



# **BEIS YAAKOV JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY**

## **VALUES, ETHOS & MISSION**

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# **Beis Yaakov Jewish High School Academy (BYJHS)**

## **- Values and Ethos**

### **Our History**

The school was founded by the local Charedi (Strictly Orthodox) Jewish Community in 1957 to provide religious and secular education for girls aged 11–18.

In January 2005 the school became voluntary aided in the City of Salford for girls aged 11-16, with a small independent Sixth Form attached. The period 2005–2009 was one of immense challenge as the school created and developed all the systems demanded of a voluntary aided school, and moved into its new building.

Following a period of consolidation, the school then converted to Academy status in September 2012.

The school serves the North-West Jewish Community based in Salford, Bury, and Manchester, providing a comprehensive education with a broad curriculum of integrated secular and Jewish studies, delivered during an extended school day.

Almost all pupils progress to Jewish FE colleges after GCSE. Our focus is to provide a secure and safe environment, preparing pupils for their long-term roles as British Citizens contributing to their own local communities and to wider society.

### **Our Religious Ethos**

Pupils of BYJHS are expected to embrace the school's religious ethos and to live their lives accordingly. Every aspect of school life is governed by the codes of Torah observance, which includes adherence to a modest way of life and strong morals and ethical values.

The School's expectation is for its pupils to have no access to any inappropriate media and parents are expected to ensure that their children do not have access to the internet or any other media not meeting the stringent moral criteria of the Charedi community.

Pupils are expected to dress at all times in accordance with the strictest standards of *Tznius* (modesty).

The School is guided in these matters by the presiding Rabbis of the Machzikei Hadaas Beth Din of Manchester.

BYJHS has a unique sense of family and belonging and Orthodox Jewish values permeate every aspect of school life and are consistent across all families, pupils and governors of the school.

The school promotes a learning culture with known and shared aims that are deeply embedded in all school policies and practice. There is a variety of themed activities through the year which develop pupils' social and academic skills and provide a forum for exploring Fundamental British Values in the context of their Jewish Faith.

Acts of collective worship take place twice a day for the morning and afternoon services. The morning service takes the form of a whole-school assembly, led by Year 11 pupils.

### **Our Mission and Aims**

- To offer a broad and balanced curriculum to cater for every pupil's needs and to ensure that all pupils reach the highest possible standards in both Jewish and secular studies.
- To give the pupils a love of Torah learning and practice.
- To promote a strong sense of social responsibility as fundamental to all aspects of life.
- To develop self-esteem, resilience, confidence and ambition in pupils.
- To prepare all our students for working life through a combination of academic knowledge and development of skills in collaborative and co-operative working, leadership skills and engagement with ethically based businesses.
- To build strong partnerships with parents and carers in order to work together toward our students' success and happiness in school and beyond.