

Menorah Grammar School

Abbots Road, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0QS

Inspection date

15 January 2026

Overall outcome

The school meets all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils
Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools
Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraphs 7 to 7(b), 11, 12, 16, 16(a), 16(b), 25 and 32(1)(c)

- The school has an up-to-date safeguarding policy that takes account of current government requirements. The school does not have a website, but this policy is available to parents and carers on request.
- All staff receive regular safeguarding training. Leaders with designated responsibility for safeguarding are also knowledgeable about the latest guidance. The school works well with the local authority and leaders seek the advice of external agencies when dealing with vulnerable pupils. Staff and pupils know who to report safeguarding concerns to. Pupils learn how to keep themselves safe, both online and offline. All concerns are recorded appropriately in writing and referrals made to the local authority when necessary.
- The Department for Education (DfE) commissioned this inspection following the completion of structural surveys of the school building. These surveys highlighted structural issues with the raised steps used to enter the school building by visitors and staff. The DfE requested that the school undertake remedial works to this part of the building as a matter of urgency. The school's insurers conducted their own structural inspection and came to a different conclusion about the extent of the damage to the steps and the level of risk they posed. The school then instructed their own qualified professional to survey the entry steps. This survey concluded that there was no immediate risk posed to users. The school is currently awaiting a quote to repair the wear and tear to the entry steps.
- Inspectors examined the entry steps to the school. Inspectors could see the deterioration of concrete and exposed metalworks identified in the structural survey reports of the DfE and the school. There is evidence that there has been some remedial work already completed. Leaders explained this was completed in November 2025. The area under the steps is cordoned off and is located at the end of the car park. No pupils access this part of the school. Adults using the car park are unable to park or walk under the steps. This entrance is not used by pupils, other than in the

event of an evacuation of the building, for example due to fire. The pupil entrance to the school is further along Abbots Road.

- The school has an appropriate risk assessment policy in place. Leaders have undertaken a risk assessment of the entry stairs to the school. This refers to the structural surveys completed by the DfE and their own insurers. The risk assessment also identifies the actions the school has taken to mitigate any risk. For example, other than in an evacuation of the building, pupils do not use these steps. Staff and pupils follow the guidance contained in the risk assessment.
- Considering the different professional views reported in the structural surveys of the building, leaders have taken appropriate actions to ensure the health and safety of pupils in the school. Furthermore, leaders are in the process of organising the completion of the remedial works to the entry steps.
- There is an appropriate health and safety policy, and leaders complete and record regular checks on the building. For example, automatic doors are checked weekly. Hazardous materials are stored securely.
- The school has annual fire safety inspections and leaders ensure that any recommendations are implemented. Fire extinguishers are checked regularly, as are the fire and smoke alarm systems. Pupils complete fire drills each term. Leaders record details of all checks on an electronic health and safety system.
- The independent school standards ('the standards') checked in these parts are met.

Part 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors

Paragraphs 17 to 18(2)(e), 18(3) to 18(4)(c), 20(6) to 20(6)(c), 21(1) to 21(7)(b)

- Leaders understand the importance of the safer recruitment of staff. Leaders make sure that checks for new staff are carried out in accordance with statutory guidance.
- The school's single central record of pre-employment checks accurately records all the required checks on leaders, staff and the proprietor body. The school's single central record is appropriately maintained, and it is audited regularly by the chair of governors and headteacher to ensure that all checks are completed.
- The standards in this part are met.

Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

- Leaders have a suitable accessibility policy in place. As a result, the school meets the requirements of schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that were checked during this inspection. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	101387
DfE registration number	302/6089
Inspection number	10435050

This inspection was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's suitability for continued registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent day school
Age range of pupils	11 to 21
Gender of pupils	Boys
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Boys
Number of pupils on the school roll	233
Of which, number on roll in sixth form	87
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	Ambash Ltd
Chair	Daniel Goldberg and Jonathan Perl (co-chairs)
Headteacher	Rabbi Yoel Rabinowitz
Annual fees (day pupils)	£7,500
Telephone number	020 8906 9756
Website	None
Email address	office@menorahgrammar.org
Dates of previous standard inspection	25 to 27 March 2025

Information about this school

- Menorah Grammar School is an independent Orthodox Jewish school for boys. The school is located at Abbots Road, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0QS.
- The school is registered for up to 290 boys aged between 11 and 21 years.
- The school's most recent standard inspection was from 25 to 27 March 2025.
- The school does not use any alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was carried out at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. The purpose of the inspection was to consider how the school was ensuring that the premises did not pose a health and safety risk to the pupils.
- This inspection was conducted without notice.
- The inspectors met with the headteacher, the premises manager, the headteacher's personal assistant and the school administrator. They also met with the chair of governors, who was representing the proprietor body. Inspectors met with pupils and teachers to discuss safeguarding in the school. Inspectors reviewed a range of documents related to safeguarding and health and safety.

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