HASMONEAN
אל תקרי בניך אלא בוניך

HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS
RABBI CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM
FOR SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

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 Failure to do so could result in an offer being withdrawn if any of your answers are intentionally misleading.**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 synagogue[1]) 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,

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
Borehamwood United
Bridge Lane Beth Hamedrash
Brondesbury Park
Bushey & District United
Central Square Minyan
Chabad Hendon
Chigwell & Hainault United
Cockfosters & N Southgate
Crowland Road United
David Ishag
Divrei Chaim
EAYC
EAYL
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 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)