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STAY UP TO DATE



Dear English Teachers,

Welcome to the 3rd issue of our newsletter for this school year. I would like to wish all our readers a successful and productive 2022. May we see an end to Covid and a full return to in-school teaching.

During December, a 3-day course was held in Shlomi– the first of a series of implementation steps for our new Moodle courses that enhance student independent learning. These digital courses were developed over the past year by the Ministry of Education. Part 1 of these courses has now been published. The courses are available to all teachers for use with their classes. The following Moodle courses are available:

5 th grade	6 th grade	Module A	Module B - Literature
Module C	Ladders	Module D - Literature	Module E - Vocabulary
COBE	Module F Literature	Module G	

For further information on how to learn about and use these courses keep reading this issue and follow messages on WhatsApp and Facebook.



Best wishes,

Dr. Tziona Levi,
Chief Inspector of English



The Ministry of Education - English Department has developed courses in English that enable digital learning alongside classroom learning. These courses are structured according to the curriculum and allow both teachers and pupils to access excellent, ready-made contents from anywhere, at any time and at the appropriate pace. Moodle has been chosen as the right venue for these courses. You can now get as many Moodle Platforms as you need for your classes. Teachers can customize courses in ways that are best suited to our audience (our pupils).

Learn more:

-  [Smore newsletter](#)
-  [Video](#)
-  [Text](#)

If you are interested in participating in webinars or courses to learn more about how to use these Moodle courses, [please fill in this form](#).

If you are already using these courses and would like to report any issues, please use this ["Bug report form"](#).

The Moodle Digital courses are also available for student self-access for students' direct use.

- [Self-enroll in the high school courses](#)
- [Self-enroll in the elementary school courses](#)



Bagrut Updates

You can read about all the Bagrut updates [on the portal under high school.](#)

The change in Module E and in the COBE

Bagrut module E and vocabulary learning:

- The 16481 E module will be replaced in the summer testing period of 2023.
- The 16471 E module with the focus on learned vocabulary and without the use of the e-dictionary during the test, will become compulsory for 11th grade students (those now in the 10th grade).
- As of summer period moed 2024, the 16481 test will be abolished (and the COBE will include a listening component in place of the listening comprehension in 016481. See existing model on the ITEST site by Matach).

(From Tziona's letter to high school English coordinators and teachers, October 2021)

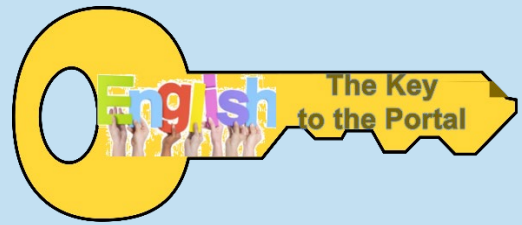
Students who take the E pilot this year and next year - should take the COBE with the listening - semel 16486 (4 points) or 16586 (5 points). This year's 10th graders will ALL have to take the COBE with the listening.

[COBE Oral Exam Winter-2021: COBE Simulation Answer Keys](#)

Also good to know:

"In the next school year (summer 2023), 3 pointers will begin to be tested orally via the computer. Additional details, information regarding teacher conferences and examples will be announced in the coming months. The content of the exam will include a structured interview on pre-prepared topics and describing pictures."

(From Tziona's letter to high school English coordinators and teachers, October 2021)



STAY UP TO DATE HAS
MOVED TO THE PORTAL

As you all know the Stay Up to Date site is now on the portal. As my late grandmother would say, "If you seek then you shall find."

Once you get the hang of it, you will find anything and everything.

Last edition's portal question was not answered correctly. Well done to the many teachers that tried their luck.

I was searching for "enrichment" and I came across a page with a teaching unit called *Unity in Diversity*. It's for the younger age.

And now for this week's question:

If I browse the vocabulary section somewhere in Junior High
I will come across a famous father
If you dream, you'll miss it - Give it a try!

What is his name?

Click here to add your answer

<https://forms.gle/hpMVxtbLm9p2nw616>

If this is news to you, feel free to watch this video for more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxfZA2N5ksY>

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General Updates:



[Digital Courses to Enhance Independent Learning](#)



Climate Change

- [Elementary](#)
- [JHS](#)
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Dream It Writing Project

- [Elementary Teachers' Guide](#)
- [Junior High Teachers' Guide](#)



Jewish Peoplehood: A Look at American Jewry.

A new online course is offered for English teachers in HS teaching 4-5 point classes. The course will start on 30/1/2022

[Click here for more details and to register](#)

New from the WhatsApp Project:



This month's online unit is about "The Ban on Plastic". [Click here to access.](#)

All the texts are on the [Facebook page](#) of the project and you are welcome to leave comments and share ideas under the relevant texts



[Visit the Site for Diplomacy and International Communication in English!](#)

Tenth Grade Diplomacy Summit Days at the World Press Photo Exhibit

Throughout the months of December and early January, 1600 tenth grade Diplomacy students from almost 80 schools all over the country gathered at the Eretz Israel Museum in Tel Aviv for summit days at the World Press Photo Exhibit. Students learned about important global issues through photojournalism, as they were guided through the exhibit by twelfth grade Diplomacy students. The tenth graders had the opportunity to practice the important skills they acquire in the English and Diplomacy classrooms, as they made new friends from different schools and backgrounds, presented and discussed photos, and finally created their own photo essays. These summit days are truly the definition of active, meaningful learning.

To learn more about the WPP Summit Days, [please visit our site](#), where you can see the activities involved, quotes and photos from the tenth grade students, and the photo essay products they created with their new friends.





English Teachers in Technical Centers and Miftanim

English Teachers in Technical Centers and Miftanim are invited to click [here](#) to check out what we, at the department for at-risk students in the MOE (Shachar department), have to offer you.

Need help? We are here to support you!
Contact Lucy Fried- lucyfr@education.gov.il
[Visit our website](#)

DINGBATS



<https://bit.ly/dingbata>

These Dingbats are updated each bulletin. Have a look at the new ones and test your pupils as well.

The dingbats are fun to use in class.

Feel free to share your examples with us at learnntune@gmail.com.

Here are the previous dingbats with answers

<https://bit.ly/dingbata>.



[Click here for a bank of statements for your elementary school report cards.](#)

SHOWCASE

ATID Lod Model United Nations Face to Face Conference is Back -atidmun.com
After a two-year hiatus following the Covid-19 pandemic, the Atid Lod MUN conference – AtidMUN – returned as a face-to-face conference for its seventh iteration. It marked the first face-to-face MUN conference in Israel in over a year and a half and included over 280 delegates and 30 committee chairs from 26 schools across Israel – 370 Delegates, Chairs and Admins.

It was a conference for delegates of all skill levels and MUN experience, providing opportunities for delegates to further their knowledge about global issues to be resolved, develop their critical and creative thinking, writing, persuasion, negotiation skills, and improve their public speaking process, on their way to assume the roles of the world leaders and diplomats.

The delegates took part in 11 committees, ranging from United Nations committees, such as the Economic and Social Council, or the Security Council, to regional councils like the Arab League or the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. They were tasked with solving urgent political and global issues, from xenophobia and racism to the illicit arms trade in the dark web, the impact of the climate change in less developed countries and even sustainable governmental debt-management in a post-Covid world.

Academic Consultants Daniel Gindis and Royee Nachlieli gave 4 master class workshops – leading the delegates through all the preparation stages.

We believe that AtidMUN VII Conference has advanced the Israeli MUN Community.

Would you like to showcase your work?

Your staff? A special teacher? An

English event in your school?

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will contact you. Spread the word

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E-Talent registration is closed and now the elementary pupils are busy recording their performances. A huge shout out to all the teachers that are encouraging and working with their students and promoting spoken English through songs, chants, poetry and more. The number of schools taking part has quadrupled and we are very excited to see the results. Best of luck to all the contestants. We would like to take a poll with regards to junior high/high school taking part in this competition next year. [Click here to place your vote.](#)



Learn in Tune sends out bi-weekly broadcasts with loads of information about using songs, movement and digital tools to enhance your lessons. You can access these broadcasts via the [WhatsApp group](#).

You can join the Email list by sending me an email to learnintune@gmail.com and I will add you to the mailing list.

- [Click here to access our site.](#)
- [Click here to access past broadcasts.](#)

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Special Teachers for Special Ed.

CONFERENCE

Tuesday 1st February 2022
17:00 - 19:30

For Elementary and Junior High School English teachers who are interested in students with special educational needs

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ON ZOOM

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ALL ELEMENTARY AND JH TEACHERS ARE WELCOME!!

Click [here](#) to register. A zoom link will be emailed to you nearer the time.



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CHEMED 6TH GRADE DREAM IT! NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION

Final date for submissions: 31/1/22
Click [here](#) to submit your students' entries.
Questions? Write to chemedenglish@gmail.com

Click [here](#) to submit your 6th graders' competition entries by January 31st, 2022.

Digital Date



Do you have questions about the Ministry of Education Digital Courses?

Join us on zoom every Thursday at 18:00 to receive assistance and learn more.



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