



Message from the Headteacher

The start of the new term was another very special moment in the life of Yavneh. Watching the delighted expressions on everyone's faces as they entered our wonderful new building for the first time was something I will never forget. I am delighted that so many parents, too, took the opportunity to tour the site a fortnight later. It was marvellous to see the children showing off the facilities with such pride.



At the end of last term, parents were invited to complete a questionnaire about their views of the school. The response was overwhelmingly positive, as you can see in the table below. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who, in addition to completing the questionnaire, took the trouble to write such lovely letters of appreciation for the education that their children received at the school last year.

	agree	disagree	Don't know
1. My child likes this school	96%	4%	
2. My child was helped to settle in well when he or she started at the school	93%	7%	
3. My child is making good progress at school	98%	2%	
4. Pupils behave well in school.	98%		2%
5. Teaching is good.	98%		2%
6. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	100%		
7. The homework that is given builds well on what my child learns in school.	92%	2%	6%
8. Staff treat all children fairly and with respect.	84%	12%	4%
9. My child is encouraged to be healthy and to take regular exercise.	98%	2%	
10. My child is safe at school.	100%		
11. I am kept well informed about my child's progress.	96%	4%	
12. I feel comfortable about approaching school with questions/suggestions/problems	96%	2%	2%
13. I understand the school's procedure for dealing with complaints.	72% *	8%	20%
14. The school helps my child become more mature and take on responsibility.	90%	8%	2%
15. There is a good range of activities including trips and enrichment activities.	100%		
16. The school is well run.	100%		

54 parents (=58%) completed the questionnaire

* To address this response, we reproduce elsewhere in this newsletter the guidance on complaints which appears in the booklet 'Welcome to Year 7', issued to parents when their child joins the school.

As you know, we set pupils individual targets for performance when they join the school, based upon their scores in the CATs and KS2 SATs. I am very pleased to inform you that our analysis shows that 92% pupils achieved their targets in the core subjects (English, mathematics and science) last year. Even more impressively, 62% of pupils managed to achieve their 'challenge' targets, which are additional targets that are only achievable if exceptional progress has been made. Congratulations to our hard-working pupils and staff!

New Faces at Yavneh College

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff to Yavneh College

- Mrs Nemko Assistant Head, Acting SENCO,
- Mr Last Head of ICT
- Mr Davis Jewish Studies
- Mr Brodtkin History
- Mr Kirk P.E.
- Mrs Plein Science, Mathematics
- Mrs Saunders Drama, English
- Miss Bharier Jewish Studies
- Mrs Wilson School Office
- Mrs Pandit Science Technician
- Mrs Blauer-Rivlin Support Staff
- Mrs Satter Support Staff
- Mrs Lazarus Catering Staff

Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 20 November 7.30 - 9.00pm

Presentation at 7.30pm followed by an opportunity to speak with subject departments and tour the site

Applications welcome from all Year 11 pupils

**To book a place please contact Mrs J Wilson
0208-736 5580**



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

The Learning Resource Centre is now open for pupils. Comprising a library and a working area, the Learning Resource Centre is available for pupils' use at morning break and lunchtime every day.

The Homework Club runs from 4.00 - 5.00pm Monday - Thursday in the LRC. All pupils are welcome to attend the club. Please remember that it is parents' responsibility to organise your child's journey home. There is no supervision provided after 5.00pm; if you are picking up your child it is therefore important that you are on time, so that they are not left waiting for you outside the school entrance.

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF YEAR 8 PUPILS!

Please find attached data collection sheet with current information we hold for your child. Please read through carefully and if there are any amendments, write them on the form, sign and return to the pupil postbox by **Wednesday 3 October**. If the form is not returned, we will assume there are no amendments to be made.

Thank you.

Open Evening Tuesday 9 October 2007

**Please don't forget school ends at 1.20pm so that staff have time to prepare the school site.
We have been inundated with requests to book places at the presentations that evening and we anticipate that numbers will be at a record high.**

HOMEWORK has now started for Year 7 and 8.



On most evenings Year 7 have three homeworks designed to take 30 minutes each to complete and Year 8 have three homeworks designed to take 40 minutes each to complete.

If you find that your child is taking much more or much less time than this on their homework, please let their Form Tutor know.

Please be aware that a pupil had her mobile telephone snatched from her on the way to school last week.

Pupils have received training from Streetwise and have been reminded of personal safety in assembly; however we encourage you to keep reminding your children about staying safe.

Pupils need to keep their valuables such as mobile phones out of sight. If pupils are going to use a mobile phone on arrival at school, this should be done in sight of the security guard, but obviously not in school itself!

Mr.Slater

Important dates for your diary!

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

020 8457 9999

- Erev yomtov - **school ends 1.20pm**
- Closed - Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah
- Open Evening for Yr 7 2008 - **school ends 1.20pm**
- YCA Year 7 Parents Social Evening
- Closed - Half Term
- Winter Fridays begin ie. School ends 1.15pm
- Open Evening for Sixth Form 2008
- **Term ends 1.15pm**

- Wed 3 Oct
- Thurs 4 & Fri 5 Oct
- Tues 9 Oct
- Wed 17 Oct
- Mon 22 - Fri 26 Oct
- Fri 2 Nov
- Tues 20 Nov
- Fri 21 Dec

COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint about a member of staff or about the curriculum, please contact the Headteacher, in writing in the first instance, giving full details.

The school has a formal complaints procedure which can be used if the above systems prove unsuccessful. A copy of the Complaints Procedure can be obtained from the school office.

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**



For further details contact Mrs I Arbisman
Yavneh College, Hillside Avenue, Borehamwood
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admin@yavnehcollege.herts.sch.uk

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
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Herts WD6 1HN. 020 8953 4997
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Yavneh College Fencing Club

On 11th September, twelve Yavneh College pupils started a six-week introductory course in fencing. The pupils are very lucky to have this new and exciting club available to them. I would like to thank all those who have helped make this club possible.

If you are interested in attending the next six-week block 'An introduction to fencing' please speak to Ms Smith or register your interest at the school office. The cost of the course is £34.00.

Ms.Smith



Year 7 Football season started with promise. Twenty Year 7 boys, captained by Sam Stead represented Yavneh College in the first fixture of the season against Hertswood on Thursday 20 September. The game started well for Yavneh and Sam Stern and Elliott Millet were unlucky not to open the scoring. Myer Steiner also made an impressive start in goal, with several good saves in the first half. The whole squad continued to demonstrate their willingness to work hard throughout the first half, with several spells of good possession. In the second half Sam Levy and Sam Jackson scored two goals and the players continued to show skill and great effort, but Hertswood ran out the eventual winners at 7-2. A special mention should also go to Ben Halmer for his Man of the Match performance.

Well done to all the boys who took part and attended training. With continued hard work in training on Wednesdays after school, they are sure to develop their obvious potential to do well this season.

Mr.Kirk

Boys' Yr 7 & 8 Football Club



starts
Wednesday 19 September
after school
4.00—5.00 pm

All pupils welcome

Mr.Kirk

Girls' Year 7 & 8 Basketball Club



starts
Wednesday 19 September
after school
4.00-5.00pm

All pupils welcome

Ms.Smith

Boys' Year 7 & 8 Basketball Club



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Ms.Smith

Boys' Year 7 Rugby

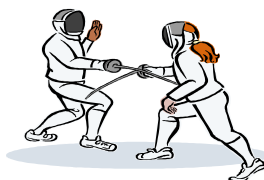


starts
Monday 10 September
after school
4.00-5.00pm

All welcome

Mr.Kirk

Introduction to Fencing



first block starts
Tuesday 11 September
(fully booked)

please see Ms.Smith if you
are interested in taking
part in the second block

Course cost £34.00

Girls' Year 7 & 8 Rugby



starts
Tuesday 11 September
after school
4.00—5.00pm

All welcome

Mr.Kirk

**Boys' Year 8
Rugby Club**



**Starts Monday 17 September
after school
4.00-5.00pm**

All welcome

Mr.Kirk

**Girls' Year 7 & 8
Football Club**



**starts Monday 10 September
after school
4.00-5.00pm**

All welcome

Ms.Smith

MEET THE PARENTS

Dear Year 7 Parents

Please join us for a friendly get-together over biscuits, coffee and tea on:

**17th October 2007
at 8.00pm at the school**

Meet other new parents and see a presentation on a year in the life of Yavneh College with an introduction by Dr Coleman.

Donations £2.00 per person

**Please email
JGILMORE@BETTERPROPERTIES.CO.UK
by 8th October 2007**

in order that we can cater for numbers