

HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS RABBI CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

1. To be completed by parent / guardian

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 in relation to you and/or the applicant (depending on the question – see below). All families who score 13 points or more will be given priority on the grounds of having a child who is 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 Failure to do so could result in an offer being withdrawn if any of your answers are intentionally misleading.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. Do you and your child observe the laws of Kashrus at home?		2	
2. Do you and your child eat away from home only in establishments certified as kosher by a recognised kashrut authority?		2	
3. Do you and your child observe the Jewish Sabbath?		2	
4. Do you and your child 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. Do you and your child commit time to Torah study as required by Jewish law?		1	
6. Have you and your child attended Torah lectures classes, for example as offered by most synagogues and other Jewish organisations in the past 2 years?		1	
7. Do you and your child commit time to communal prayer and/or individual prayer in accordance with Jewish law?		1	
8. Do you and your child look for Rabbinic guidance with regards to Halachic queries?		1	
9. Has your child participated in Orthodox Jewish youth organisations, such as Bnei Akiva, Sinai, Ezra or Beis Yaakov in the past 2 years?		1	
10. Do you and your child 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 and his parent meet the faith practice requirements for consideration for a place at our school under our oversubscription criteria.

Please answer the following question about the parent of the applicant:

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

I confirm that I am an Orthodox Ordained Rabbi and that I have not completed this in the presence of the parent, no have I completed it under duress.				
Name of Rabbi:	Signature:			
Synagogue / Communal Institution	n 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,

Mr Y. Halberstadt

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

Adeni Aish Edgware Alei Tzion Anshei Shalom Barnet Beis Gavriel

Beis Hamedrash Nishmas Yisroel Beis Shmuel (Reb Chuna) Beis Yisroel (Dayan Ehrentreu) Beth Hamidrash Knesset Yehezkel Beth Yissohor Dov ("Hagers") Borehamwood & Elstree United

Bridge Lane Beth Hamedrash Brondesbury Park Bushey & District United Central Square Minyan

Borehamwood United

Chabad Hendon Chigwell & Hainault United Cockfosters & N Southgate Crowland Road United

David Ishag Divrei Chaim EAYC FAYI

Edgware Adath (EAYC)
Edgware Sephardi Community
Edgware Torah Centre
Edgware United
Edgware Yeshurun

Efrat Central Elstree Shteibel

Finchley Central Synagogue Finchley Federation Finchley Kinloss Gan Eden GGBH (Munks)

Gibraltar Minyan at LSJS

Gibraltar Minyan/Kehilat Tzur Israel

Ginzey Yisroel-Chortkov Goldberg Minyan (Oak Hill Way) Golders Green Synagogue Hadley Wood United Hampstead Garden Suburb

Heichal Leah

Hendon Adath Yisroel (HAYC) Hendon United - Raleigh Close

HGSS - Norrice Lea Highgate Synagogue Ilford Federation & United Ilford Synagogue Beehive Lane Jewish Learning Exchange (JLE)

JLE Rabbi Tatz Minyan Kehal Chassidim

Kehal Yetev Lev Satmar - 26 Clapton Common

Kehilat Yacob

Kehillas Netzach Yisroel Kehillas Ohel Moshe Kehillas Toras Chaim Kenton United Kesher Kinloss

Kinloss - Sephardi Minyan Knesset Yehezkel Kol Yaakov, Edgware Kollel Beis Aharon Lubavitch

Lubavitch Edgware Lubavitch Golders Green Machzekei Hadass, Edgware

Machzikei Hadass Magen Avot

Magen Avraham Kol Yaakov Mill Hill East Jewish Community

Mill Hill United Minyan 21 Nahalat Yosef Ner Yisrael / Ner Yisroel Netzach Yisrael

Netzach Yisroel, Edgware North Hendon Adas Yisroel

Od Yosef Hai Ohel David Eastern Ohel Moshe Ohr Chodosh Ohr Yisrael

Persian Sephardi - Kinloss

Pinner United Porat Yosef Rabbi Elyahu Shalom Radlett United

Rambam Sephardi Synagogue

Saatchi Shul

SadiGer Beth Hamedrash Sasson Beth Hamedrash

Sephardi Minyan at Edgware Adass Yisroel

Skolyer Beis Hamedrash South Hampstead Synagogue Southgate & Cockfosters Spanish & Portuguese St Johns Wood United

Stanmore & Canons Park United The Village Shul Hampstead

Tiferes Tzvi Tiferet Eyal Toras Chaim Tzur Yisrael

Tzur Yisrael (Gibraltar Minyan)

Wembley United Woodside Park United Yeshurun Federation (Edgware)