

HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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BEIS CHAZAK POLICY

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1. PROGRAMME OUTLINE/TIMETABLE/STAFF

Beis Chazak aims to provide a tailor-made programme, for a selection of pupils in Year 11-13, where the focus is their personal growth and journey of Yiddishkeit. Beis Chazak's intention is to generate an atmosphere of *achdus* and to instil a sense of Jewish pride.

The goal is to provide a deeper understanding of Judaism and foster a greater connection to it; equipping the pupils with the necessary skills and knowledge to support them as young Jewish adults, post-secondary school.

The Beis Chazak programme takes place off-site at Ohr Chodosh Synagogue.

We *daven* every morning and the *minyan* is run by the pupils, giving them a strong sense of responsibility and ownership over the Beis Chazak provision. This will also provide them with an understanding of *arivus* and ability to be involved in the Jewish community.

The programme offers the pupils a full curriculum combined with trips and engaging with some of the most dynamic educators. In order to do this, Beis Chazak collaborates with some of the following organisations; Chazak, Aish, London Beis Din, JFT, Jewish Care, GIFT, JLE, Magen David Adom, IDF lone soldiers. All trips will be run in line with the School's Health and Safety Policy.

Year 11 Timetable
8.45 – 9.15 Shacharis
9.15 – 9.30 Breakfast
9.30 – 10.05 Shiur
Years 12 and 13 Timetable
8.45 – 9.15 Shacharis
9.15 – 9.30 Breakfast
9.30 – 10.45 Shiur

Groups
Year 11 – Mr Markiewicz – 'Hashkafa, Machshava and Jewish philosophy'.
Year 11 – R' Landau – 'A blend of Gemora, Hashkafa, Machshava and Jewish philosophy'.
Year 12 – R' Birnbaum - 'Fundamentals of Judaism'; this syllabus addresses some of the most fundamental topics in Judaism and life.
Year 13 – R' Lerer – Post secondary-school preparation aimed at equipping the pupils with the necessary knowledge and skills for a post-secondary school Jewish life in both Yeshiva and society generally.

2. ATTENDANCE POLICY – YEAR 11

All pupils' attendance is monitored by the Head of Year 11, ensuring that attendance to all school provisions are in line with the 95% expected level.

Pupils are expected to arrive on time to the Beis Chazak programme. A pupil who arrives between 8.46am – 9.00am will be considered as late. If a pupil arrives after 9.00am, it will be considered as truancy, which will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

The School's Behaviour Policy and Attendance and Punctuality Policy will be followed for any pupil whose attendance and punctuality becomes a concern.

Pupils must arrive to school and be in their period 3 lessons by 10:30am. Any lateness will be managed in line with the School's Attendance and Punctuality Policy and Behaviour Policy. We have ensured that there is sufficient time for the pupils to travel from one site to the other.

3. BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTATION POLICY – YEAR 11

1. General behaviour infringements will be managed in line with the Hasmonean MAT Behaviour Policy. However, any incidents that need to be dealt with immediately, including removal from davening and/or shiur may result in that pupil being asked to immediately travel back to the main site, where they will be met by their Year Leader or another senior member of staff. The Beis Chazak staff member will consult with the Year Leader/senior staff member first if it is appropriate for that pupil to be sent by themselves and then make an informed decision as to the course of action.
2. All of our pupils are expected to put on Tefillin, join in for 'Kedusha', stand up when the Aron is open, and be completely silent during the whole of *davening*. All pupils must demonstrate respect and keep the correct decorum for the whole of *davening*.
3. Pupils are expected to hand in their phones upon arrival at Ohr Chodosh. Phones will be returned to the pupils at 10.05. Pupils will then be expected to hand in their phones once back at the main school site. If a pupil is found to be in breach of the above, the Hasmonean Boys' Behaviour Policy will be followed through.
4. Upon arrival to the School, all pupils are expected to hand in their phones at the gate to be put in a designated box. For any pupil who arrives after 10:30, the School's Attendance and Punctuality Policy will be followed and the pupil will be considered late/unauthorised.
5. **Vaping** is completely forbidden anywhere on Ohr Chodosh's premises in accordance with school policy. Any individual caught with a vaping device or suspected of smoking one, will be immediately referred to the Head of Year 10 & 11 and a member of the Designated Safeguarding Team. The incident will also be logged on CPOMS.
6. **Uniform.** Lanyards must be worn at all times. Upon returning to the main school site the pupils will be expected to be in full uniform.

4. ATTENDANCE POLICY – YEARS 12 & 13

Pupils' attendance is monitored by the Head of Sixth Form, ensuring that attendance to all school provisions are in line with the 95% expected level. Due to Beis Chazak's unique provision a modified ladder of escalation and support is used in conjunction with Hasmonean's Attendance and Punctuality Policy and Sixth Form Policy.

Pupils are expected to arrive on time to the Beis Chazak programme. A pupil who arrives between 8.46am – 9.00am will be considered as late. If a pupil arrives after 9.00am, it will be considered as truancy, which will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

The following are the stages of support that are in place for any pupil that is consistently late:

1. A pupil with three unauthorised absences/lateness a term to Beis Chazak will go on to stage 1 and the Shiur Rebbe will communicate home to parents warning them of the further steps.
2. After a further two unauthorised absences/lateness a term to Beis Chazak then the Head of Sixth Form communicates home to parents.
 - The pupil is placed on an attendance/punctuality report with the Head/Assistant Head of Sixth Form, for a minimum of one week, who meets them at the end of every day regardless of their timetable.
 - For any further unauthorised absences/lateness to Beis Chazak whilst on report, they will be expected to make up the time at the end of that school day (15:30 Mon-Thurs, 13:00 on Fri in the summer and 12:40 in the winter), regardless of their timetable.

Once a pupil comes off report, then for the next 6 academic weeks they remain at the beginning of stage 2 (i.e. a further two absences will trigger report.)

3. If there is no significant improvement, a meeting between the Head of Sixth Form, parents and pupil is to be organised as soon as possible.
 - Any further unauthorised absences/lateness the pupil will serve a Lesson Suspension Day for the duration of that day.
 - The pupil will remain on report during this stage.
 - This will continue to be the consequence until the pupil completes two weeks of report without an absence or lateness.
 - The consequences will be in effect immediately following stage 2 in the case of a delay to the meeting.

Once a pupil comes off stage 3 then for the next 6 academic weeks another two absences/lateness and the pupil will be on stage 3 report.

5. BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTATION POLICY – YEARS 12 & 13

1. General behaviour infringements will be managed in line with the Hasmonean MAT policy.
2. All of our pupils are expected to put on Tefillin, join in for 'Kedusha', stand up when the Aron is open, and be completely silent during the whole of davening. All pupils must demonstrate respect and keep the correct decorum for the whole of davening.
3. Should a pupil bring their phone to Beis Chazak, they are allowed to keep it on their person. However, the phone must be turned off, not be used, seen or heard whilst on the premises of Ohr Chodosh. If a pupil is found in breach of the above, the Hasmonean Boys' Behaviour Policy will be followed through.
4. **Vaping** is completely forbidden on anywhere on Ohr Chodosh's premises in accordance with school policy. Any individual caught with a vaping device or suspected of smoking one, will be immediately referred to the head of 6th form and a member of the Designated Safeguarding Team. The incident will also be logged on CPOMS.
5. **Uniform.** Lanyards must be worn at all times. Upon returning to the main school site, the pupils will be expected to be in full uniform.

6. IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

In the event of a fire, or if the smoke alarms go off, members of staff will ensure that all pupils will leave the premises and gather in the back car park. Staff will ensure that all pupils are accounted for by double checking the daily registers.

In the event of a security breach:

Members of staff will sound an intermittent alarm and shout “intruder”

1. Pupils will follow the same procedures that are followed at school:
2. Doors will be locked or barricaded
3. Lights will be turned off
4. Pupils will ensure that they can't be seen through windows by hiding under furniture.
5. Pupils will only come out if they hear the words “**SHALOM HASMONEAN**”
6. Any students or staff in the marquee, should, at the start of the lock-down, make their way inside via the direct door and continue from step 2.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the School's Beis Chazak risk register, Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Exclusion Policy, Behaviour Policy, Attendance and Punctuality Policy.

Toilets

Pupils and staff are allocated separate toileting facilities.

Pupils are allocated the men's toilet.

Staff are allocated the women's and disabled toilet.

In order for this policy to be effective, a clear relationship with other school guidance and policies, particularly, Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Exclusion Policy, First Aid Policy, Attendance Policy, Sixth Form Policy, Use of Mobile Phone Policy, Search and Screen Guidelines, Use of Reasonable Force Guidelines, and Ill Health provision policies has been established.

7. IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

Beis Chazak has a full and varied curriculum for both Years 11, 12 and 13. This includes text, discussion topics, PowerPoints, worksheets, videos etc. There is also a clear plan of progression from Year 11 through to Year 13 which aims to equip the pupils with the necessary knowledge and skills for a post high school Jewish life.

The full curriculum is available to view upon request.

Whilst there is a fixed curriculum, the teacher will always have the discretion to be flexible and address other topics that are raised by the pupils or that the teacher feels is necessary as part of the full educational package on offer. It is important that at this last stage of Jewish education we are able to address individual pupils' questions and curiosity. This is not 'wandering off topic', but rather a pedagogical avenue which is essential in meeting the needs of our pupils.

In addition to the numerous trips that fulfil part of the curriculum, we will also aim to have three shabbatonim per year;

Term One: Chazak Hendon – Davening and meals together, fully catered, bowling after Shabbos with Pizza and FIFA Tournament at Chazak afterwards.

Term Two: Gateshead

Term Three: Villa away

For Year 13 pupils, we will bring them together with prospective yeshivas, liaising with the relevant yeshivas and organising for them to come into Beis Chazak. We will IY'H have visits throughout the year from; Ohr Sameach, Gesher, Reishit, Neveh, Mechinah Programmes, and others.

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