



HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL Admission Arrangements for September 2010

ADMISSION INTO YEARS 7 TO 11

The Published Admission Number for entry into Year 7 on September 2010 is 150.

As a Voluntary Aided Faith School, and in accordance with the School Admissions Code, we prioritise children of the Orthodox Jewish Faith, as defined hereunder in paragraphs A & B:

- A A child must observe and practise Orthodox Jewish traditions and practices as set out in B2 hereunder. In the event of any dispute as to whether a child meets these criteria, the authority of the Rabbis of the Jewish Secondary Schools Movement is final.
- B A child must also have parent(s) who:
1. Have a genuine desire for Orthodox Jewish schooling, and
 2. Observe the Sabbath and Holy Days, adhere to the Dietary Laws and maintain active participation in an Orthodox synagogue, such synagogue to be one recognised as such by the Rabbis of the Jewish Secondary Schools Movement.

Confirmation of the above will be required from the Rabbi of the synagogue of which the parents attend or from an orthodox Rabbi who is well acquainted with and knows the family.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where applications for admission of children exceed the number of places available, children will be prioritised on the basis of the following criteria in the order set out below:
'Orthodox Jewish' is defined in paragraph 'B2' above.

1. Orthodox Jewish children who are 'looked after' by a Local Authority.
2. Orthodox Jewish pupils from Orthodox Jewish Primary schools.
3. Orthodox Jewish children with medical or social grounds for admission to this school in particular. Supporting evidence from a suitably qualified professional will be required.
4. Orthodox Jewish brothers and sisters whose siblings are at the school at the time of admission.
5. Orthodox Jewish only or eldest children (due to the difficulty in our community for only or eldest children to receive a place at a Jewish school).
6. Looked after children other than those who are Orthodox Jews.
7. Other children.

In the event of there being insufficient places for all applicants within any of the above criteria, priority will be given to those living nearest to the school by straight line measuring in accordance with the Local Authority's measuring system described in its guidance booklet for parents applying for school places, but with measuring taking place to the main entrance of the relevant school site.

Siblings will be defined in accordance with the Local Authority's definition in its guidance booklet for parents applying for school places.

The school will maintain a waiting list. Children will be placed on the list in accordance with the above criteria. This waiting list will remain open until 31st December 2010.

Late applications and applications for places in Years 8 to 11 will be dealt with on a similar basis.

Children with Special Educational Needs where their Statement indicates that placement at Hasmonean High School is approved, are admitted under the statementing process rather than the admissions process. Their admission is taken into account against the school's published admissions number.

The Admissions Forum, or the Local Authority, may require individual schools to admit a child exceptionally, either outside the normal admissions arrangements or in excess of the published admissions limit, in order to protect the interests of vulnerable children and those with challenging behaviour.

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS

Admission Criteria for Year 12

There is no automatic entry to the Sixth Form, either to students from the school or to others. There are a limited number of places available in the Sixth Form and places will be offered first to candidates currently studying in the school who wish to follow appropriate and available courses although it is intended to offer not less than 2 places to candidates not already studying in the school. For those candidates who are not currently studying in the School, priority will be given to those candidates who meet Criteria A and B above and the oversubscription criteria will also apply as outlined above.

All candidates will be expected to demonstrate a level of academic attainment suitable for the proposed course of study.

Students must meet the general entry requirements of at least six or more GCSE passes at grade C or above, including both English and Mathematics. At least one of these passes should be at grade B or higher. In addition, a number of subjects have an extra compulsory admission requirement. Students not meeting these academic requirements may be considered for entry to Advanced Vocational Courses conditional upon meeting the compulsory admission requirements.

Additional evidence to support a student's application will be required and will include reference to the commitment to Orthodox Judaism as recommended by their rabbi. Boys' site external applicants will be considered if they are applying to join the Beis Hamedrash programme.

Offers of places will be conditional upon evidence that the entry requirements have been met. Advanced level students are required to follow a minimum course programme of four AS levels in Year 12.

Oversubscription will be determined by two criteria. These are:

1. Students for whom places on appropriate courses are available.
2. In order of GCSE point scores.

Note:

Orthodox Jewish children (as defined in A & B above) who are 'looked after' under the provisions of the Education (Admission of Looked After Children) (England) Regulations 2006 will have priority over other Orthodox Jewish children, and other 'looked after' children over other pupils.

ALL ADMISSIONS

Parents having the statutory right of appeal against refusal to admit their child to the School or into Year 12 may appeal by writing to the Clerk to the Admissions Appeals Panel at the school address. All references to parents above include legal guardians.