



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL / PARENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Please read through this Agreement and discuss it with your child.

Introduction

Hasmonean High School is a centre of educational excellence serving the Orthodox Jewish Community of North-West London. In accordance with the ethos of the school, boys and girls are taught separately on two campuses.

All students, staff and parents are aware of Hasmonean's great purpose: to nurture students to become committed to, and ready to live, a life of Torah im Derech Eretz (to be successful in the wider world without comprising the attitudes and values enshrined in the Torah). This ethos has been at the heart of the school since its inception, when it arose out of the ashes of the Holocaust to provide those who fled from it with a future; it is this ethos which enables our students to become successful, responsible contributors to modern day Britain.

Hasmonean's values go above and beyond academic achievement. We expect teachers to deliver a first-rate religious education, outstanding secular studies and a broad and enriched curriculum which promotes values such as chesed (caring/ kindness) and tzedokah (supporting charities). Although the vast majority of our graduates go on to study in world-class yeshivas and seminaries, before pursuing university education and a wide variety of careers, *all* students are well-prepared for their future lives.

Students are taught to love and cherish their religion and culture, to explore its rich depths and to be enriched by them; and that living an ethical life is a privilege rather than a burden. They are also taught to respect people of other faiths (or no faith), those who come from different cultures and those who choose to lead different lifestyles.

We ensure that students are supported, regardless of their economic background or academic ability, to make excellent progress and to enjoy their spiritual, personal and academic journey. We aim to maximise each student's potential within a caring, disciplined and ordered environment; in return, all students are obliged to respect and support the school's values, to act as role models to other students, to try their best and to act with a kind heart.

1. The Parent(s)/Guardian will strive to:

- Support the religious ethos of the school at all times
- See that my/our child goes to school regularly, on time, properly equipped and in full school uniform
- Notify the school in accordance with the school's policies in the event that my child is absent
- Encourage my child to do their best
- Take an interest in my child's education.
- Wherever possible, arrange all out of school appointments e.g. medical, for my/our child to be before or after school hours
- Follow the school's guidelines pertaining to leave of absence for BarMitzvahs and BasMitzvahs, and only ask for leave of absence during term time in exceptional circumstances
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my/our child's work or behaviour
- Accept and support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour and discipline
- Support my/our child in homework and other opportunities for home learning
- Attend parents' evenings and discussions about my/our child's progress
- Notify the school immediately of any changes in contact details for parents or other emergency contacts.
- Notify the school immediately of any medical changes

2. The School will strive to:

- Promote the religious ethos of the school at all times
- Provide a balanced curriculum and meet the individual needs of the child
- Achieve high standards of work through good teaching and maximising pupils' potential
- Encourage every pupil to do their best
- Provide a safe and caring environment
- Set via MyChildAtSchool portal, mark and monitor homework which will benefit pupils educationally whilst reinforcing and furthering the content of lessons
- Keep Parent(s)/Guardian well informed about their child's progress including arranging parents' evenings and sending home an annual report
- Involve Parent(s)/Guardian appropriately with any concerns and problems that affect their child's work or behaviour
- Contact Parent(s)/Guardian if there is a problem with attendance or punctuality, uniform or equipment
- Keep Parent(s)/Guardian informed about school activities through regular letters home and eNews
- Achieve high standards of work and behaviour throughout the school.
- Provide a range of extra-curricular activities.
- Set clear behaviour and discipline policies.

3. The pupil will strive to:

- To uphold the ethos of the school.
- Take pride in my school.
- Respect the school environment.
- Be respectful towards others in the school community and behave in a responsible way.
- Attend school in term time as directed
- Be punctual and organised.
- Do all my homework and classwork as best as I can.

- Be honest and truthful.
- Take care of equipment and use equipment safely and appropriately.
- Respect other people's property.
- Behave in accordance with school rules.
- Always try to achieve my full potential.

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