

1. To be completed by parent / guardian / applicant

Name of Applicant: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Current School: _____

Any other previous schools: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Address _____ Postcode: _____

For your information, Hasmonean's religious nature is described in Appendix 1. To meet the faith practice requirement within the admissions arrangements of Hasmonean High School for Boys, you must answer the specific questions below. All candidates who score **13** points or more will be given priority on the grounds of being of the Orthodox Jewish Faith. **Please note that all questions must be answered accurately and truthfully. Failure to do so could result in an offer being withdrawn if any of your answers are intentionally misleading.**

Criteria	Answer (Yes / No)	Number of points awarded for an answer of 'Yes'
1. Does the applicant observe the laws of Kashrus at home?		2
2. Does the applicant eat away from home only in establishments certified as kosher by a recognised kashrut authority?		2
3. Does the applicant observe the Jewish Sabbath?		2
4. Does the applicant actively participate in the laws and customs associated with the Jewish festivals of Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Succot, Simchat Torah, Chanuka and Purim?		2
5. Does the applicant commit time to Torah study as required by Jewish law?		1
6. Has the applicant attended Torah lectures classes, for example as offered by most synagogues and other Jewish organisations in the past 2 years?		1
7. Does the applicant commit time to communal prayer and/or individual prayer in accordance with Jewish law?		1
8. Does the applicant look for Rabbinic guidance with regard to Halachic queries?		1
9. Has the applicant participated in Orthodox Jewish youth organisations, such as Bnei Akiva, Sinai, Ezra or Beis Yaakov in the past 2 years?		1
10. Does the applicant accept the binding nature of Halacha as codified in the Shulchan Aruch and its commentaries?		1

When you have completed Part 1 of this form. Please give the form to an Orthodox Ordained Rabbi (from an Orthodox Jewish synagogue¹) and ask him to answer the question in Part 2 over the page. Please ask him to return it directly to the School.

¹ For a list of recognised Orthodox Jewish synagogues, please see the addendum at the end of this document. This list is not exhaustive and if you are unsure that your synagogue meets this requirement you should contact the JSSM or the school for clarification. Synagogues under the auspices of the United Synagogue, Adath, Federation, Sephardi, Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, unaffiliated Orthodox synagogues & minyanim and Chabad/Lubavitch would meet the requirement of being Orthodox Jewish.

2. To be completed by an Orthodox Rabbi

Dear Rabbi,

Due to the current Code of Practice with regard to the admissions process for Faith Schools, we are requesting your help in assessing whether the above mentioned applicant meets the faith practice requirements for consideration for a place at our school under our oversubscription criteria.

Please answer the following question about the applicant:

Area of law	Answer (Yes / No)	Number of points awarded for an answer of 'Yes'
1. Does the applicant seek Halachic guidance from you about how to follow an Orthodox Jewish lifestyle?		2

I confirm that I am an Orthodox Ordained Rabbi and that I have not completed this in the presence of the parent or applicant, nor have I completed it under duress.

Name of Rabbi: _____ Signature: _____

Synagogue / Communal Institution if applicable (*please include any official stamp at the bottom of the page*):

_____ Date: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Y. Halberstadt

Mr Y. Halberstadt

**Chair of the Local Governing Body
Hasmonean High School for Boys**

Official Synagogue / Communal Institution Stamp

Please return this form in the enclosed envelope to: **Admissions Officer, Hasmonean High School for Boys, Holders Hill Road, London NW4 1NA**

***Appendix 1 for your information only (this is not part of the admission requirements):
Hasmonean's Religious Nature***

The religious nature of the school is based unambiguously on the principles of Orthodox Judaism. At the core of those principles is a recognition that both the written and Oral Torah are Divine. The principles are enshrined in the Shulchan Aruch, the Code of Jewish Law, and its commentaries, which delineate the laws, customs and values of an Orthodox Jewish lifestyle.

It is the school's aim to educate boys to conduct themselves in strict adherence to the Orthodox Jewish lifestyle throughout their lives. In addition, it is the School's purpose to provide its students, dependent on their individual capabilities, with the knowledge and skills to enable them to take their place as responsible adults in modern Britain.

The School in particular places special value on:

- a. Motivating students to engage in continual Torah study*
- b. Derech Eretz – respect for others, both within the School community and in the outside world*
- c. Integrity in all aspects of behaviour*

Index of Orthodox Jewish Synagogues
(see footnote 1 above – this list is not exhaustive)

Aden Jews Congregation - Beth Hamidrash Nachalat Yosef	Kahal Yetev Lev Satmar - 26 Clapton Common
Adeni	Kehilat Yacob
Aish Edgware	Kehillas Netzach Yisroel
Alei Tzion	Kehillas Ohel Moshe
Anshei Shalom	Kehillas Toras Chaim
Barnet	Kenton United
Beis Gavriel	Keshet
Beis Hamedrash Nishmas Yisroel	Kinloss
Beis Shmuel (Reb Chuna)	Kinloss - Sephardi Minyan
Beis Yisroel (Dayan Ehrentreu)	Knesset Yehezkel
Beth Hamidrash Knesset Yehezkel	Kol Yaakov, Edgware
Beth Yissohor Dov ("Hagers")	Kollel Beis Aharon
Borehamwood & Elstree United	Lubavitch
Borehamwood United	Lubavitch Edgware
Bridge Lane Beth Hamedrash	Lubavitch Golders Green
Brondesbury Park	Machzekei Hadass, Edgware
Bushey & District United	Machzikei Hadass
Central Square Minyan	Magen Avraham Kol Yaakov
Chabad Hendon	Mill Hill United
Chigwell & Hainault United	Minyan 21
Cockfosters & N Southgate	Nahalat Yosef
Crowland Road United	Ner Yisrael / Ner Yisroel
David Ishag	Netzach Yisrael
Divrei Chaim	Netzach Yisroel, Edgware
EAYC	North Hendon Adas Yisroel
EAYL	Od Yosef Hai
Edgware Adath (EAYC)	Ohel David Eastern
Edgware Sephardi Community	Ohel Moshe
Edgware Torah Centre	Ohr Chodosh
Edgware United	Ohr Yisrael
Edgware Yeshurun	Persian Sephardi - Kinloss
Efrat Central	Pinner United
Elstree Shteibel	Porat Yosef
Finchley Central Synagogue	Rabbi Elyahu Shalom
Finchley Federation	Radlett United
Finchley Kinloss	Rambam Sephardi Synagogue
Gan Eden	Saatchi Shul
GGBH (Munks)	SadiGer Beth Hamedrash
Gibraltar Minyan at LSJS	Sasson Beth Hamedrash
Gibraltar Minyan/Kehilat Tzur Israel	Sephardi Minyan at Edgware Adass Yisroel
Ginzey Yisroel-Chortkov	Skolyer Beis Hamedrash
Goldberg Minyan (Oak Hill Way)	South Hampstead Synagogue
Golders Green Synagogue	Southgate & Cockfosters
Hadley Wood United	Spanish & Portuguese
Hampstead Garden Suburb	St Johns Wood United
Heichal Leah	Stanmore & Canons Park United
Hendon Adath Yisroel (HAYC)	The Village Shul Hampstead
Hendon United - Raleigh Close	Tiferes Tzvi
HGSS - Norrice Lea	Tiferet Eyal
Highgate Synagogue	Toras Chaim
Ilford Federation & United	Tzur Yisrael
Ilford Synagogue Beehive Lane	Tzur Yisrael (Gibraltar Minyan)
Jewish Learning Exchange (JLE)	Wembley United
JLE Rabbi Tatz Minyan	Woodside Park United
Kahal Chassidim	Yeshurun Federation (Edgware)