



## Post: Informal Jewish Educator

**Salary £24,000**

### **Required for September 2023**

Thank you for your interest in applying to Yavneh College. Below is some information about the post and the school which we hope is helpful. We also enclose a prospectus and application form. Please note that applications cannot be considered unless the application form is completed in full.

The completed application form should be returned to the Headteacher, together with a letter of application.

The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. The selection process includes scrutiny of the information provided in the completed application form, taking up references, observation of a taught lesson and an interview. If you are shortlisted for interview, please bring evidence of your relevant qualifications. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.

**Applicants must have experience in Informal Jewish Education (Hadracha) and be motivated to working within the parameters of Yavneh College's Modern Orthodox Jewish ethos. Applicants will be expected to act as a *dugma ishit* (personal example) from a Modern Orthodox perspective.**

#### **General information about the school**

Yavneh College is located adjacent to the Elstree Film and Television Studios in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire. The town of Borehamwood lies within Green Belt countryside on the outskirts of north London. Borehamwood and Elstree Station, 10 minutes' walk from the school, provides a fast and frequent train service south to Central London and north to St Albans and Luton. The main bus station for Borehamwood is a three-minute walk from the school and provides services to the local Hertfordshire towns and north London suburbs.

Yavneh College is an 11-18 co-educational voluntary aided comprehensive school in Hertfordshire Local Authority. The school opened in September 2006 with its first intake of Year 7 pupils. We have a £30m campus with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment throughout the site.



The results of our recent Pikuach inspection in November 2023 and our most recent Ofsted inspection in March 2016 were both graded as 'outstanding' for the school. The inspectors found that attainment in Jewish Studies was 'outstanding'. Pikuach said that: **'Jewish education at Yavneh College is outstanding in every category'**.

The full reports are available on our website [www.yavnehcollege.org](http://www.yavnehcollege.org)

Yavneh College is a Jewish school. Our aim is to produce young people who are confident about their identity as members of the Jewish community and of wider British society, and well-equipped with the academic qualifications and wider key skills necessary for successful participation in today's employment market.

As a comprehensive school, we are committed to all of our pupils realising their full academic potential. We believe that this is best achieved by teaching pupils in sets rather than in streams, bands or mixed ability groups. Lower ability pupils are taught in smaller sets and are supported by learning support assistants.

Extracurricular activities are very important at Yavneh College and pupils are encouraged to partake in a range of wider experiences. As well as sports, fixtures, whole-school productions, theatre trips etc, we timetable more than 50 extracurricular activities into the school day on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays as a 55-minute slot (the 'Enrichment Programme') for all pupils, immediately after lunch. Enrichment activities are delivered by the teaching staff and are included when calculating teachers' contact time.

### **Informal Jewish Education Department**

Yavneh College is very much a Jewish school, rather than simply a school for Jewish children. This has been achieved through a challenging formal Jewish Studies curriculum, complimented by a comprehensive IJE programme:

- Our pupils enjoy Sukkot by eating in our school Sukkah and by taking part in a variety of special activities for the chag.
- A large number of pupils volunteer to run our charity and chesed wing 'Am Echad', which organise many innovative and successful fund raising events.
- Pupils participate in a daily Chanukah Hadlakat Nerot service with guest speakers.



- Many pupils participate in residential Shabbatonim.
- Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations.
- Year 7 girls have engaged in various Bat Mitzvah projects to celebrate this important Rite of Passage.
- All pupils have been addressed by a variety of local Rabbanim and other guest speakers.
- Year 12 pupils have attended a 6 day Poland Trip.
- Year 9 pupils have attended YCIT (Yavneh College Israel Tour).
- All Year 7 & 8 pupils participate in a timetabled IJE classroom session per fortnight.
- Many of our Year 8 pupils participate in the Yoni Jesner Award (a Chessed volunteering campaign)
- 10 year 10 pupils participate in the Alan Sennitt Community Leadership Programme.
- Lunchtime clubs - Chillin' With Tefillin, Banot and Lunch & Learn.
- The Yahadut Programme – This is our compulsory Sixth Form Programme which spans between formal and informal Jewish Education. Students choose courses of interest to them. IJE courses include Hadracha and Israel Advocacy.

Yavneh College sometimes works with other organisations such as UJIA, JNF, GIFT, Tribe or Bnei Akiva for these events. Similar programmes will be set up for all year groups as the school grows.

### **This post**

The successful candidate will be a part of the Informal Jewish Education Department. The successful candidate will be responsible for the coordination and running of a range of Informal Jewish Education activities both in and out of the classroom and will report to the Head of Informal Jewish Education. The successful candidate will need to be creative, resourceful, have the ability to work on projects independently, be able to cultivate positive relationships with our pupils, parents and other staff. The successful candidate will need to be prepared to organise and attend Shabbatonim and other residential trips, attend pre-school Shacharit, be able to use Jewish texts and have the ability to sit and study Jewish texts with our pupils and to excite and inspire them.

We hope that this provides you with all that you need to know in order to decide whether you wish to apply. If, however, there is anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher via his PA. He will be pleased to answer your queries.