead when Yaron Ash scored followed by another goal from Samuel Stead to go 3-1 up. The goals continued to flood in as Ben Halmer and Darren Lawrence scored. The game ended 5-2 to Yavneh following a late consolation goal from Sherrardswood.

## Mid-Hertfordshire Year 7 Girls' Football Tournament



On Tuesday 16 October the girls' Year 7 football team played in their first-ever football matches. They travelled to Hatfield to play against other teams from Mid-Herts. The girls lost their first game but from then on, there was no stopping them! They ended up playing for 3rd and 4th places against Hertswood girls. Yavneh took the lead with an impressive first goal. Hertswood nicked a last minute goal to level the score. A penalty shoot out followed by sudden death saw Yavneh College through to a win.

## Yavneh College v Mount Grace Girls' Football Friendly

Thursday 11 October saw Yavneh College girls play their first football friendly. In the first half Mount Grace started well with a number of shots on goal but Jessica Tray our goalkeeper kept her cool and made excellent saves! The first half finished with an outstanding goal from captain, Michaela Green. In the closing stages of the second half, Mount Grace managed to get a sneaky goal.

Congratulations to all the girls in the team who worked extremely hard and their conduct was impeccable throughout. Thanks also to those parents that came to support the



## New Simcha Venue at Yavneh College

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