December 2, 2024

Dear High School English Coordinators and Teachers,

Re: New Bagrut Updates

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well.

I would like to notify you of three recent updates from the Testing Department that are effective immediately:

1. **The BOOST/COBE (16387, 16486 & 16586)**

   Students in **1,2,3 מעגל** can now be tested by a human tester. They should be tested by an English teacher from the school who <u>is not their teacher at present.</u> A teacher MUST be registered and approved on the [Experts' Site](#) to test these exams. **(בוחן לשאלונים 16385, 16485, 16585).**

2. **Extra time**

   Students in **1,2,3 מעגל** are now entitled to 15% extra time on all the Bagrut exams.

   These two accommodations are valid for **1 מעגל and 2 מעגל** in the **winter Moed only**.

   You will find a link to this letter issued this morning [HERE](#).

   You will find an explanation about the different מעגלים in the letter [HERE](#).

3. **Native Speakers and Advanced 5-Point Students: COBE (16586) in the 11th Grade**

   The Testing Department has decided to open registration for the COBE (16586) for these students in the summer of 2025 (קיץ תשפ"ה). However, starting in the summer of **2026 (קיץ תשפ"ו)**, the COBE will no longer be open for registration in the 11th grade. This new guideline requires schools to implement a three-year program, to enhance students' English proficiency and prepare them for academic success.

I wish you and your students great success in the Bagrut exams.

Sincerely,
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