

HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS Admission Arrangements for Academic Year 2019/20

ADMISSION INTO YEARS 7 TO 11

Applications for Year 7 must be made via the Local Authority in which you live. This can be done online through eAdmissions. Guidance can be found through the secondary admissions section of your Local Authority's website or by contacting their admissions team.

Late applications to Year 7 that fall outside the Local Authority's co-ordinated scheme for Year 7 and applications for places in Years 8 to 11 will be administered by the School. All applications for such admissions should be made direct to the School. Forms and more detailed information can be found on the School's website.

The Published Admission Number for entry into Year 7 in September 2019 is 75.

As a Faith School, and in accordance with the School Admissions Code, if the School is oversubscribed 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 Parts 1 and 2 of our Rabbi Reference form. 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 a parent or guardian who observes Orthodox Jewish traditions and practices according to the criteria set out in Parts 1 and 2 of our Rabbi Reference form.

Confirmation of the above will be required through completion of our Rabbi Reference Form.

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 Parts 1 and 2 of our Rabbi Reference form.

Children with Special Educational Needs where their Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) names Hasmonean High School for Girls in Section I or their Statement names Hasmonean High School for Girls in part 4, are admitted under the statementing or EHCP process rather than the admissions process. Their admission is taken into account against the School's published admission number before any other places are allocated.

1. Orthodox Jewish children who are 'looked after' or were previously 'looked after' as defined by the Admissions Code.¹
2. Orthodox Jewish students with medical or social grounds for admission to this school in particular. Supporting evidence from a suitably qualified professional (e.g. a letter from a doctor or social worker) will be required.
3. Orthodox Jewish students whose siblings are at either Hasmonean High School for Boys or Hasmonean High School for Girls at the time of admission.
4. Orthodox Jewish students who are only or eldest children (due to the difficulty in our community of only or eldest children securing a place at a Jewish school).

¹ A 'looked after' child is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. This definition has been widened to include previously 'looked after' children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

5. Orthodox Jewish students whose siblings are former students of Hasmonean High School for Boys, Hasmonean High School for Girls or the former Hasmonean High School when it incorporated both schools.
6. All other Orthodox Jewish students.
7. Looked after children and previously looked after children other than those who are Orthodox Jews.
8. Other children.

Tiebreaker

In the event of a tie for the last available place in any of the above categories, priority will be given to those living nearest to the School by straight line measured in accordance with the Local Authority's measuring system (described in its guidance booklet for parents applying for school places) with measuring taking place from the child's permanent home address to the main entrance of the girls' school. If more than one applicant lives at the same distance from the School, random selection will be used to allocate the place under the supervision of an independent person.

Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the child spends the majority of school nights Monday–Friday.

Definition of Siblings

Siblings are defined in accordance with the London Borough of Barnet's definition in its guidance booklet for parents applying for school places. It says: "**Sibling** refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, adopted brother or sister and foster brother or sister living in the same family unit at the same address." A 'sibling' is a sibling who attends either Hasmonean High School for Girls or Hasmonean High School for Boys.

Former siblings are siblings who were previously on the school roll of either Hasmonean High School for Girls or Hasmonean High School for Boys, or the former Hasmonean High School which incorporated both.

Waiting List

The School will maintain a waiting list for the new Year 7. Children will be placed on the list in accordance with the above criteria. Children will move down the list if children who are ranked higher according to our admissions criteria are added. This waiting list will remain open until 31st December 2019.

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

Admissions Outside of Normal Age Group

A parent may seek a place for a child outside of their normal age group for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. It is important for parents to note that they will have responsibility for providing evidence to support their request. A parent wishing to apply for his/her child to join other year groups outside of their normal age group should make this clear at the time of application. The application will be taken into consideration and processed in the same way as other applications.

Hasmonean High School for Girls will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of:

- the parent's views;
- any available information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
- where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional;
- whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group;
- any evidence that the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely;
- the views of the Headteacher.

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS

Admissions 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 meet the entry requirements for one of the learning pathways. In addition, no fewer than 2 places in Year 12 will be offered to candidates not already studying in the School and who meet the academic admission requirements set out below.

Academic Admission Requirements

Both internal and external applicants must meet the general entry requirements.

There will be 5 pathways available for students:

Pathway one is the Work Skills pathway. Within this pathway, students will study BTEC Work Skills and an ITEC GCSE in relevant subjects. Students will also retake GCSE or study for the functional skills qualifications in Maths/English. There is no admissions criteria for this pathway.

Pathway two is the BTEC only pathway where students will study for 2.5 or 3 BTECs. The entry requirements are 5 GCSE Grades 9-3/A*-D including Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Literature. They must also meet the entry criteria for individual BTEC subjects.

Pathway three is a BTEC/A Level pathway where students study A Levels or BTECs. The entry requirements are 5 GCSE Grades 9-4/A*-C including Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Literature. They must also meet the entry criteria for individual BTEC/A Level subjects.

Pathway four is a 3 or 4 A Level pathway. The entry requirements are 5 GCSE Grades 9-4/A*-C including Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Literature. They must also meet the entry criteria for individual A Level subjects.

Pathway five is a 3 A Level and EPQ pathway. The entry requirements are 6 GCSE Grades 9-7 /A*-A. Students must have a Grade 9-7 in GCSE English Language or Literature and a Grade 5 in Maths. They must also meet the entry criteria for individual A Level subjects.

Availability of Courses

The courses on offer and the individual subject requirements are set out in the school's Sixth Form Booklet and their availability each year is subject to uptake and timetabling constraints.

Application Process

External applicants can apply using the school's application form which is available from the School or via our website <http://www.hasmonean.co.uk/information/admissions/>. The deadline for applications is 15 June 2019.

Offers of places will be conditional upon evidence that the entry requirements have been met.

Oversubscription

After places have been allocated to students transferring from Year 11 who meet the above academic entrance requirements, the following oversubscription criteria will be used to admit external applicants in the following descending order:

Children with Special Educational Needs where their Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) names Hasmonian High School for Girls in Section I or their Statement names Hasmonian High School for Girls in part 4, are admitted under the statementing or EHCP process rather than the admissions process. Their admission is taken into account before any other places are allocated.

1. Orthodox Jewish students who are 'looked after' or were previously 'looked after' as defined by the Admissions Code (see definition above).
2. Other Orthodox Jewish students.
3. Other students who are 'looked after' or were previously 'looked after' as defined by the School Admissions Code.
4. Other students.

Tiebreaker for Year 12

In the event of a tie for the last available place in any of the above categories, priority will be given to those living nearest to the School by straight line measured in accordance with the Local Authority's measuring system (described in its guidance booklet for parents applying for school places) with measuring taking place from the child's permanent home address to the main entrance of the girls' school. If more than one applicant lives at the same distance from the School, random selection will be used to allocate the place under the supervision of an independent person.

Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the child spends the majority of school nights Monday–Friday.

OPTION TO APPEAL

Parents have the statutory right of appeal against refusal to admit their child to Years 7-11 of the School, and both parents and students have that right in respect of entry into Year 12. Any such individual may appeal by writing to the Clerk to the Admissions Appeals Panel at the School address. All references to 'parent' above includes legal guardians.