

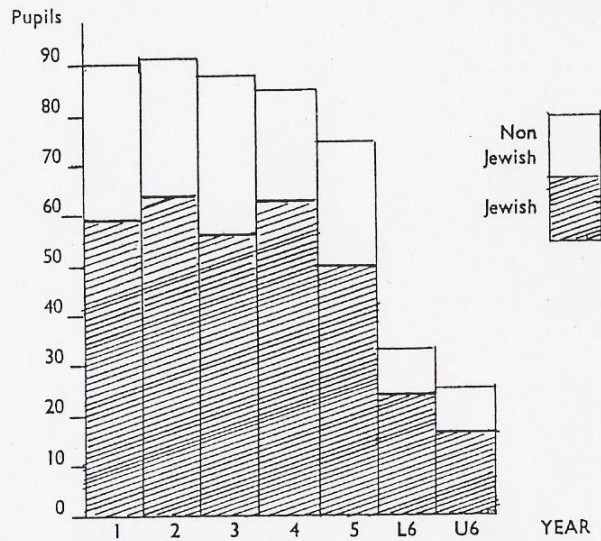
**KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL  
HEADMASTER'S REPORT 1970-71**

**THE STAFF**

After a period of reasonable stability, a number of teachers left for promotion or retirement in July, 1970, including occupants of three senior posts. These vacancies proved unusually hard to fill and in consequence the ensuing year had its difficulties. I am glad to report that these troubles are now over and staff changes this year have been minimal. A very welcome recent addition has been the appointment of a music teacher at the expense of the Shifrin Foundation. Whilst paying full tribute to the work of all our teachers, it is encouraging to note that the number of Jewish ones rises, albeit gradually, year by year.

**PUPILS AND TUITION**

The diagram below shows the present position of the school roll. It will be noted that the first three years are full;



**KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL — OCTOBER, 1971  
TOTAL ON ROLL: 487**

Extract from Headmaster's Report which appeared in ]

the fourth-year nearly so. The expected growth of the sixth-form is in fact taking place, so that it has become necessary to divide each year of the sixth into two forms. In September, 1970, as an experiment, the first-year intake was divided into four classes for most lessons, comprising a small slow learning group, two parallel 'B' forms and an 'A'. By the end of the year a number of children had demonstrated that they were capable of achieving more than would have appeared possible, judging by their previous performance in their junior school. This has encouraged us to adopt an even wider mixing in this September's intake, *i.e.*, there are three parallel forms and one slow learning group. The situation will be kept under review to ensure that each pupil gets the education best suited to him. The separation of a slow learning group in each of the first two years and the growth of the sixth-form have made our existing accommodation inadequate. We are, therefore, looking forward to the completion of the two new sixth-form division rooms as soon as possible and we are grateful to the community for its support in providing the necessary funds. We should already be in great difficulty, were it not for the private study accommodation available in Beth David.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The teaching of Jewish subjects has been fully integrated into the time-table and is mainly in the hands of teachers who are either full-time or who have a major commitment to the school. We are reaping the benefit in the fourth-year of the consistent teaching of Modern Hebrew to all classes throughout the first three years. In 1969 four candidates passed in the subject at 'O'-level in 1970, 14. The present 'O'-level class numbers over 20. Whilst results at 'A'-level in Modern Hebrew have been consistently good, numbers have remained very small, the present group of four being the largest yet. What is much more difficult to assess is the lasting impact on our pupils of the Jewish atmosphere of the school and our efforts to encourage a love of Israel. We are conscious of fighting against a tide of indifference and disbelief in the world outside. Much has been done under the wise guidance of Dr. Solomon and we look forward to further progress under his full-time successor.

#### PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

These show a general upward trend.

	NO. OF PASSES	
	1970	1971
CSE .....	238	293
'O'-level .....	244	295
'A'-level .....	35	39