



Message from the Headteacher

The Open Evening for entry to Year 7 in September 2010 attracted crowds of visitors, with over 1,300 attending the presentations and touring the campus. Although the final phase of works to the hall, quad and remaining landscaping will take another few weeks, work inside Block B has just been completed and our visitors were therefore able to see the new suites for JS, music, design technology and Modern Hebrew that we will soon be moving into.

All parents are cordially invited to tour the new buildings on Monday 12 October between 4pm and 7pm.

Bookings are now being taken for the Open Evening for entry to Year 12 in September 2010, which will take place on Wednesday 18 November. Please see the school website for further details.

Mr Slater has been appointed Principal of the Drapers' Academy, from January 2010. Mr Slater will be greatly missed by everyone at Yavneh College, where, as First Deputy, he has made a key contribution to the successful creation of the school. We all wish him every success in his well-deserved promotion to headship.

On 23 September our Upper Sixth students were honoured to receive a visit from the Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks. Despite the fact that we currently have only a small sixth form, the Chief Rabbi expressed his keenness to include Yavneh in his annual programme of meetings with Year 13 students. Following an inspiring address focussing upon the spiritual value of a gap year spent in Israel, the students took the opportunity to ask the Chief Rabbi searching questions on a wide range of topics for another half an hour until he had to be whisked away by his aides for his next appointment.



Has your son or daughter signed up yet for Mastermind? This new competition is open to all pupils in Years 7-10, with a general knowledge heat from which selected finalists will compete in a specialist subject round. The winners of each age category will be presented with a £25 prize, win points for their House and something money cannot buy; the title of 'Mastermind of Yavneh 2009'!

CHESS SETS AT THE READY!

Mme Blakeley

I am pleased to let you know that Yavneh College is going to be represented in the National Schools Chess Championship in association with the English Chess Federation.

Our team will comprise of six players who will represent the school in a knock-out competition in late October. In order to fairly select our six best players, we are holding our own Yavneh Chess Tournament during enrichment time and the names will be announced as soon as we have finished our games.

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.

Thank you.

The Bursar's Office

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED TERM DATES FOR
2010-2011 FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

YEAR 7 PHASELS WOOD SCHOOL TRIP

By Yehudit Charin, 7MP

It was Thursday the tenth of September, the day when we really became Year 7 of Yavneh College, going on a school trip with the rest of our year group.

Arriving at Phasels Wood, I eyed the rest of Year 7; wondering if this really would be the team building experience our teachers had promised us. Would I come out with more friends than at the start of our trip? I was hopeful but doubtful. After going through some basic rules, my little group was whisked off to the zip wire. I gazed up at the thin line, metres and metres above us. I shook my head, firmly; I wasn't going to do it. There was no question about it... was there? As a couple of bold children flew through the trees above me, screaming in delight, I started chatting to the two girls I already knew from out of school. A friend of mine cracked a joke and we heard laughter from a huddle of girls next to us. Suddenly, after introducing ourselves, we were all giggling like old friends. Soon, one by one, my classmates each had their turn on the zip wire. I was still stubborn not even to have a try. But Miss Landsman wasn't having any of that. So, she and my new friends eventually persuaded me to have a go. Up on the tall platform, the zip wire looked even higher up than on the ground. But, seeing all my new peers, cheering up at me, I managed to push myself into the air. It was amazing, the trees, flying past me, the tiny dots that were people and the sense of accomplishment I felt. It all ended too quickly when I hit the bit of rubber at the end of the wire.



With my legs still wobbling, my group trudged through the grass to our next activity, team games. Though stressful and exhausting, they were a lot of fun. The games involved, using short planks and boxes to cross a stretch of grass, tying our feet to pieces of wood and trying to win a race, lifting a ring and ball off a pole and of course, tug of war which my team won each time!

After lunch was potholing which I'd been dreading. I was much too much of a coward to climb into dark and claustrophobic holes and sat with my friends instead. Everyone else seemed to enjoy it though and came out, muddy and excited. What kids enjoy these days!

Sadly, it was time for our last activity, archery. I'd never been any good and didn't expect much luck. But I surprised myself by hitting a white, a blue and the ground!

Our day of fun was over and although there had been a lot of great games, I'd come out with more than that, I had a huddle of friends and a big grin on my face.

Year 7 Parent Workshops

Monday 12 October 19.00 - 20.45
Science and English

Monday 19 October 19.00 - 20.45
Jewish Studies and Maths

An opportunity for parents of our new Year 7 pupils to learn some of the skills, methodologies and techniques in the four core subjects - with an aim of helping you to support your children in their first year with us. Refreshments will be available. These taster sessions will be free of charge. Please contact the school office to reserve a place.

Careers Ideas

Mrs. Segal

Have a look at these websites:

www.mathscareers.org.uk You'll be amazed which jobs use mathematics: engineering, medicine, finance, computer graphics and forensic science.

www.canucutit.co.uk Careers in fashion manufacturing

www.icould.com 1000 films to show how people have ended up in their jobs. Hugely diverse e.g. storytellers, cemetery supervisors, cabinet makers, judges, senior beauty therapists, Richard Branson.

www.futuremorph.org You'll be amazed which jobs use science qualifications (not just Science!)

Kudos www.cascaid.co.uk Answer a quiz to find out which careers match your skills and interests, look up careers of your choice, and make an action plan. Click on "Kudos". You need to "create a new user" the first time you use the site and input licence name **c39396** (case sensitive) and licence code **goodeasy48** If you've used it before, put in your username and password. Forgotten your password? Ask Mrs Segal.

eCLIPS www.eclips-online.co.uk Look up careers of your choice, job families or general information such as housing and travel. Enter the password **WD6 1HL** (which must be entered with Caps Lock on and must include the space).

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With the new year starting, we would like to remind parents that if they are driving their children to school, they should not drive down **any** part of Hillside Avenue. You will appreciate that with nearly six hundred pupils attending the school from next week, Hillside Avenue will be chaos if parents use the road to drop-off their children. Can you please use the car park at Tesco, remembering that Tesco do not wish parents to arrive at the side of the store. Please park in the designated parking spaces and do not drop your child off at the corner of the store as this is very dangerous. We should be extremely conscious of the help that Tesco have given the school and comply with their wishes accordingly.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Emma Kingston

Classically trained singer starting at Mountview Academy is looking for three students who would like vocal coaching and enjoy singing musical theatre.

Please email
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School starts at 08.30am and ends at 1.20pm

(Chol Hamoed Succot)

Tours of the new school buildings

Year 7 Parent Workshops:-

Science & English

Jewish Studies & Maths

Closed for half-term

Sixth Form Open Evening for entry in 2010

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening

Last day of term

Mon 5 to Thurs 8 October

Mon 12 Oct 4.00 - 7.00pm

Mon 12 October 7.00 - 8.45pm

Mon 19 October 7.00 - 8.45pm

Mon 26 to Fri 30 October inc.

Wed 18 November

Wed 25 November

Mon 30 November

Fri 18 December

'Winter Fridays' (i.e. School ends at 1.15pm) run from 16 October to 19 March inclusive