



# Yavneh

College

## Sixth Form



**Yavneh College** is the **highest performing** non-selective state school in the **UK at Sixth Form**

## THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Yavneh College is an inspiring place to learn, we have a truly outstanding school and I am honoured to be the Headteacher. At Yavneh College we nurture every individual with inspirational teaching and an incredible range of opportunities ensuring that every pupil realises their full potential. GCSE and A-Level results are among the best in the country and the level of academic excellence throughout the school ensures that Yavneh graduates are very well equipped to face all the challenges of a rapidly changing world. Under exceptional circumstances, 2021 was a remarkable year for A-Level results at Yavneh College with 84% of all grades A\*-A grades and 99% of all grades A\*-B. In addition, 98% of students studying vocational subjects achieved Distinction grades or higher, which is truly outstanding.



Over the last few years, Yavneh College has maintained its place as the highest performing non-selective state school in the UK.

As a modern orthodox school everyone at Yavneh College is committed to developing students who have first class Jewish knowledge and skills, a sense of commitment to the community and pride in Israel. The Jewish life of the school is vibrant and exciting with a remarkable range of curricular and extra-curricular experiences which are the very heartbeat of the school. This is particularly true in the Sixth Form with a wide variety of exceptional learning opportunities, community volunteering and the truly inspiring school trip to Poland.

Once you have seen everything that we have to offer, I am sure that you will agree that Yavneh College is a wonderful school and hope that you will entrust your child's Post 16 education to us.

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Mr S Lewis  
Executive Headteacher

**'The Headteacher and the senior team have empowered all members of staff and all work closely together, sharing the ethos and the school's evident ambition. Successful evolution has made Yavneh an exciting place in which to teach'.**

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## THE HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Since its inauguration in 2006, the Sixth Form at Yavneh College has gone from strength to strength. This is no doubt due to the exceptional work ethic of our students, the expert advice and guidance offered by our teaching staff, as well as the supportive and nurturing environment that Yavneh offers.

However, I also believe that success in the Sixth Form is not just about the grades that students achieve at the end of Year 13. The Sixth Form at Yavneh College is committed to providing opportunities for every student to achieve their potential beyond the curriculum they study in lessons. Whether this is setting up a new society, mentoring younger students, organising a charity event or producing something as spectacular as a Film Festival, Yavneh students are encouraged to step up and allow their ideas to become a reality.



I am in no doubt that recognising the individual needs of each student is of paramount importance in helping to ensure that every student achieves their potential. At Yavneh, we offer traditional A-Level pathways, alongside vocational pathways, which offer an alternative route to university, apprenticeship or employment for students whose learning style is better suited to coursework based assessments.

I feel very privileged to be a part of such a successful Sixth Form and to have the opportunity to support students during such a crucial period in their lives. Witnessing students blossom into confident, articulate and intellectually curious adults never fails to inspire and remind me of the transformational properties of Sixth Form life.

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Mr M Kendler  
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form

**'Yavneh College should be congratulated for its stunning achievement. It has proved itself to be one of the best schools in the country'.**

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## SIXTH FORM AT YAVNEH COLLEGE

On entering the Sixth Form at Yavneh College, students start to consider their future beyond school. Our aim is to give them the independence, confidence and knowledge to succeed in whichever path they choose.

During their time in the Sixth Form, we help our students to learn to take responsibility for themselves both academically and personally in preparation for the greater freedoms of university and college life. They enjoy a range of freedoms and privileges, but within the support of the school structure at Yavneh College.



### To achieve a supportive learning environment, we provide:

- high calibre, experienced teachers
- teaching groups which are never too large
- weekly tutorials
- academic mentoring
- exclusive use of the Learning Resource Centre for quiet independent study during free periods
- a Sixth Form workroom for more informal study during free periods



### To prepare students for the freedom of a college environment, they:

- do not wear school uniform
- are allowed to go off site during the school day during free periods
- have a Sixth Form Café where they can buy food and refreshments throughout the day



**In recognition of the excellence of the provision at Yavneh College, to date we have achieved the following:**



# TEACHING AND LEARNING

At Yavneh College we offer an excellent academic education within an environment where support and guidance for the individual is paramount. Our team of well-qualified Sixth Form teachers has a wealth of experience of teaching A-Level courses, which is evident in the outstanding results that students achieve every year. Many of our Sixth Form teachers are also national examiners in their academic field, which provides students with an invaluable insight into the way their answers will be assessed in their final examinations.



We provide a welcoming, vibrant Jewish environment where Sixth Form students can deepen their knowledge of their religion and cultural heritage, enjoy socialising with one another and make a positive contribution to the school and to the wider community.

We are committed to ensuring that our A-Level teaching group sizes are not too large, in order to ensure that each student receives individual guidance and feedback on how to progress.

Our resources are outstanding, with all subject departments fully-equipped with the latest technology, specialist equipment and text books.

**'Teachers have high expectations of the students and good relationships with them. Lessons are frequently inspirational and enthusiastically received so learning moves forward apace'.**



**'Students engage well with opportunities for independent learning and ICT resources make a strong contribution to the quality of learning.'**

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# PATHWAYS

There are five pathways open to students in the Sixth Form. All students in the Sixth Form are expected to have achieved grade 4 or higher in five GCSE subjects, which must include English Language or Literature and Mathematics.

## **1: Vocational Pathway**

This pathway provides students with the option to study either the Extended Diploma in Business or the Diploma in Business, alongside the Extended Certificate in Travel & Tourism.

## **2: Three A-Level Pathway**

This pathway provides students with the option to study three A-Level courses.

## **3: Four A-Level Pathway**

This pathway provides our most able students with the option to study A-Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics, alongside two A-Level courses.

## **4: EPQ Pathway**

This pathway provides our most able students with the option to study three A-Level courses and the EPQ.

## **5: Business Diploma and either Art, Computer Science or Ivrit A-Level**

This pathway provides students with the option to study the Diploma in Business alongside Art, Computer Science or Ivrit A-Level.

## **6: Extended Certificate in Travel & Tourism and two A-Levels**

This pathway provides students with the option to study the Extended Certificate in Travel & Tourism, alongside two A-Level courses.

**'The curriculum is very well organised and exceptionally well matched to students' needs.'**

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## PROVISION FOR THE MOST-ABLE STUDENTS

There are a number of extension programmes available to extend the learning of the most-able students in the Sixth Form.

### Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ provides students with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and independent research skills in an area outside of the curriculum in which they have a specific interest. Projects completed in previous years have explored titles as diverse as 'The extent to which Rousseau's ideology influenced the Terror in the French Revolution' to 'The viability of non-pharmacological interventions in treating Alzheimer's Disease'. Information on entry requirements for the EPQ pathway is available in the Course Information Booklet.



**'Parents are fulsome in their belief of the school's ability to stretch and challenge their sons and daughters. They value the opportunities encouraged by the school to develop leadership or take talents recognised by the school out into the community.'**

*NACE Challenge Award Assessor's Report*



## PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY

Careers advice and preparation for life at university are essential elements of Sixth Form life. During their time in the Sixth Form, students will have access to the award winning online portal *Unifrog*, which brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes, MOOCs and every college at Oxford and Cambridge.



As well as this, students will also gain a wealth of information regarding the university application process which includes university visits; one-to-one mentoring; assistance with the online UCAS application process; a workshop on how to write an effective personal statement; twice weekly UCAS drop-in surgeries for individual guidance on courses, universities and personal statements. The year 12 *GiveBack* programme provides our students with a wealth of positive evidence for their UCAS personal statement.

Students also have the opportunity to take part in the Ort Jump mentoring programme. Students who wish to join the programme undergo a training session and are then paired with a mentor in their chosen industry, from Medicine to Architecture! Students benefited from 5 one-to-one sessions over the course of the year to gain a greater understanding of the industry and the skills the employers are looking for. This programme has also enabled several students gain work experience within their desired career.



### **The Oxbridge Programme**

This programme supports our most able students in making an application to either Oxford or Cambridge University. The programme provides students with up to date information on the Oxbridge admissions process, as well as specific guidance on writing an academic personal statement, admissions tests and interview technique in order to maximise their chances of making a successful application.

### **The Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine Programme**

This programme provides students with up to date information on the short-listing process for applications to British medical, dental and veterinary schools. Students on this programme are provided with specific guidance on writing their personal statement, and are invited to attend our in-house one day UKCAT and BMAT preparation workshops. Students on this programme also receive structured preparation for both traditional and MMI format interviews.

**'Students are provided with opportunities to learn about and engage with other communities around the country. Their understanding of the rest of world and its cultures is further enhanced through the excellent range of learning opportunities available'**

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## PERSONAL CARE AND GUIDANCE

We consider our Sixth Form to be the optimal size to benefit our students. It is large enough to offer a wide range of courses and outstanding resources, but small enough to ensure that each individual is well known to the teaching staff and Senior Leadership Team, whether they are students who have graduated into the Sixth Form from Yavneh College or whether they are external students who have joined us from other schools.



Sixth Form students are timetabled to receive a weekly tutorial which covers topics as diverse as study support skills, applying for work experience and preparation for life on campus. Students are also provided with regular academic mentoring sessions with their form tutor to monitor their progress and discuss any problems they are experiencing, whether this be academic or of a personal nature. Student progress is reviewed by the Head of Sixth Form and any necessary interventions put into place to ensure that all students achieve their full potential.



Sixth Form students are expected to act as role models for our younger pupils and to make a positive contribution to the school and wider community. Our GiveBack programme provides students with the opportunity to develop their leadership and mentoring skills, as well as demonstrate their ability to be caring and sensitive to the needs of other people.

There are a range of activities available for students through the GiveBack programme, such as assisting with a lesson or enrichment, supporting students in the primary school or mentoring pupils lower down the school. A small number of students are also chosen as Sixth Form Prefects, taking responsibility for important aspects of school life.



**'The high sense of community within the school is reflected in students' excellent community contribution and outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.'**

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**'The effectiveness of care, guidance and support is outstanding.'**

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## SIXTH FORM LIFE AT YAVNEH COLLEGE

Sixth Form students are able to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities such as the school choir, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Tribe's Israel Ambassador Advocacy Scheme and the JLGB Community Volunteering Programme. We also encourage students to set up societies in the subject/s that they are most interested in, invite in guest speakers or run charity events for pupils lower down the school. They do a large amount of volunteering both at school and outside, including working with younger children at Yavneh College and Yavneh Primary School.

During Year 12, Sixth Formers undertake a residential trip to Poland in preparation for which they examine the 1,000 years of vibrant history experienced by the Jews of Poland and thereby gain a deeper understanding of what was lost as a consequence of the Holocaust.

The Sixth Form centre has a café, garden and an informal study area. Students also have exclusive access to the LRC during free periods, for silent independent study.

The school occupies a 13-acre site in Borehamwood. Our £30m campus has been designed to offer state-of-the-art facilities, including science laboratories; specialist rooms for music and art; ICT suites; a fully equipped theatre and large drama suite; a spacious Learning Resource Centre incorporating a library.



**'Students receive excellent teaching and support, resulting in outstanding achievement and high attainment. Students are encouraged to work independently and to take on leadership roles. This helps them develop self- confidence in their own abilities and many express their love of the school for providing them with so many memorable experiences**

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## JEWISH LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Yavneh College is a modern orthodox school which welcomes students from across the spectrum of Jewish practice. The Sixth Form Jewish Studies programme is exciting, dynamic and informative and is one of the highlights of a student's Sixth Form experience.

We have a lively programme of informal Jewish activities at Yavneh College, some specifically designed for Sixth Form students and others in which Sixth Formers are invited to participate as madrichim for our younger pupils. They include Shabbatonim, Sukkot activities, Chanukah celebrations, a chesed campaign on Purim, commemorations and celebrations for Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Sixth Form students are welcome to participate in our daily Shacharit service, followed by breakfast, and in our daily Mincha service.

All Sixth Form students follow our Yahadut course for two hours per week during Years 12 and 13, examining fundamental elements of Jewish life and Jewish living in the modern world. Whether it is medical ethics, business ethics, Israel, the role of family/community or basic Jewish practices, all are put under the microscope and examined in depth.



**Students make excellent progress in their Jewish studies and achieve well because of the consistently high quality of teaching. Pupils' social, oral, spiritual and cultural development is outstanding. Pupils display values that lead them to show respect for others.'**

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