

# INTERIM INSPECTION REPORT FOR BETH MIDRASH LEMOROTH - JEWISH TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE (JTTC)

**UKVI LICENCE No: 02JYGYE56**

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 whose visas are sponsored by the college, 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 Beth Midrash Lemoroth, also known as the Jewish Teachers' Training College (JTTC), was conducted by Mainland Education Ltd in June 2023 and the last interim inspection was in November 2024. The college met all the required Standards for privately funded colleges at both inspections.

## Characteristics of the college

Beth Midrash Lemoroth, the Jewish Teachers' Training College (JTTC), is an internationally recognised training college for girls and young women aged between 16 and 21. Students are trained in Torah studies, including the training of teachers for orthodox Jewish educational settings, particularly schools. The college has a successful partnership with Gateshead College, the local further education (FE) college, to provide A level and NVQ Level 3 vocational courses. There are 467 students on roll, of whom 84 are sponsored by the college under UKVI visa arrangements and come principally from Europe, the United States and Israel as well as a small number from a range of other countries. All students live in college accommodation, and 252 of them are aged under 18.

## **Main Findings of Interim Inspection**

The college meets all the UKVI Educational Oversight Standards. It continues to run smoothly and give excellent service to the orthodox Jewish community it serves. Courses and qualifications are suitable for the students, who combine Jewish studies with vocational courses. The college has for a number of years achieved High Performing Centre status with Awards for Training and Higher Education (ATHE). Monitoring reports from ATHE praise the management of provision and clarity of organisational structure in delivery of the qualifications.

The two-year Level 3 Diploma in Torah Studies accredited by ATHE is taken by all students. About half of the students in the year group take a third year course of study, leading to the Extended Diploma in Torah Studies, and this, with a further module, qualifies graduates to teach in schools in Israel. Examination results are excellent and reflect the quality of teaching, assessment and feedback the students receive. Access to vocational and academic courses is provided through an arrangement with Gateshead College which enables the students to take A Level and NVQ courses in, for example, physics, bookkeeping, photography and graphics, as well as enrichment courses in sewing, technology and household budgeting.

The high quality of teaching is a key factor in the excellent levels of student achievement. Tutors know their students well through regular personal contact and very detailed assessment of their work, and tuition is tailored to their needs and abilities. Students say that their lectures are very good and that they are making good progress. A unique element of the course is the character study where students create their own written and illustrated journals about a biblical character. These are well researched and beautifully presented studies and form a focus for the girls' personal and academic growth. The girls speak with enthusiasm about the challenge of undertaking the study and the impact it has on their self confidence as learners. They are respectful of others, and their work on vocational subjects is a good way in which they gain knowledge of different cultural traditions.

Suitable health and safety policies are in place and are kept under review. Fire safety arrangements meet the required Standards and fire drills are carried out termly. There are trained First Aiders on site, and students are registered with a local GP for access to NHS care. The students say that they enjoy being at the college, feel well cared for and safe, and say that if they have any problems they speak to the matrons or other members of staff. There are good supervision arrangements during the college day and when the girls are in the boarding accommodation, with matrons readily available on site. The girls enjoy making friends and belonging to a community of students from different countries. Safeguarding arrangements continue to be well organised and monitored. All staff have received basic safeguarding training, and those in key safeguarding roles have been trained to a higher level, as required by the Standards. Procedures for monitoring and recording attendance and admissions meet UKVI requirements, and the college now uses facial recognition technology. The college operates safe recruitment procedures and records are kept on an electronic single central record (SCR).

The college is very well resourced, organised and managed. The team of senior managers and administrators are fully involved in all of the college's activities and are highly effective in sustaining the college's strengths and remedying weaknesses. There can be reasonable confidence that students are not at risk of being unable to complete their course as a result of the college's financial failure.

The newly refurbished premises are in very good condition. The classrooms are spacious and well lit, circulation spaces and dormitories are clean and well maintained. The girls are able to personalise their rooms with pictures and photos; consequently the rooms have a homely appearance. Food is prepared in well organised kitchens and kitchen staff are trained in food hygiene. The girls say that the food is good. The college does not have a website and does not advertise; high levels of recruitment are maintained through strong links with the Jewish community worldwide, feeder schools, alumni and their families. There is a suitable complaints policy; to date the college has received no formal complaints.

<b>Overall Main Finding</b>	<b>Compliance</b>	<b>Outcome for the College</b>
The college meets UKVI requirements.	It meets all the Standards.	Next interim inspection in the academic year 2026/27

## **Actions Required**

- **No action is required**

## COLLEGE AND INSPECTION DETAILS

### Details of college

Name of college:	Beth Midrash Lemoroth – Jewish Teachers’ Training College (JTTC)
Address of college:	50, Bewick Road, Gateshead, NE8 4HB
Telephone number:	0191 477 2620
Email address:	<a href="mailto:office@jttc.org.uk">office@jttc.org.uk</a>
Proprietor:	Rabbi S Kohn
Name of Principal:	Rabbi Simcha Kohn
Licence number:	02JYGYE56
Type of college:	Private Jewish College of Further Education

### Details of student body

Age range	16-21 years
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Number of students on roll:		Visa	UK	Total
	Full Time:	84	383	467
	Over 18:	68	147	215
	Below 18	16	236	252

### Details of inspection

Type of inspection:	Educational Oversight: Interim		
Inspection Team:	Reporting Inspector:	Mr Peter R Jones	
Date of inspection:	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2026		