

**HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL  
 FAMILY RABBI CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM**

**To be completed by parent / guardian**

*In order to assist your Rabbi in answering the following information about your family, it would be useful to provide him the following information:*

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hebrew Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other previous schools:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Parents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide details of all siblings

Name	Date of birth	Age	Current School	Previous School (for siblings who have left school)

**Please give this form to your Rabbi to complete. (However, if you currently have siblings in the school, you may return this form directly to the school).**

**To be completed by Rabbi**

Dear Rabbi,

Due to the current Code of Practice with regards to the admissions process for Faith Schools, we are requesting your help in assessing the suitability of the above mentioned Applicant for a place at our School. As part of the application process we have asked the family for the name of their synagogue Rabbi or a Rabbi that knows them well.

**Hasmonean Ethos Statement**

*The ethos 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 and girls 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 pupils, dependent on their individual capabilities, with the knowledge and skills to enable them subsequently to take their place in society, for example in the worlds of Jewish learning, teaching or social service, or in the general academic, professional or business worlds.*

The School in particular places special value on:

- a. Motivating pupils 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
- d. Inculcating a special concern for Israel and for all of our people living there.

The School is apolitical with respect to issues in the community, in general society, and in relation to Israel.

Could you please answer the following questions as fully as possible:

1. How long have you known this family? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. In what capacity do you know this family? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Is this family active in their synagogue? **Yes / No / Unsure**  
If yes, please give examples: \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Please initial here to confirm that you have seen a copy of the parents' ketubah. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Can you confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, this family fully observe Shabbos and Yomim Tovim? \_\_\_\_\_
  6. As far as you are aware, does the family adhere to the Laws of Kashrus, both at home and when they eat out? \_\_\_\_\_
  7. In your opinion, do you feel that this family has a genuine desire for Orthodox Jewish Schooling for their child? \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Do you feel that this family will be suitable for Hasmonean and will support the ethos of the school? (please refer to the ethos statement on the reverse of this page) **Yes / No / Unsure**
  9. Do you have any other comments or information to help us assess the suitability of this child for our school? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

***I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge the above information is a correct and accurate assessment of the child and his/her family.***

Name of Rabbi: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yours faithfully,

*Howard P. Glyn*

Howard P. Glyn  
**Chairman, Admissions Committee of the Governing Body**

**Official Synagogue / Communal Institution Stamp**

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