

## **INTERIM INSPECTION REPORT FOR YESHIVA GEDOLA LUBAVITCH LONDON UKVI LICENCE No: 3XQJ4HNJ6**

Education oversight inspection of private further education colleges on behalf of the Home Office's division of United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (UKVI)

### **The overall inspection findings for this college**

#### **UKVI Standards for**

<b>courses and qualifications are</b>	<b>MET</b>
<b>teaching, learning and assessment are</b>	<b>MET</b>
<b>the cultural and moral development of students are</b>	<b>MET</b>
<b>welfare, health and safety are</b>	<b>MET</b>
<b>the effectiveness and suitability of staff are</b>	<b>MET</b>
<b>financial sustainability, leadership and governance are</b>	<b>MET</b>
<b>premises and accommodation are</b>	<b>MET</b>
<b>information and complaints are</b>	<b>MET</b>

### **Compliance with UKVI Standards**

**The college meets all the UKVI Standards**

# **Introduction**

## **Purpose and scope of the inspection**

Mainland Education Ltd is an approved educational oversight body authorised by the United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (UKVI) section of the Home Office to inspect privately funded further education colleges in England, with a Steiner, Montessori or Eurythmy basis or background, or with a clear religious purpose. Inspection is designed to assess the college's compliance with the Standards for colleges agreed with the Home Office. These Standards cover the quality of education and welfare provided to all students, including those from overseas who are sponsored by the college for Tier 4 visas, and, where applicable, those who are under eighteen or are vulnerable adults. On-site student accommodation, where provided, is assessed for compliance with the Standards but is not subject to a full boarding inspection. Inspection provides objective and reliable reports on the extent to which colleges meet the Standards. By placing reports in the public domain, the information they contain is available to students, the UKVI, and the wider community.

Inspection takes account of the context of each individual college, and of how it evaluates its own performance and demonstrates its success. It helps colleges, their staff and trustees, governors, and/or proprietors to recognise and build on their strengths and to identify and remedy their weaknesses in relation to compliance. The inspection also takes account of the college's financial performance since the last inspection and makes an assessment of the college's financial sustainability going forward, on the basis of information provided by the college. Prospective students, their parents and agents should make their own enquiries into the financial viability of institutions before accepting a place.

Colleges are subject to a full inspection once every four years which is conducted by two inspectors over two days. In the intervening years, colleges receive an annual interim inspection and are kept under review. Interim inspections build on the findings from the last full inspection and state whether or not the college continues to meet the agreed Standards.

The last full inspection of Yeshiva Gedola Lubavitch London was conducted by Mainland Education Ltd in February 2024 when the college met all the required Standards for privately funded colleges.

## **Characteristics of the college**

Yeshiva Gedola Lubavitch London (YGLL), is a rabbinical college located in Hampstead Garden Suburb. It was founded in 1982 to educate young men in the Talmud and in Chassidic philosophy as part of the international Lubavitch Yeshiva network. The students all board at the Yeshiva and follow a full-time course in Talmudic studies. Since the full inspection last year student numbers have risen again and there are now 31 students on roll, of whom eighteen are aged 16-18. The college sponsors ten international students under the Tier 4 visa scheme, all of whom come from either Canada or the United States. All students are native English speakers. YGLL remains dedicated to offering the best care, tailored to students' individual needs, while upholding the Lubavitch ethos in all aspects of student life.

## **Main Findings of the Interim Inspection**

Yeshiva Gedola Lubavitch London continues to meet all of the Standards required by UKVI, as it did at the time of the last full inspection in February 2024. It is a highly effective, dynamic and continuously improving college which is very well led and managed. All the college's policies and procedures meet the required Standards and support fully the academic, religious and pastoral aims of the Yeshiva. They are reviewed regularly, implemented effectively, and updated as required. Senior managers and governors ensure that appropriate resources are available to support students' academic and personal development. Finances continue to be managed prudently. The Yeshiva is part of the substantial charity Chabad Lubavitch UK, and receives financial support from the Lubavitch and wider Jewish communities. This means that students can have confidence in the Yeshiva's quality and financial sustainability.

The college continues to offer the same courses as last year, which meet UKVI requirements. All visa students follow the subsidiary diploma course in Talmudic studies, leading to a Level 3 qualification accredited by Awards for Training and Higher Education (ATHE). Last year, all visa students gained either this qualification or the higher level Diploma in Talmudic studies, also accredited by ATHE, which is taken over two years. The courses meet students' needs well and are in line with the aims and religious principles of the college. The boys report that they enjoy the high level of discussion in class and appreciate very much the individual help and encouragement they receive from their teachers. Regular assessment and feedback enable them to make good progress in developing independent learning skills and extending their knowledge of the Talmud. The academic course of study is complemented by the Mivtzo'im programme which is a feature of Lubavitch colleges. The programme at YGLL is well-planned and particularly successful: students visit local Jewish businesses and offices on Fridays, taking with them a tractate of current study which they present to and discuss with the people they meet. Their visits are very popular and well-received by the Jewish community as an opportunity to reflect on faith and its impact on life. The students also learn much from these occasions, as they develop self-confidence, communication and life skills. Engaging with a range of different people through the Mivtzo'im programme trains the students to be tolerant and respectful of everyone, which is fundamental to Lubavitch principles, and extends their cultural and moral development.

The college meets all Standards for students' welfare, health and safety. The students say that they feel extremely safe, comfortable, happy and well-cared for at YGLL. Procedures for the recruitment and vetting of staff and the safeguarding of students' welfare, health and safety, including the prevention of fire, are strong, and designed to keep them safe at all times. All members of staff understand the significance of their role in safeguarding students, and know how to handle and report any concerns which arise. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is knowledgeable and highly experienced. He knows the students well and assumes overall responsibility for their pastoral care and well-being, ensuring that each student receives strong and effective pastoral support according to their individual needs. College documents and records are well-organised and can be accessed quickly and efficiently. They demonstrate that all elements of staff training, including for safeguarding, anti-extremism, safe recruitment and first aid, are up to date.

Students' attendance is monitored closely and recorded at various points in the day, so that staff can identify absence quickly. Students are well-informed about the content of their courses and receive good feedback on their progress. There is an appropriate mechanism for students to make a complaint, should they wish to do so, although no formal complaints have been made this year.

The Standards for premises and accommodation are met. The teaching and study rooms are well-suited to their purpose. The boarding accommodation is warm, well-ventilated, clean and tidy, and there is good storage space for students' clothes and belongings. Washrooms are clean and have modern facilities. A rolling programme of maintenance and refurbishment secures continuous improvement. Food preparation and dining areas, which are inspected by the local authority, meet the required hygiene standards and are suitable for the preparation and consumption of kosher meals. The students report that the food is tasty and nutritious. There is good outdoor space for sports and recreation, such as football and basketball, and the proximity of a local park enables students to benefit from fresh air and physical activity during their free time.

Overall Main Finding	Compliance	Outcome for the College
The college meets UKVI requirements.	It meets all the Standards.	It will receive an interim check in 2026.

## **Actions Required**

- No action is required

## COLLEGE AND INSPECTION DETAILS

### Details of college

Name of college:	Yeshiva Gedola Lubavitch London
Address of college:	3-5 Kingsley Way, London N2 0EH
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Website:	Yeshivalondon.com
Name of Proprietor/Charity:	Chabad Lubavitch UK (No. 227638)
Name of Principal:	Rabbi Gedalya Lieberman – Dean Rabbi Gedola Hertz - Acting Principal
Licence number:	3XQJ4HNJ6
Type of college:	Private Jewish Religious

### Details of student body

Age range	16-21
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Number of students on roll:		Visa	UK	Total
	Full Time:	10	21	31
	Over 18:	5	8	13
	Below 18	5	13	18

### Details of inspection

Type of inspection:	Educational Oversight: Interim	
Inspection Team:	Reporting Inspector:	Mrs Jane Cooper
Date of inspection:	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	