

Mechinoh School

Independent school progress monitoring inspection report

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Purpose and scope of the inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Section 162A of the Education Act 2002, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005.^{1,2}

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

Information about the school

The Mechinoh Boys' School was opened in 1982 and is situated in Salford, North Manchester. It offers secondary education for Orthodox Jewish boys, aged between 11 and 16 years of age with provision for both religious and secular studies. There are 67 students on roll. There are no students with a statement of special educational needs. The school was last inspected in October 2011.

The school states its aims as: *'to provide a comprehensive religious education to its pupils and to prepare them for entry into Yeshivahs (Talmudical College) to further their religious education. In addition, to equip pupils with the basic skills required for adult life, such as literacy, numeracy and general knowledge whilst placing great emphasis on developing a high standard of ethical behaviour'.*

On leaving school, all the students continue their education in *Yeshivah* in the United Kingdom.

Context of the inspection

The school was last inspected in October 2010. As a result of that inspection, when five of the regulations were not met, an action plan was drawn up by the school in April 2011 which was evaluated in June 2011. This action plan was found to be unsatisfactory as two of the regulations were not sufficiently addressed, with no timetable provided. The purpose of this visit was to monitor the school's progress in implementing the action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The inspection in October 2010 found that there were shortcomings in the provision to provide students with a good general knowledge of public institutions and services in England. In response, the school has formulated a curriculum policy setting out how it will develop students' knowledge of public services and institutions in England.

¹ www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga_20020032_en_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162

² www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga_20050018_en_15#sch8

This maps out within each year group what should be taught and the resources required to support each topic. The school now provides a suitably broad curriculum in this subject area and students demonstrate an adequate knowledge of public services and institutions.

The inspection found that the first aid policy was inadequate and there was no member of staff with a suitable first aid qualification. To address the shortcoming, the school has sent a member of staff on a registered first aid training course so that there is now a qualified first aider on the premises. In addition, the first-aid policy has been redrafted and now provides a comprehensive outline of all first aid procedures.

The inspection of October 2010 found that there were insufficient washrooms for students. The school did not have a satisfactory standard of decoration and there was no appropriate facility available for students who might become unwell. The school has remedied the weaknesses. All classrooms have been redecorated. The study hall has been completely refurbished and the school environment is now well-decorated and conducive to learning. The school has provided a dedicated room for the use of students who are ill, which has within it a couch and a wash basin reasonably nearby. Additional washbasins and toilets have been installed and there is now an appropriate number of washbasins and toilets for the number of students.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

- The school has made satisfactory progress and now meets all regulatory requirements.

School details

School status	Independent
Type of school	Jewish secondary school
Date school opened	September 1982
Age range of pupils	11-16
Gender of pupils	Boys
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	67
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs	0
Annual fees (day pupils)	There are no fees, only parental voluntary contributions
Address of school	13 Upper Park Road Salford Lancashire M7 4HY
Telephone number	0161 795 9275
Email address	Not available
Headteacher	Rabbi Baddiel
Proprietor	Mechinoh School Organisation