

Teacher of Computing

Ability to teach digital media or business studies an advantage

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A unique opportunity to join a truly outstanding school

Required for September 2018

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, an application form and copies of our child protection and safer recruitment policies. Please note that applications cannot be considered unless the application form is completed in full. It 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 qualifications. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.

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 3-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 comprehensive with business & enterprise status. The school was granted Academy status in July 2011.

Yavneh College has a £30m purpose-built campus for 1,000 pupils. We have state-of-the-art facilities and equipment throughout the site.

Although Yavneh College is a relatively new school, the appointment of a very experienced and successful Senior Leadership Team and teaching staff has meant that the school has enjoyed a reputation for excellence from its inception. Children of staff receive priority for admission to the school (full details are available in the admission section of the school website).

The result of our Ofsted inspection in March 2011 was an 'outstanding' grading for the school. Their comments about other aspects of the school included the following:

- 'Students receive excellent teaching and support resulting in outstanding achievement and high attainment'
- 'Lessons are frequently inspirational and enthusiastically received'
- 'Students' behaviour is outstanding and they express their love of the school for providing them with so many memorable experiences and chances of success.'
- 'Those students with special educational needs make outstanding progress'
- 'Those students who are gifted and talented are further challenged through stretching activities in lessons and through the extensive enrichment curriculum.'
- 'Care, guidance and support are outstanding'
- 'The curriculum is exceptionally well matched to students' needs.'
- 'Leadership and management are outstanding' and 'the Headteacher and her senior team have empowered all members of staff'
- 'The school is an exciting place to teach'

The full report is available on our website www.yavnehcollege.org

Yavneh College is a Jewish faith 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. There is no requirement for staff to be Jewish; we welcome applications from all sections of the community and appoint the best. The majority of our staff are not Jewish.

If you have never worked in a Jewish school before, the following information may be helpful: For half of the school year – mid October to late March – school finishes at 1.15pm on Fridays. For the other half of the year, school finishes at 2pm on Fridays. The school day starts at 8.30am and ends at 4pm on Mondays to Thursdays. We have the same number of days' holiday as other state schools, but our holiday dates can be different if Jewish festivals coincide with the school term. Our pupils come from close-knit local communities. Most pupils live in stable homes and have two or three siblings. Education is highly valued by parents and pupils and they are ambitious in terms of examination success and future career paths.

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 over 60 extracurricular activities into the school day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays as part of our 'Enrichment Programme' for all KS3 pupils immediately after lunch. Enrichment activities are delivered by the teaching staff and are included when calculating teachers' contact time.

The Faculty of Enterprise and Digital Technologies

The faculty has several specialist teachers. The role would primarily be to teach Computing and possibly some Digital Media or Business Studies. Teaching for subjects in this department takes place in computer suites, each equipped with 30 PCs.

A wireless network covers all areas of the school. Every teaching room has a desktop PC, a visualiser, a DVD player and sound system, and the computer suites are also equipped with new interactive whiteboards. There are laptop trolleys for teachers to book for use in teaching rooms in other areas of the school. Teachers can also book flip cams, digital cameras and scanners. Pupils in all year groups can 'Bring their Own Device'.

The school has a 2-year Key Stage 3 with all learners in Years 7 and 8 taking Computing. Years 9-10 can choose from options including GCSE Computing and BTEC Digital Media/BTEC Business Studies at Level 2. These subjects are popular in the school. Currently the department offers BTECs in Digital Media and Business at Level 3 in Key Stage 5 in addition to Computer Studies and Economics A level. Yavneh College is a high performing school (86% achieving A* - C at GCSE in 2017) and was the top non-selective school in the UK for A Level in 2017. We are a co-ed comprehensive academy rated Outstanding by Ofsted, with state-of-the-art facilities for 1,000 pupils on a £30m campus. We have motivated learners who want to learn and we have great teachers who help them do this. Parents of pupils at our school value education and are very supportive.

The curriculum is firmly embedded and we have an experienced Head of Faculty so the successful candidate would have lots of support. However, innovation is vital in keeping learning exciting so we are looking for a teacher with great enthusiasm for computing, who wants to try out new ideas and help shape the future of the subject at the school.

Ideally candidates will need to be able to teach the subject up to Level 3.