

Appendix E v) Consultation responses during the Representation period

- We would like to share our sentiments with you regarding Menorah High School for Girls. We consider ourselves to be extremely fortunate, having our daughters educated in Menorah High. Our eldest was one of the first intakes of the school, and our two younger daughters are currently proud Menorah pupils. The ethos, standard of learning and general atmosphere that Menorah generates is not easily matched. Teachers are approachable; and there is a general sense of happiness throughout the school. As parents we can truly say that Menorah has given and continues to offer our girls a most wonderful high school education and experience with outstanding results. Menorah High School for Girls is without question an asset to the London Borough of Barnet.
- In regards to the above named school being considered for VA – as a parent in the school I am delighted that the school has applied for VA status. It is a good school and serves the community well and this new status will help it to achieve its goals in educating local children to a good standard. I wish the school every success and thank you for your consideration.
- I would like to register my vote on behalf of Menorah High school where I have ben privileged to work since its inception in 2001. It is a school which values each individual student and really tries its best for each and every one of them. It is a happy place both for teachers to work in and for the students to study in and deserves every possible encouragement.
- This is a quick note of full support and urging for MHSG in Brook Road, Brent, to please be granted academy status asap. This is a wonderful school in every way - my daughter is in her second year there and we are highly impressed. The school has so much potential to be even greater and that will be helped by gaining academy status. This school is special, and one above the rest, so please do all you can to allow this school to achieve it. With much appreciation for all you do.
- My wife and I would like to express our strong support for Menorah High's proposal to establish a new Voluntary Aided Secondary School
- As a parents of two girls of this excellent school, I fully endorse the Proposal for them to become Voluntary Aided by the London Borough of Barnet.
- We are writing in support of the Menorah High School for Girls and its application for VA status. We have had two daughters through the whole school and our youngest daughter is a student there now. Our eldest daughter joined on the day the school opened and we have been extremely happy with our experiences. The idea 'one size fits all' - which for practical purposes is the norm in most schools - is not a feature here - each girl is given the tools to help her develop and reach her potential both academically and socially. The camaraderie throughout the age groups in the school is remarkable and the pastoral care is something for all other schools to emulate. We have been very satisfied with the breadth of curriculum offered and the standard of teaching has been extremely high both across the entire subject range. Our daughters gained an excellent education together with the confidence and life skills to enable them to move forward in their lives as committed members of the Orthodox Jewish Community whilst recognising and accepting their individual roles in UK Society. We salute the outstanding senior management team at Menorah High and wish the school every success for the future. If we can offer any additional assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact us.
- I am writing to express my support in respect of the current application for Menorah High School for local authority funding. The school is a true centre of excellence teaching its students not only academic knowledge to a high standard but also how to be upstanding moral citizens of the United Kingdom.
- I am writing to you as a parent from Menorah High School for girls I believe that the standards of education will be improved by entering the maintained sector. This will contribute to increased quality of opportunity and greater choices for pupils in later life.

The move to Voluntary Aided status will enable the school to access more funding for learning resources, greater access to in-service training and professional development and general advice and support from the local authority and other schools in the London Borough of Barnet. The move into the maintained sector will provide additional parental choice and diversity of school provision for strictly orthodox Jewish parents in the London Borough of Barnet, by making this type of education available to all who seek it without the financial burden. The school would be strengthened by the additional resources made available within the Voluntary Aided system and would benefit from the experiences and skills of staff at other maintained schools in the area.

- I write in support of this school's application to achieve VA status. I am a new parent at the school, my daughter being part of this year's Year 7 intake. The genesis and development of the school has been a remarkable success story and is attributable to a small group of determined individuals. The school has grown significantly in size, and its GCSE and A-level results are of a very good standard. Both the school and the parent body will benefit enormously from the grant of VA status. Equally, Barnet will be taking a high achieving school under its wing and extending its school offering to the local community. I do hope that the LEA form a favourable view of the governing body's application.
- I am very pleased that this new school is being established and will be a great addition to the Jewish community.
- We would like to express our support for the Menorah High school application to become voluntary aided. Menorah High school is an excellent school where they try to develop the potential for each girl. T
- Our daughter has just started Menorah High School, which I understand is in the final stages of becoming voluntary aided. X is exceptionally happy in school and motivated to work hard. She is enthusiastic about her studies and doing very well both academically and socially. I believe that Menorah High School will be an asset to the borough of Barnet.
- With reference to the pending application of Menorah high school, we wanted to thank you as concerned Grand Parents for your efforts on behalf of the school As Grand Parents of four Children in the school, we wanted to let you know, how delighted we are with the education they receive and we are fully supportive of the steps taken by the governing body.
- I would like to express here how grateful we are to this superb school. Our daughter, (year 10) is learning so much in a beautiful atmosphere of respect and responsibility. When I started high school I was terrified of my headteacher. Mrs Perlman makes herself so available to each of the pupils. She is such an extraordinary Role Model. We are delighted to see our daughter so happy and so successful thanks to the caring ways of her school's teachers and staff. Please support Menorah High school to help us go from strength to strength and help our youth to grow responsibly.
- We are third time parents at Menorah High in fact our first daughter attended the first year the school opened. Its a wonderful school with a great team of dedicated staff led by a terrific head mistress who all aim to get the best out of your child .We have never looked back and feel this school has a great balance of educational and social skills which to us are equally important.We hope this information is helpful .
- I am a parent of the current Menorah High School for girls and a resident of the London Borough of Barnet. In my dual capacity I welcome and commend the London Borough of Barnet in proposing the new voluntary aided secondary school and sincerely hope that the Secretary of State will designate the school at the very earliest opportunity. My daughter has enjoyed the benefit of an excellent education from the school and I sincerely hope that others of the same religious persuasion will be able to similarly enjoy the benefits of all that the School has to offer without restriction.
- This is a short note to show my support for the Menorah High School initiative to become state aided. My three daughters attend the school and i believe the additional funds will

greatly assist in creating a better school for the current girls and a valuable resource for the community in years to come.

- We would like to express our support for the VA application as we can imagine that it would be so beneficial and enhance the school! We as parents are very happy with the school and education and feel the extra funding would benefit the pupils and the teachers!
- I am writing as a grandparent of four pupils at Menorah High School to express my strongest support for the School's application for State Aid. Our granddaughters, who are in classes ranging from Year 7 to Year 12, all receive an excellent education in both National Curriculum and Jewish knowledge subjects. The School provides a warm, caring and secure environment fostering personal growth and academic achievement. We can see very clearly that there is a strong sense of school pride and identity amongst the pupils and they form long lasting friendships. The School's achievements in its relatively short history are quite outstanding, both as regards its academic success and the quality of its building refurbishment in recent years. Menorah is very fortunate in having highly skilled and dedicated professional and lay leadership. I am a former Chair of Governors of the Menorah Primary School, of which I remain a Trustee, and am familiar with the state sector. I believe Menorah High will be a most beneficial addition to Barnet's schools and that becoming state aided will foster even greater progress for the School.
- As a parent of 2 past & 1 current students, I would like to express my support for the application for state funding of the above mentioned school. The school has made tremendous advances in the last few years and would benefit greatly from extra funding, building on the success achieved to date by the staff & governors.
- I have 3 daughters currently attending Menorah High School for Girls. I have found it to be a very positive experience for each one of them. There is a warmth to this school that is rare - the teachers and head teacher are all approachable and experts in their field. They encourage the girls to excel in their studies and be upstanding members of society.
- I feel that voluntary aided status would only further enhance this wonderful institution and hope that they achieve this soon.
- I am writing as a parent of 3 daughters in Menorah High School and would like to express how pleased I am with the education they are receiving in this establishment. The standard of teaching is high and all pupils are encouraged to achieve their full potential. My daughters thoroughly enjoy attending this school and everyone who goes there feels the special atmosphere. The leadership team are very approachable and care for the individual need of every student. I wish the school much success and hope it will continue to thrive.
- I am writing in connection with the application of Menorah High School to receive VA status.
- In connection with this application, I wish to convey my wholehearted support for the school to receive VA status. Such a move would enhance the diversity of secondary school provision within the Borough of Barnet and would enable an enhanced provision of education for those attending the school. Please accept my complete support for the proposal.
- As a parent of current and past pupils of Menorah High School for Girls I cannot sufficiently express my utmost support for their application to become a Voluntary maintained school.
- The professionalism and commitment to their high level of education is second to none and their care and concern for each pupil is outstanding. The girls who graduate from Menorah High are well balanced young women who go on to become productive members of society.
- It can only be of benefit to us all for Menorah High to become a voluntary aided school.
- I write to you as new parent of the aforementioned school. Indeed it is with great pride that I say this since my wife and I have both been admirers of this school for a number of years and looked forward to the time when we were able to count ourselves among those

that have daughters there. Having been to the school, seen its students (both past and present) as well as dealt with the teachers and Governors our impression is overwhelmingly positive and full of admiration. Enabling the school to become Voluntary Aided would assist it to reach out and touch the lives of even more Barnet children. Whilst there may be other similar establishments, this school excels. Looking forward to a speedy ratification of the said.

- We are writing to express our support for funding for Menorah high. Our daughter has been at the school for 7 years and we are extremely happy with it as a school. As well as providing a wonderful education, Menorah is an extremely caring school whose staff have time for each and every girl. Deborah is now looking forward to using her education to go on and study Art Therapy. Thankyou for your interest in our daughter's school.
- We write as parents with a daughter currently at Menorah High School for Girls, and with a daughter who was educated at the school and has now moved on to further education, in support of the proposal for the school to become Voluntary Aided. The school provides an excellent level of education, and has the most wonderful, committed and devoted members of staff, throughout all its departments. The head of the school Mrs Pearlman leads a brilliant team of teachers and educators, who really give of themselves to provide each pupil with the personal attention she needs. We are extremely pleased with our choice of school for our daughters, and believe that the benefits of voluntary aid would add to what is already an outstanding institution. Thanking you for your attention to this matter.
- We would like to express our wholehearted support for the proposal that Menorah High School for Girls (MHSG) become a Voluntary School maintained by the London Borough of Barnet. As parents of a child in the school, we have been extremely impressed at the competence shown by both the governors and staff alike in running the school effectively and maintaining its high standard of personal investment in the children as individuals. Our experience of the school has been outstanding. We have another three daughters currently in primary school in the Borough of Barnet and whom we hope to send to MHSG when they graduate. Voluntary aided status will certainly reinforce our wish to send them to MHSG with the knowledge that the additional state funding and backing of the London Borough of Barnet will serve to enhance the school and therefore the opportunities afforded to its pupils, both during their school years and as a result, later in their life. We anticipate and look forward to our daughters developing into contributors to the wider communities within the borough, as they progress through a Voluntary Aided MHSG. We fully support the proposal and wish the school every success.
- I have read Menorah High School for Girls' Statutory Notice regarding becoming voluntary aided by the London Borough of Barnet along with the full proposal. I am fully supportive of this initiative.
- As a parent of two children at the school, I am very grateful to the Governors of Menorah, both in regards to the work undertaken for this application and in fulfilling their general duties towards the school. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information.
- I write to express our strong support regarding the above mentioned application under section 11(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 as amended by the Education Act 2011, and the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013. We currently send our eldest daughter to this school, which services a great need within the Jewish community of the London Borough of Barnet and adjoining Boroughs and we are hopeful that in the future we will send our younger daughters to the school as well. The School is a great example as to how a school should be run, with the girls learning in a caring environment while being challenged through their academic studies and I have no doubt that it will be an even greater asset to the borough and community as a Voluntary Aided establishment. The school reinforces the ethics and principles of the Jewish religion and culture which the girls learn at home and it is therefore vital that this characteristic be maintained for the successful continuation of the

school. We are hopeful that the Secretary of State will recognise this unique and special characteristic by designating the school as a school with such a religious character. Thank you for your kind assistance with this application.

- Just a quick note to lend my personal support to a wonderful school which I am sure will flourish under voluntary aided status. The school has achieved so much on its own but joining the Barnet family of schools it will not only enjoy improved finances to allow it to do things better it will also enjoy the support of the back office team to improve its operations in all spheres. I look forward to hearing good news.
- We are proud parents of our 13 year old daughter who attends this school. The ethos, education and positivity of the school is to be admired and we are confident that with VA status, the school will be able to further grow and develop with its excellent teaching staff, strong senior management team and indefatigable Governors. Thank you for your consideration of this. Should you wish to speak with my wife or I about this, please do not hesitate to be in touch.
- I am writing as a parent of a current student at Menorah High School for Girls and having had a girl who has graduated the school. As parents we are hopeful that you will accept the current proposition for Menorah High School to be accepted within the maintained sector.
- As with many parents, we have applied to the school given there was no suitable school within the maintained sector rather than because we were option for a private education. All our children have been educated within the state sector at primary school level. Menorah High School Governors and staff are passionate about providing an optimum education for our girls, but with restricted funding it is not possible for them to access the resources or training available within the state sector. We know that they will make best use of available training and resources to optimise the education of the girls in the school should this be possible for them. We are also aware that networking with other schools in the area will allow for a sharing of expertise which will serve to benefit the girls in Menorah High School as well as the students in other schools within the borough. We would be most grateful for your due consideration of the current proposal for Menorah High School for Girls.
- In grateful appreciation.
- How wonderful it is to learn that Menorah High School for Girls have applied to become a Voluntary Aided school. My daughter, X, has joined Menorah High just over four years ago and I can honestly say that we are 100% satisfied with the school ethos and academic achievement - for someone, as myself, working within the Market Research industry, 100% is indeed a very rare achievement - so kudos to Menorah High! :-). The school, led by Mrs Pearlman, are constantly ensuring that the girls achieve even higher goals and for this we are really very happy and grateful parents. I have no doubt that this move will hugely benefit its current and new pupils from Barnet to make the school even greater.
- We write in support of Menorah High School for Girls, where two of our daughters currently attend. We cannot thank the teachers and the Head enough for all their efforts and care they bring to the school on a daily basis. Our daughters love attending and are achieving well beyond our expectations. It is our firm belief that with extra resources the School could become even better and provide an even stronger environment in which to teach our girls!!
- We are writing to express our support for the above proposal. We currently have 2 daughters at Menorah High and they are flourishing both academically and socially in this very nurturing environment. We strongly believe that by joining the voluntary aided sector, the school will be able to encourage its pupils to achieve even higher levels of attainment and will continue to produce confident, well educated and refined young women who will be a credit to the wider community.
- I wanted to add my support for the VA application. As explained to a number of your colleagues, we really need Barnet's support to take the school to the next level, to

enhance the level of education, thereby ensuring that every pupil achieves their maximum both academically and socially. Menorah High School for Girls has grown over the past 13 years from a small group of girls to now an oversubscribed and much sought after school, delivering excellence in education, preparing the girls for higher education and the work place. We very much welcome the opportunity to work with Barnet in partnership, particularly as our goals are aligned to deliver an 'outstanding' education to the next generation. I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and the entire team for all your efforts to date, it is very much appreciated.

- As a parent of a child in year 7 of Menorah High School I want to express my support for the proposal to establish a new Voluntary Aided school. The school is an excellent school providing a well rounded education to our daughter, the school will greatly benefit Barnet Council residents of the Jewish faith.
- I am a parent of two girls who are currently pupils at the school. Furthermore, my wife taught at the school for a number of years. I therefore consider that I am extremely well placed to comment upon and give my support for the school's application for voluntary aided status. Menorah High School is without doubt, one of the best girls' schools in the Country and Barnet will benefit greatly from having it as one of the schools on its roster. The standard of teaching is exemplary as is the way that the governors and senior management, led by the Headteacher Mrs Pearlman run the school. The school is and will be a shining example to other schools not only in Barnet but way beyond, in all corners of the UK. Granting the school voluntary aided status will allow the school to further its aims and ideals and to be run with a firmer financial footing and I wholeheartedly support this.
- I am writing in relation to the application of Menorah High School for voluntary aided status. I would very much encourage the council to consider this application favourably. The school plays a unique role in the community catering for both the religious requirements and the need for solid secular studies education that is key for future religious and economic success of the pupils. As a parent of the school with 11 children it will make a huge difference financially to benefit from voluntary aided status. As a taxpayer I feel I am entitled to receive the support that others receive at the same time as being able to ensure my daughters receive a quality religious education in an environment which fosters religious development at the same time as an ability to understand their role as a citizen in a diverse society and culture –able to contribute positively to that society from a strong knowledge and identity of their unique background and obligations. Looking forward to hear positive news on this matter.
- As parents at this school since its launch and having girls now in years 10 & 13 we are hoping that MHS will succeed in its VA application, which will not only benefit the parents but most of all the education and running of this school. We fully support this VA application and encourage Barnet to agree to its implementation as soon as possible.
- I am writing to you regarding MHSG, which I understand is in the final stages of the VA process.
- This school has an outstanding SEN provision, which in my experience is not matched in other Jewish secondary girls' schools in the borough. They also have been able to offer some support to children who do not meet the threshold for EHCP, but are struggling with dyslexia, social or emotional issues or similar. The environment is supportive, warm and engaging, and children do well and feel listened to and understood in this school. There is a significant gap in the market, where Orthodox Jewish families are unable to secure VA schooling for their daughters and are instead struggling to afford private school fees. I hope that you will be able to support MHSG in their ambitions to meet this need. I have a daughter currently in Y6, and this would be my first choice of secondary school.
- We wanted to let you know we are very proud to be affiliated with Menorah High School. It is a warm, caring and wonderful school that takes care of our daughter with a high standard of education in a safe environment. We are very happy to strongly agree to the proposals for the school to become voluntary aided.

- I work in the Department of Medicine at Imperial College. After lecturing the first year medical students, last year, one of them came up to ask me a question. She turned out to have been a student at Menorah High. I was very impressed by her obvious ability but even more by her polite yet confident demeanour. Knowing that Menorah High school produces this kind of pupil was a significant factor in our decision to send my daughter to this school; we have not been disappointed.
- I strongly support their application to become a voluntary aided school.
- I whole heartedly support Menorah's HS application to become a VA school in the L.B.B. I am sure we will be proud of the school's achievements.
- We wanted to share with you our short experience of sending our daughter X to Menorah High (she is in Form 7). She is our oldest child and therefore in some ways, the one we were most cautious about making the right decision for, and the first child of ours to attend Menorah High. Right from the start, we found Menorah High to be an exceptionally welcoming school. A school filled with strong values which the school want the girls to embrace. Values of friendship, value of acceptance of others and a strong work ethics. There are plenty of variety in the subject choices, the teachers are dedicated to imparting the teaching in a focused way and as a whole Leah tells us that there is a very friendly atmosphere within the school. We would very much support the application of it becoming a voluntary school. If we could be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.
- Our daughter, X, is in Year 11 in Menorah High school and we are all thrilled with the school. From the high level of education, to the quality teachers, to the Jewish values and ethics instilled in the girls, to the warmth, happiness and friendliness of everyone in the school, it is a top school and we cannot commend it enough.
- Further to my previous note, We would like to emphasise how happy we are with Menorah High School and how we feel our satisfaction with the school would be enhanced even further if they are successful with their bid and are able to receive state funding.
- To whom it may concern. We are proud parents of two daughters currently at Menorah High we are very happy with the day to day running of the school the teaching standards the care given to our children and look forward to them hopefully achieving grant status further enabling investment in our children's education.
- I wish to express my admiration for the school. I have worked here for approximately 10 years in an administrative role and find the environment extremely positive and nurturing towards staff and pupils alike. It is a very enjoyable work place and this is expressed by the staff as well. The turnover of staff is very low. as staff are so happy here. I regularly recommend the school to prospective parents, and find that the school has an excellent reputation. Wishing the school continued growth and success
- We have been parents of Menorah High for the past five years and would like to put forward our support for the school in their efforts to gain voluntary aid status. Menorah High provides a warm and nurturing environment for its pupils, together with a well rounded education. We feel that Voluntary aid would be most beneficial for the school, in enhancing the already existing aspects of this wonderful institution and furthering its potential as a bastion of academic excellence.
- Menorah High is a wonderful school that offers a high level of education. It especially excels in the area of pastoral care as it is a school that values every student. I have a daughter in Year 10 and I am full of gratitude towards the school for providing her with a good quality education and teachers and staff to guide her through her teenage years. This combination ensures that students leave Menorah High with strong British Values and the tools necessary to be contributing members of society. My next daughter is currently in Year 6 and I look forward to her joining such an outstanding school. The decision to become VA will enhance the school even further and I hope the process goes smoothly.

- In regards to menorah high school we are delighted as parents the structure and strength of the school, and support it fully in the steps going forward. I am writing to you to explain how much Menorah High has done for each of our daughters. Our oldest daughter attended Menorah high. She was in the first class of the school. She is now a high school Math teacher in Manchester teaching A levels, GCSE's and core Maths in a leading high school. Our next daughter also attended Menorah High. She had a statement from Barnet. Menorah High catered to her needs from day one. She is now married, living in Gateshead. She just obtained her level 2 nvq equiv in childcare. She works for a nursery. Our youngest daughter (age 15) is currently attending Menorah High. She left primary school with some educational needs. She obtained level 4 in her year 6 sats. She just finished art gcse at Menorah High obtaining A+, a b in RS and a B in Science. She is completing her GCSE's this year and hopes to be able to continue with Art A level or Btec and possibly photography . As you can see from the above each of our daughter's are unique in their own way. Menorah High was and continues to cater to girls teaching them according to their way and offering a wide variety of subjects so each girl can achieve to the best of their abilities. We look forward to hearing good news soon.
- Thank you so much for supporting our school.
- Our daughter is in year 7 and has therefore just joined the school. The school has been incredible in settling her in and creating a bespoke programme that she required to meet her needs. There is such a loving and warm atmosphere throughout the school. We strongly support their application for VA as it can only enhance the education and care they are providing.
- I would like to express my full support for Menorah High School For Girls obtaining Voluntary Aided Status. A very satisfied parent of two pupils.
- I am writing with regards to the Voluntary Aided Status for Menorah High School for Girls. Our oldest daughter started school at Menorah High in 2013, and she was joined this September by her younger sister. We have been very impressed with the school's ethos, policies and educational environment. The management are approachable, decisive and set clear guidance. Both our daughters have been thriving in every sense of the word, and we hear their positive feedback on a daily basis. My wife and I, amongst many other parents, would be delighted if the school was granted Voluntary Aided status.