

**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

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

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 Yeshiva Gedola Lubavitch London was conducted by Mainland Education Ltd in February 2024 with an interim inspection in February 2025. The college met all the required Standards at both inspections.

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. There are 30 students on roll and all are native English speakers. Seventeen of them are from the UK, of whom eleven are aged 16-18. The college sponsors thirteen international students under the Home Office UKVI visa scheme and five of them are aged 16-18. All of the visa students come from either Canada or the United States. YGLL is 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 (YGL) is a small, highly effective and well-organised yeshiva with a distinctive Lubavitch ethos; it meets all of the Standards required by UKVI. All visa students take courses leading to approved Level 3 qualifications validated by Awards for Training and Higher Education (ATHE). The weekly hours of study far exceed the UKVI requirement, and completion and qualification rates are very high. Teaching, learning and assessment follow a long established pattern of study in the Talmudic texts and Chabad philosophy. In interview the students said that they enjoyed the intellectual challenge of discourse and questioning from their tutors, all of whom are experienced and knowledgeable rabbis. Regular oral and written assessments give the boys confidence that they are making progress. Their results are also shared with parents.

A strength of the yeshiva's provision is its cultural and moral development of students. The boys speak highly of the positive experience they gain from the weekly Mivtzoim outreach programme, a key part of the Lubavitch educational tradition, through which they visit local Jewish businesses and offices to pray with workers. They also organise Hanukkah celebrations in the community. These out-of-college activities help to develop the boys' self-confidence, self-esteem and awareness of Jewish culture.

Standards for welfare, health and safety are met. Staff training in safeguarding, anti-extremism, safe recruitment and first aid have all been completed, with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) trained to the higher level as required. The students say they feel safe and comfortable in the college, and know who to contact in the event of any concerns or worries. A dormitory supervisor is on duty overnight. Fire safety arrangements meet requirements, with fire signage, emergency lighting, fire safety checks, including of fire extinguishers, PAT testing and fire drills carried out regularly. The Standards for effectiveness and suitability of staff are met. The college keeps good electronic records of the checks it has made on all staff prior to appointment in the form of a Single Central Register (SCR). The college premises and accommodation meet the Standards; teaching and study rooms are well-suited to their purpose. Boarding accommodation is in good condition; the rooms are clean and tidy. Washrooms, toilets and showers are of modern design, clean and well looked after, with a rolling programme of improvement. Food preparation and dining areas meet Jewish dietary and kitchen requirements, and local authority hygiene standards; kitchen staff hold appropriate hygiene certification. The boys say that the food is good.

The college is well managed, with policies implemented and kept under regular review. Governors ensure that appropriate resources are available to support students' academic and personal development. The charity Chabad Lubavitch UK and the wider Jewish community ensure financial sustainability. The college has a very good interactive website that can be used for applications as well as assessment results, and provides information on student progress to parents on a regular basis. A well-designed complaints policy includes time-lines to show when actions must be completed. There have been no formal complaints.

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 2027.

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
Telephone number:	0208 7316049
Email address:	yeshivalondon@gmail.com
Website:	Yeshivalondon.com
Name of Proprietor/Charity:	Chabad Lubavitch UK (No. 227638)
Name of Principal:	Rabbi Gedalya Lieberman – Dean Rabbi Gedalia 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:	13	17	30
	Over 18:	8	6	14
	Below 18	5	11	16

Details of inspection

Type of inspection:	Educational Oversight: Interim	
Inspection Team:	Reporting Inspector:	Mr Peter R. Jones
Date of inspection:	9 th February 2026	