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Message from the Headteacher

The school year has got off to a good start with our new Year 7 pupils, sixth formers, teachers and support staff settling in quickly to life at Yavneh and an Open Evening last week which drew a record crowd of 1,600 visitors to the school.

Yavneh College pupils are now also the proud occupants of an exquisite synagogue with a stunning Aron Kodesh set into a wall of mosaic and Jerusalem stone, a beautifully embroidered *parochet*, glass *bimah*, upholstered pews, hand-crafted *mechitza* and *ner tamid*. The Ohel Avrohom Synagogue was generously donated to Yavneh College by Mr Arthur (Avrohom) Dolland on his 100th birthday.



Much of the ground work for the new block has been completed and walls are starting to appear above ground level. Meanwhile, refurbishment of the remaining disused areas of A block - the school hall and suites of classrooms - is underway, with scaffolding going up so that the old windows can be replaced with new ones.

After initial teething problems, the new catering arrangements are now working well, with queuing times operating to schedule, fingerprint recognition at almost 100% and very good pupil feedback about the food. The remaining problem is the on-line payment system, which has been blocked by the firewall protecting Hertfordshire schools; we hope to have this remedied shortly.

As well as providing food at morning break and lunchtime, Caterplus are now offering a breakfast service from 8.00am to 8.25am. Children work much more effectively if they have eaten a good breakfast, so please encourage your child to come along to the dining hall to get something to eat if they have not had breakfast before coming to school.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a *Shana Tovah* as we enter 5769. *Ketivah vechatimah tovah.*

The Open Evening for places in

Year 12 in September 2009
will take place on

Thursday 20 November 2008

For more information, please visit
www.yavnehcollege.org

Scholastic/Baker Book Clubs



Scholastic Book Club and Baker Books are established school book clubs

which offer a good selection of popular books and other items to buy, many at discounted prices. 'Cover2Cover' 11+yrs Scholastic catalogues have been distributed to Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. Year 9 pupils have received 'My Word' 13+yrs Baker Books catalogues. Future editions will be offered at regular intervals during the year. There is no obligation to purchase items.

If parents would like their children to buy any items from this catalogue or from any subsequent issue, they should complete the order form on the back of the catalogue, ensuring that the child's name and form is shown, and return it with a cheque made payable to Yavneh College. Completed order forms/cheques (in an envelope please) should be placed in the pupil post box. Mrs Kaiser will distribute the ordered items to the pupils when they are delivered, which is usually within a week from the date of order.

LATIN AT YAVNEH COLLEGE

Congratulations to the following pupils who have all completed the first part of Book One of the Cambridge Latin Course, leading to GCSE.

**Elkie Ben-Hur, Ben Bogush, Sarah Cook,
Darcy Golding, Anna Gray, Natasha Greene,
Channie Orchant, Charlotte Pearlman,
Evan Shapiro**

They have all worked extremely hard to gain their first Latin certificate. Well done!

Mrs .Ginsburg

ABSENCE AND PUNCTUALITY PROCEDURES

Government regulations concerning absences from school have been tightened up considerably and schools, Local Authorities and Education Welfare Officers are required to ensure that they are enforced. We have been asked to ensure that parents are aware of the following:-

Holidays

Holidays must not be taken during term time. Contrary to popular belief, there is no entitlement to 10 days' absence per year for family holidays. Headteachers can only authorise absences during term time in 'exceptional circumstances' and 'at their discretion'. All unauthorised absences are recorded on your child's School Record and Annual Report and reported to the Education Welfare Officer.

Ill-Health

If your child is off school for reasons of ill-health, please telephone the school absence line on the first morning of absence to let the school know that your child is ill. When your child returns to school please write an explanatory letter to the Headteacher giving date/s of absence and the nature of the illness. Absence notes can no longer be submitted by email, as the note has to be signed by the parent/carer.

Exit Permits/Late Arrivals

If your child needs to leave school early or arrive late because of a medical or dental appointment, please write a note at least 24 hours in advance explaining the reason for the requested absence. Please ensure that your child reports to the school office so that their late arrival/early departure can be recorded. Your child will be supplied with an exit permit either by their form tutor or the school office if they need to leave school early, in order to pass through the security gate.

Sixth Form

Separate procedures apply to Sixth Form students, as detailed in the Sixth Form Contract which all students sign on joining the Sixth Form.

The School Office

Latin Trip to British Museum 18 September 2008

As part of their Latin GCSE studies, pupils from Years 8 and 9 visited the British Museum to see the Exhibition on the Roman Emperor Hadrian: Empire and Conflict.

The pupils were thoroughly enthralled and examined the life, love and legacy of Rome's most enigmatic Emperor as well as spending time viewing both the Greek and Roman Galleries. Miss Bharier from the Jewish Studies Department accompanied the pupils so she could discuss with them the relevant Jewish History.

ART COMPETITIONS

Mrs.Massias

Try your luck at winning one!

COMPETITION 1:

Design a border for plaques in our new School Shul

A competition to find the best border designs for two prayer plaques to go in the new Shul. This is a unique opportunity to have your artwork seen by thousands. If you are interested, please visit the Shul first and have a look at the colour scheme before thinking about the design. One prayer is for the Royal Family and the other for the State of Israel, so you will need to consider relevant images, patterns and colour to go in the border of each. You should use an A4 piece of paper with the border being 3cm. The design should be landscape and would be best done on a computer (but not essential). It needs to be bold and eye-catching.

Winning borders will be scanned into the computer and transferred to the plaques for permanent display in the Shul.

Entries for the border design should be handed in by 24 October and will be judged by Governors, Dr Coleman and the Art Department

COMPETITION 2:

Design a front cover for the school calendar, representing school life at Yavneh College

Think about what Yavneh means to you and try to capture that in an image eg. friends, teachers, subjects, the building etc.

Please complete your design on A4 paper in black and white on landscape. Any media can be used eg. photos, pictures, pens, pencils, paint etc. Try and be creative and original as your design could end up in hundreds of homes!

Entries for the school calendar should be handed in by 7 October and will be judged by the YCA and the Art Department

Storage of Musical Instruments

Miss Landsman would like to remind all parents, that although pupils can store their own school instruments at school if they wish, they must ensure they are safely put away as directed.

The school does not take any responsibility for their instruments, so please ensure that any instrument that your child brings in and stores in school is covered by your own insurance policy. We recommend that you check to see that the instrument is covered especially when it is on school premises.

Important dates for your diary!

- Closed for Yom Kippur
- School day starts at 09.30am
- Closed for half term
- Yr 7 Shabbaton
- Yr 8 Shabbaton
- Chanukah Show
- End of Autumn Term

Thurs 9 October
Fri 10 October
Mon 13 October to
Wed 22 October
Fri 28 and Sat 29 November
Fri 12 and Sat 13 December
Tue 16 and Wed 17 December
Friday 19 December

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

Should parents ever have any concerns about security in the vicinity of the school, Please contact the CST on **020 8457 9999**

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