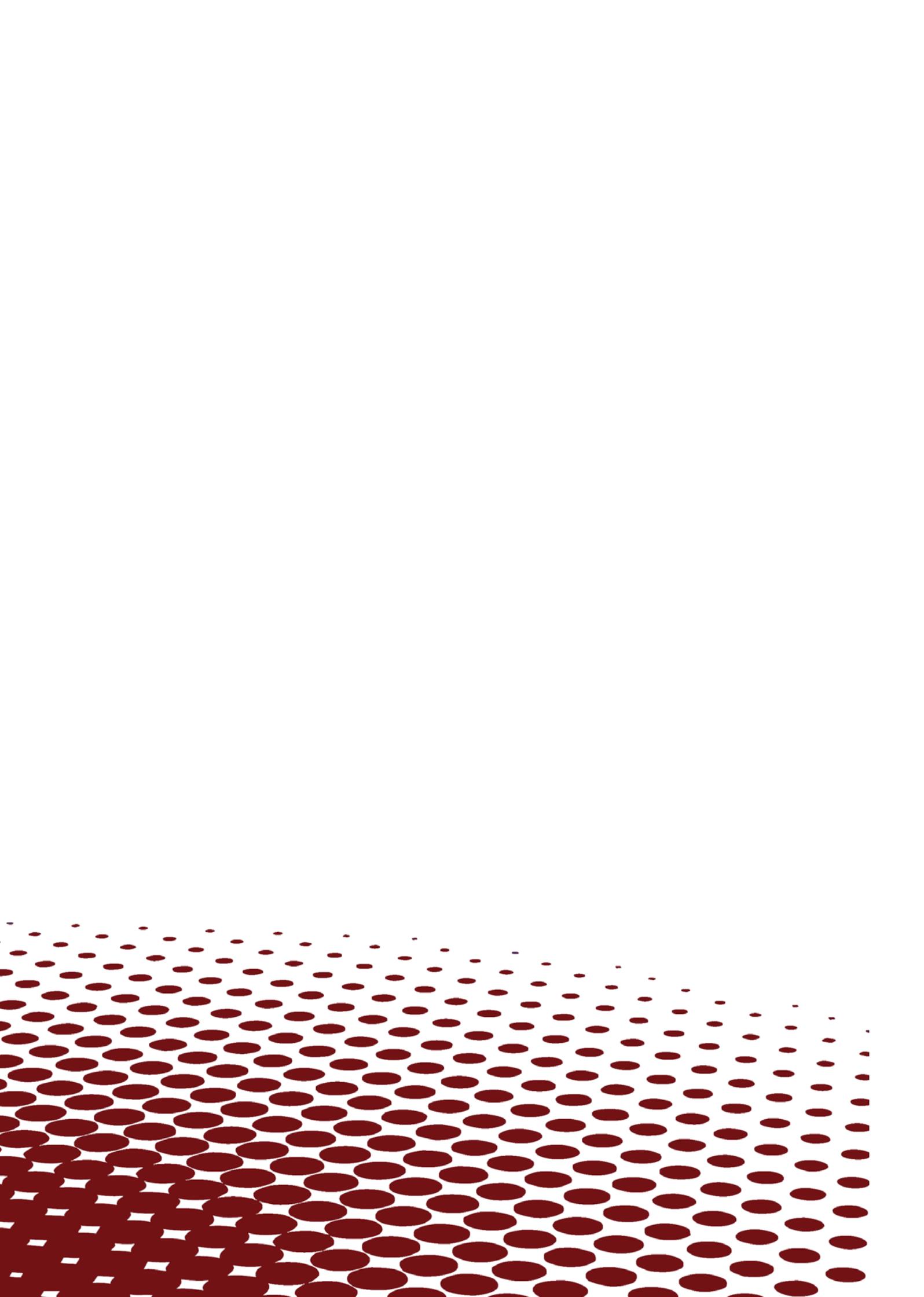


Hasmonean High School For Girls - Year 7

Welcome Booklet 2019-2020





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HASMONEAN



אל תקרי בניך אלא בוניך

Dear Parents,

At Hasmonean, we believe that all students need to be given the foundations to live decent, happy, fulfilling and successful lives.

We aim to instil in students with the desire to be caring, generous and warm-hearted. By enabling them to focus on attitudes and values, they will appreciate the significance not only of their academic progress but of their personal and spiritual growth. Here they will learn the importance of unity, the value of working collaboratively and to put others' needs before their own. They will also learn to use their inner resources to overcome obstacles and discover why learning is not a chore but instead a pleasure and a privilege.

The transition from primary to secondary school is an incredibly important part of that process. At Hasmonean, we want students to learn from the role models within the school and, in time, to become role models to younger students themselves.

In order to succeed here, children will need to be fully committed to upholding Hasmonean's ethos. We will do everything that we possibly can to instil Torah im Derech Eretz at school and we put our trust in you to instil it at home. A warm and supportive partnership between home and school will be key to your child's progress.

Mr A McClusky
CEO

Mrs K Brice
Headteacher

עולמך תראה בחיך (ברכות ז.)

MAY YOU SEE YOUR WORLD IN YOUR LIFETIME

The Gemoro in Brochos (17a) tells us that when the Sages took leave of each other, they would say: “עולמך תראה בחיך” “May you see your world during your lifetime”. What exactly does that mean?

Rav Shimon Schwab offers a beautiful interpretation of this cryptic phrase. The word עולם (world) is connected to the word העלם (hidden). The Sages were referring to the potential of a person, the part which is hidden away.

עולמך therefore refers to a person’s world which is the part of him that has not yet seen light of day, the part that is still potential. Realising that full potential is the work of a lifetime.

This was the blessing that our Chachomim wished each other. May you see the world during your lifetime. May you achieve during your sojourn in this world the full realisation of all the potential Hashem has invested in you.

That is our mission statement at Hasmonian. In partnership with our parent body, we have the responsibility and privilege to cultivate and help develop the potential in each and every one of our students.

We hope and pray that your time at Hasmonian will be happy and productive and that you will ultimately be able to fulfil the potential Hashem has given you.

“עולמך תראה בחיך”, “May you see your world during your lifetime”.



Rabbi J Golker
Menahel

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW SCHOOL

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to Hasmonean in September. You must be very excited – and a little bit nervous. The transition from primary to secondary school is a challenge and we will support you every step of the way.

This booklet is designed to help you and your parents, and provide answers to some of the questions you may have. Please take time to read it together and keep it for future reference. It will make it easier for you to settle into your new surroundings.

Every individual is important to us at Hasmonean, and we hope that you will regard it as an honour and a privilege to attend our school. At the same time, remember that being a student of an orthodox Jewish school involves duties and responsibilities - to live and behave in accordance with the Torah tradition, both inside and outside of school.

We trust that your years at Hasmonean will be happy and successful in every respect.

Secondary school has given me the opportunity to shine in my favourite subjects.

By Sara Leah

I have learnt that if you shoo the chickens then you stretch your gastrocnemius.

By Talia

I have learnt that secondary school gives you more freedom and responsibility.

By Elianna

I have made friends with a wide variety of people.

By Claudia

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Why is our School called Hasmonean? You will be familiar with the story of Chanukah - how the loyal band of Jews under Yehuda Maccabi with Divine help defeated the mighty armies of the Syrian-Greeks and managed to restore Temple worship throughout the land of Israel.

The family name of Yehuda Maccabi was HASMONEAN, a name which has come to be associated with the valiant defence of the Torah and true Jewish traditions.

Our School was established more than 70 years ago by Rabbi Dr. Solomon Schonfeld, z"l, at Chanukah time. Like the Hasmoneans of old, the students of Hasmonean School strive to be loyal devout Jews and upstanding members of the community. When you join the ranks of the Hasmoneans you are thereby accepting the responsibilities and privileges of a religious Jew in the spirit of the original champion of our faith more than 2000 years ago.

May you be successful in your endeavours.



TORAH IM DERECH ERETZ GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Our school ethos, 'Torah im Derech Eretz' reflects the expectations that we have of all students and staff. Our orthodox way of life only becomes meaningful when it is accompanied by mutual respect for one another.

You are expected to be polite at all times. When a member of staff enters a classroom you must stand up as a mark of respect. If you want to ask a question during a lesson, you should put your hand up and wait until the teacher asks you to speak. Remember, that it is important to be polite when you speak to the office staff; saying "please" and "thank you" is a sign of good manners that is much appreciated.

We hope you will make friends at Hasmonean whom you will keep for life. There may be students in your class who do not make friends easily, and would appreciate a kind word from you. Include them in your games and make them feel wanted. Bullying is rare at Hasmonean but if it happens we take a very serious view of it. If you ever see bullying going on, please tell your form tutor or another teacher straight away to allow us to deal with it.

No eating or drinking except for water is allowed in the classrooms or corridors. You can eat in the hall or school grounds at break or lunchtimes. If you bring a packed lunch or other snacks to school, they must not include fizzy drinks, cans or glass bottles. Please ensure that all food brought into school is under a supervised hechsher or recognised

as Kosher by the London Beth Din. You are expected to put your litter in the bins provided. Chewing gum and bubble gum are not permitted in school.

Coats must not be worn inside the buildings. You should either keep them in your locker or hang them on the coat rails provided near the hall.

Please familiarise yourselves with the rewards, sanction and support procedures.

HASMONEAN'S EXPECTATIONS OF THE STUDENT'S RIGHT TO LEARN

In order to achieve your potential we expect you to:

- Arrive on time, properly dressed with all the equipment you need
- Follow all instructions first time, without argument
- Wait to be invited by the teacher if you wish to speak

In the corridor:

- Act kindly and respectfully towards staff, visitors and fellow students
- Be calm and orderly
- Respect your environment

Remember to act with a kind heart and always try your best.

REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

Our rewards and sanctions is currently under review and will be updated shortly.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Every student in Hasmonean High School regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, social status, language, age, nationality or religion has rights and responsibilities.

THE RIGHT

To have the best education that will help me achieve my potential

To be allowed to work hard in lessons.

To be treated with respect in what I do and say.

To be part of a well-ordered, clean and tidy environment.

To feel that my personal property is safe.

To feel safe from violence and verbal abuse.

To be supported by everybody around me.

AND THE RESPONSIBILITY

To meet my targets and be proud of my achievements

Not to distract others, making it easy for everyone to work.

Not to be rude to others or unfairly criticise their views.

To do my part in keeping the school clean and litter free.

Not to take or damage the property of others.

Not to be physically aggressive or verbally abusive to others.

To help others whenever possible.

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE

Punctuality: Punctuality is an important part of self-discipline and is essential to good time management. You must arrive at school and at all lessons on time.

The school day starts at 8.40 am, and you must be in your form by this time, having packed your bags ready for lessons. If you arrive at security after 8.40 am you will be marked as late. If you arrive after 8.40 am, you MUST go straight to your classroom, your teacher will mark you as late.

Attendance: On a school day you need to be in school. If you are not in school then you must have a justifiable reason and your parents should telephone the school office before 8.40 am on the first day of absence. Messages regarding absence should be left on the absence line by calling 020 8203 1411 and choosing, option 4 and then option 3.

If you are absent from school, your parents must send an email confirming the reason, everyday of the absence. If you are ill for an extended period (more than 5 days) then a medical note must be provided.

Orthodontic and other medical appointments should take place OUTSIDE school hours. Where this is not possible, students must bring a note at least 24 hours in advance to request an exit permit. This should be given to the Student Services Officer.

Parents are requested not to arrange family holidays during term time. In exceptional circumstances ONLY, requests for leave of absence should be made IN WRITING to the Headteacher at least THREE WEEKS in advance.

The Year Leader will track your child's attendance on a weekly basis and contact you if concerns arise. We work closely with Barnet Local Authority to ensure that all our students attend regularly to receive their full educational entitlement.

Please note where necessary Hasmonian does issue fixed term penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

I have learnt to make more decisions for myself.

By Eliana

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

This is Sara

She is in Year 7 and has 90% attendance
Is that good?

What does this mean?

Sara thinks this is pretty good, so do her
parents. Are they right?



90% attendance =
Half a day missed every week!

Lets look a little closer...

1 school year at 90% attendance is 4 whole
weeks of lessons MISSED!

90% attendance over
5 years of secondary school is half a year of
school missed.



What impact might this have on Sara's life?
Research suggests that 17 missed school days
a year results in
a GCSE grade drop in achievement.

So 90% is not as good as it first seemed.

Raise your attendance
Raise your success!



Maintain a 100% attendance to win a prize at
the end of year

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Safeguarding Team



Mrs L Waugh
Designated Senior
Person



Mrs K Brice
Deputy Designated
Person



Mrs M Langdon
Deputy Designated
Person

Our job is to make
sure that you are safe

If for any reason, you
are worried about
your own or a friend's
personal safety and
wellbeing, please
come and speak to us.

We are here to help

Child Protection/Safeguarding

Mrs L Waugh

l.waugh@hasmonean.co.uk

ext 316

Mrs M Langdon

m.langdon@hasmonean.co.uk

ext 217

Mrs K Brice

k.brice@hasmonean.co.uk

ext 312

I have learnt how to study for tests.

By Rosie

I have become more organised.

By Dayla

CARE, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

At Hasmaneian, caring for your safety and wellbeing is our top priority. If you are unhappy or worried in any way or just need someone to talk to, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff who will help guide you and/or guide you on to another member of staff who can support you.

At Hasmaneian we have a wealth of staff members who are here to look after you.

1. You will see your **FORM TUTOR** each day. Please speak to them about any regular day-to-day matters or issues you may be having.
2. You have a **YEAR LEADER - Ms Liley** and **ASSISTANT YEAR LEADER, Mrs Canoville** that you can speak to whenever something specific has happened that you feel your Form Tutor may not be able to help you. **m.liley@hasmaneian.co.uk ext 389.**
3. The **SCHOOL COUNSELLOR - Mrs Farron** is there to help guide you in any sensitive matters you may wish to discuss with them.
4. The **STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER - Mrs Palmer** is there to help you when you are feeling unwell, or are not sure where you need to be or if you need to call home.
5. The **ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER - Mrs Waugh** has overall responsibility for your care and wellbeing, and is always there for you if you think the matter is so important that it can't be dealt with by another member of the pastoral team.
l.waugh@hasmaneian.co.uk ext 316.
6. **Special Educational Needs - Ms A Katchinska - ssugirls@hasmaneian.co.uk ext 328.**
7. **Detention Rescheduling/ Punctuality issues - Ms J Owusu**
j.owusu@hasmaneian.co.uk ext 328 or attendance.girls@hasmaneian.co.uk
8. **Curriculum concerns - Mrs Langdon - m.langdon@hasmaneian.co.uk ext 386.**

STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

HOW THE STAFF CAN HELP: Student Services is an important part of the school.

Mrs Palmer is the Student Services Officer and is a qualified first aider. If you are hurt or feeling unwell you will be sent to the Student Services Area. If you need to use an asthma inhaler during the school day, it can be kept in the office for safekeeping, but you are reminded that the office staff are not permitted to administer other medication.

If you suffer from an allergy that requires medication, your parents must contact the Student Services Officer about your condition as soon as possible. This will ensure that you are properly protected at school.

Check with your Year Leader or with the Student Services office for lost property.



Mrs Palmer - Ext 309

SCHOOL RULES AND INFORMATION

MONEY AND VALUABLES: Hasmonean is a cashless school where everything is paid for via ParentPay. Students should only bring money to school for Tzedokah. In the unlikely event of large sums of money being brought to school, this must be handed to the office for safe-keeping on arrival at school.

Jewellery or any valuable items including iPods or electronic games must not be brought to school. If found, they will be confiscated for a limited period, before being returned to their owner or parent.

CARE OF PROPERTY: All articles brought to school and all items of uniform should be clearly and indelibly marked with the owner's name and form.

TEFILLAH: Your child must bring a siddur to school every day. Communal Shacharit takes place every day. Mincha is davened every afternoon in the form group with the exception of Friday. On Rosh Chodesh, the whole school recites Hallel together and there is communal Mincha on Fast Days.

ILLNESS DURING SCHOOL TIME: The Student Services Officer is a qualified first aider and will decide whether it is necessary to send a student home. Students may not phone home directly to ask their parents to come and collect them. Students will normally only be allowed home if collected by a parent or guardian, or the emergency contact listed on their application form.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES: Messages will only be taken for students in cases of emergency. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, the best times are during morning break at 11.15 – 11.30 am or at lunchtime 1.10 – 1.55 pm.

HOME ADDRESS/EMAIL: Parents are asked to notify the School in writing immediately of any change of address, telephone number (including the emergency telephone contacts) or email. This should be done via email@hasmonean.co.uk.

TRAVEL: We encourage children to travel to and from school by walking, cycling or using public transport. It goes without saying that they should be outstanding representatives of Hasmonean. Children under 16 receive a free Oyster Card, and must have one to use public transport. You can apply for an Oyster Card at the Post Office and many local shops. Please be aware that poor behaviour on public transport may result in your child's Oyster Card being removed.

COMMUNICATIONS: You can find out lots of useful information about Hasmonean on our website www.hasmoneangirls.org.uk. This includes holidays dates and telephone lists. Please use the website first to find the answers to your questions.

MOODLE: Moodle is a virtual learning platform and all students will be shown how to access it at the beginning of the school year.

SHOW MY HOMEWORK: Students are now set homework using the Show My Homework. Students access this homework using either an app on a tablet/phone or on a website. This allows teachers to attach worksheets, powerpoints and video links, as well set quizzes. Students can mark the homework as done and this has now replaced the homework planner although students are welcome to bring in their own planner if they wish. Students can also communicate with teachers through Show My Homework if they have any queries.

Parents also have access to Show My Homework so that they can keep a track of the homework that their children have been set.

All students and their parents will be given their unique login codes in September.

SCHOOL POLICIES: Please see our website for all of our school policies.

USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

Our mobile phone policy is currently under review and will be updated shortly.

ORGANISATIONAL ADVICE

TIMETABLE: Your child's timetable will appear on MCAS. We would advise that you make numerous copies of your child's timetable.

When your child first receives their timetable it is recommended that they colour code their lessons. For example, all their Maths lessons could be blue, their Science lessons red and Gemara lessons yellow.

Some children may prefer a more visual timetable and so they may wish to draw a picture (or copy one) to represent a lesson, for example calculator for Maths or a football for PE. It is important that each child understands their timetable and makes it meaningful for them so as to help them remember.

We would advise there is a copy of their timetable in their bedroom, stuck to the back of their locker door and even another downstairs on the fridge so they are constantly reminded of their lessons.

BAGS: We would strongly recommend that each child checks their timetable before they go to bed each night and packs their bag before they go to sleep. If possible they should have their bag ready to take in the morning. Not only will this make it quicker to get out in the morning, it will also allow you, the parent, to check that your child has everything they need.

Please advise your child to put their bag in their locker at break times. It is the only place they can be sure it won't be moved.

BOOKS: We would strongly recommend that you designate a shelf or area in your child's room for their school books. As there are a number of different text books and sheets, we recommend that you buy your child an A4 folder for each subject in different colours. The best way to keep everything together is to purchase oversized plastic A4 folders, this way it is simply a case of having 7 folders in your child's bag and one shelf with approximately 12 folders on it.

Each folder should have their name and subject clearly labelled.

LOCKERS: Every student is allocated their own locker. Please buy them a lock to ensure their belongings remain secure. Please help your child to manage their day by using their locker effectively and limiting the weight of their bag.

LABELLING OF CLOTHING AND OTHER PERSONAL BELONGINGS: All items of clothing and other belongings must have your child's name clearly labelled. This includes bags, coats and shoes as well as pencil cases and calculators. Mobile phones can be security marked by the police and some networks allow tracking in the event of loss or theft.

THE SCHOOL DAY

There are 7 lessons a day in Year 7, lasting 45 or 50 minutes. Morning break is 15 minutes and lunch break is 45 minutes. Students are registered in the morning and afternoon.

FRIDAYS: Please see the website for more information.

WHAT I WILL LEARN: Every day you will have Kodesh lessons and learn a variety of interesting and important Jewish subjects. Jewish Studies are a compulsory part of every student's curriculum throughout the school and the foundation of your education at Hasmonian. In addition to the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science, you will study a broad range of subjects in Years 7 and 8. These will include: French or Spanish and Modern Hebrew, Geography, History and ICT. Fine Art, Textiles, Food, PE and Music will also play an important part in your learning. At Hasmonian, the combined Key Stage 4 (GCSEs) and Enrichment Programme begins in Year 9.

You will be put into sets for Jewish Studies and Modern Hebrew and Mathematics from the beginning of the academic year. There will be several assessment opportunities during the school year to ensure that you are in a learning environment that is best for you. You will be prepared for these assessments by your class teacher and dates of the assessment tests will be made available in advance.

eNEWS

Hasmonean publicises all forthcoming events, information and instructions through the school's weekly newsletter - eNews.

eNews can be accessed through the front page of the school website and previous issues are also accessible from there. Please check the school has your correct email address.

It is essential that you check eNews regularly to ensure you do not miss out on what is going on. It is extremely rare that general letters are sent by post. For example, information about school trips or assessments will appear on eNews only. It is your lifeline to knowing what goes on at Hasamonean and ensures that neither you nor your child misses out.

HOME SCHOOL CONTACT

The Year Leader is responsible for overseeing students' welfare and for monitoring their academic progress. They will be liaising with your child's primary school to facilitate their transfer to Hasamonean and thereafter they will be kept informed of your child's progress by regular consultation with their Form Tutor and subject teachers. You will receive two progress reports and one full report in the academic year.

You will receive three reports during the year. One report will be a data sheet which will be issued prior to Parents' Evening which will be held in February. The information on this sheet will be the basis of your discussion with your child's teachers. There will be a grade only report with a summary comment from your child's Form Tutor and you will receive a full report towards the end of the summer term.

At other times, if you wish to discuss your child's welfare or academic progress, you can contact the Year Leader by email. Staff members will reply as soon as possible but please remember that they have teaching commitments along side other roles. Where appropriate, serious concerns are passed on to senior members of staff for their personal attention.

For us to do our best to help your child, it is essential for us to be well-informed about any special factors that may be relevant to their work and progress at school. If there are any personal problems, whether medical or educational, or if there are any special domestic circumstances, please tell us. You are assured that any confidential information will be treated with the utmost discretion.

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is an online Parent Web Access tool which is a safe, secure way to view your child's information. The MCAS portal enables you to view your child's performance at school and to obtain information. It is a fast way to locate details of your child's behaviour, attendance and progress.

MCAS allows parents to access Datasheets, Academic Reports and Full Reports online. As soon as your child's report is published, you will be able to access it immediately.

The MCAS portal also has the capability for parents to view details about attendance, behaviour and homework.

PARENTPAY AND CASHLESS CATERING

ParentPay, our school online payment system, gives you a more convenient and flexible way to pay the school and helps to keep your child safe. By making cashless payments online, you know that your money has reached the school safely. The system allows you to pay for school meals, school trips, voluntary contributions and various other school related payments.

At the beginning of the year, you will receive a username and password allowing you to logon to the ParentPay website, where you can top up your child's account and track their expenses.

SCHOOL CATERING: Snacks and refreshments are available to buy during morning break. At lunch, a hot meal on a rotation is served as well as soups, baked potatoes and a large range of sandwiches. All food, which is under the supervision of Kedassia, complies with Government Nutritional Regulations.

SAMPLE PRICES

MID-MORNING BREAK

Pasta Pots	£1.30
Spicy Wedges	£1.20
Assorted Sandwiches	£1.90
Salt beef Sandwiches	£2.25
Assorted Filled Rolls	£1.85
Salt beef Filled Roll	£2.15
Assorted Filled Baguettes	£2.10
Salt beef Baguettes	£2.30
Assorted Wraps	£2.10
Salt beef Wraps	£2.30
Garlic Bread (per half)	£0.60
Bread Rolls	£0.65

LUNCH

Meal Deal

Hot meal & Homemade Dessert/Drink – water or Capri Sun
£2.50

Super Meal Deal

Hot meal & Homemade Dessert & Drink
£3.15

Homemade Hot Meal	£1.90
Filled Jacket Potato inc up to 2 fillings	£1.90
Ready Made Salad box	£1.90
Homemade Soup and bread	£1.70
Bread Roll	£0.65
Plain Jacket Potato	£0.95
Tuna/Baked Beans Pot	£0.55
Help Yourself Salad Box	£1.15
Fresh Fruit Pots	£1.20
Fresh Fruit	£0.55
Homemade Dessert/Assorted Cakes*	£0.70
Alpro Dessert	£0.80
Sauce Sachets	£0.10

DRINKS

Capri Sun	£0.70
Fruit Juice Carton*	£0.65
Soya Milk Carton	£0.70
Mineral Water*	£0.65

*Qualifies for meal deal

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Wear, 140 Brent Street, London NW4 2DR Tel: 020 8202 2203

GIRLS

- Black inverted pleat drop waist skirt. Skirt length must be below the knee when sitting and standing. Please make allowances for your daughter to grow.
- Trutex shirt with thin maroon stripe
- Regulation maroon sweatshirt with embroidered school logo.
- Summer aertex shirt with maroon school logo (may be worn during Summer term until Succot).
- Plain black or flesh-coloured tights / white or black ankle or knee-length socks (trainersocks are not permitted).
- Black school shoes, without heels – no boots, trainers or trainer like shoes.
- Plain black or navy coat, jacket or anorak.

PE KIT

- Black tracksuit with school badge
- White Aertex PE top with black school logo
- Training shoes

Optional items for students playing football

- Black shorts
- White socks – short and long
- Football boots

Please see the full uniform policy on our website.

HAIR:

Hair that is shoulder length must be tied back in a pony tail at all times. Half-up, half-down is not permitted. Students are not allowed to dye their hair, dip dye, highlight or wear it in 'cult hairstyles'. If they do, they will be sent home to return to normal.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

YOUR FORM GROUP

As well as your lessons, there are many other activities in which you can become involved. Leadership and volunteering are important skills that we wish to inculcate in our students by introducing them to our Yoni Jesner Award. These may include First Aid, self-defence classes and a range of sports and musical activities.

You can join a variety of societies and attend some of the special learning sessions that take place throughout the year. In Year 9 you can join The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. During your time at Hasmonean you will have the opportunity to participate in various educational trips, both in this country and in Europe, to help you to enrich your learning and develop as a person.

Other exciting events include the annual Achdut trip in Year 7, Shabbatonim and Activities Week.

If you wish to learn to play a musical instrument, lessons can be arranged through the Music Department. Your parents will have to pay separately for these lessons. A letter to explain the arrangements is enclosed with this booklet.

In addition to family celebrations we hold a collective Batmitzva celebration at the end of Year 7 which follows a programme of study in Kodesh.

Each student in Year 7 is assigned a keshet partner. You will be introduced to your keshet early in September and she will be a friendly face in the school for you. She will be able to help you settle in and advise you on any concerns that you have.

In Year 7 you will be divided into forms. As you will be spending a day in school before term actually begins, you will have a chance to get to know the other members of your form, some of whom will be from your primary school.

Each form is based in its own form room. You will be allocated your own locker where you can store your books and PE kit, etc. Your form room is your base for registration and Mincha. You will carry your school bag with you throughout the day so that you have the necessary books and equipment ready for each lesson.

Your Form Tutor will take you for registration, be with you for Mincha and will probably teach you at least one subject. If you are absent, you need to give your absent note to your Form Tutor or Student Services when you return. They are there to help with any problems you may have and to help you to settle in as quickly as possible.

As the school motto *תורה עם דרך ארץ* implies, your Jewish Studies form an integral part of your education and will permeate all your learning at Hasmonean. Many of our students find that their relationship with their keshet extends well beyond Year 7.

EQUIPMENT

YOU SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- A strong school bag which will protect your books. This means that it should have a firm shape and not be floppy. A name tag attached to the bag would be advisable, as many bags look the same.
- A pencil case containing pencils, pens (including spares), coloured pencils, glue stick, scissors, rulers (15 cm and 30 cm), a sharpener and rubber. Tippex or other correction fluid is not allowed.
- A mathematics set containing a compass and protractor (preferably 360 degrees) and scientific calculator.
- Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus (ISBN 0199558469).
- A small French or Spanish and Hebrew-English dictionary (softback editions are available).
- A rough exercise book/jotter.
- 15 plastic zip folders.
- A siddur will be provided by the school.
- A bottle of water (students are not allowed to leave class to get drinks).
- A key padlock for your locker with a spare key which should be given to your Form Tutor at the beginning of term.

Please label all your equipment, property and school bag with your name and form.

SETTINGS AND ASSESSMENT

Term 1	Subjects set	When will new sets be created?	How are students assessed?
	<p>Maths JS Biblical Hebrew Modern Hebrew</p>	<p>Beginning of term</p>	<p>Testing during July induction day and the beginning of the academic year</p> <p>(JS & BH are skills based tests)</p> <p>Other subjects are taught in mixed ability groups.</p>
Term 2	Subjects set	When will new sets be created?	How are students assessed?
	<p>Maths JS Modern Hebrew Biblical Hebrew</p>	<p>Beginning of term</p>	<p>Evidence of class work grades, half termly mini-assessments, weekly homework and standardised assessment results may all be used to give the Director of Learning evidence to suggest set movement. The decision of the Director of Learning will be emailed to you.</p>
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	<p>Maths JS Modern Hebrew Biblical Hebrew</p>	<p>At the end of term in preparation for the beginning of Year 8</p>	<p>Evidence of class work grades, half termly mini-assessments, weekly homework, standardised assessment results and the end of year examination results may all be used to give the Director of Learning evidence to suggest set movement. The decision of the Director of Learning will be emailed to you.</p>

SMSC

**(SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL,
CULTURAL BRITISH VALUES
EDUCATION)**

The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students is an essential element in improving the quality of learning and raising achievement for all students and allowing them to become full members of society. SMSC plays a crucial role in the life of Hasmonian preparing our students for a life in modern Britain. Hasmonian has designed its own special programme which addresses the needs of our students whilst promoting the religious ethos of the school. We deliver a programme of British values including talks and lectures, meeting the needs of our students within the framework of the school curriculum and in accordance with Halachah. Students will also learn about key facets of British Values and SMSC during form time, through interactive and discussion based sessions on a number of topics led by Form Tutors.

We work in conjunction with a variety of community organisations, which include JAMI, JWA and Streetwise. We aim to educate students to behave well, form constructive relationships, show respect for others, take responsibility, show initiative, tell right from wrong, participate fully in their community, reflect on their experiences and have knowledge and insight into values and beliefs.

We aim to educate our student to be active and informed citizens. We encourage participation in school and community life, promoting behaviour, equal opportunities, respect and responsibility. Throughout the school, students will have the opportunity to participate in volunteering for a variety of organisations. This begins in Year 7, with the Yoni Jesner award.

SUPPORTIVE STUDIES UNIT

There are dedicated rooms where you can find the SENCO and teaching assistants. Students come here when they need further support in their studies. Sometimes students can come here during lunchtime to do their homework and use the computers.

*I have learnt
that reading
more increases
your vocabulary.*

By Leora

JEWISH STUDIES

The Jewish Studies provision at Hasmonean aims to further each students understanding and love of Judaism by providing opportunities to engage with Torah texts and learn about their heritage.

This journey begins in Year 7 through learning ספר בראשית. Through study of events in חומש, the students are taught knowledge and skills in reading and interpreting Torah texts, as well as מדות and השקפות for living a Torah life.

The students also begin to develop a deeper understanding of how תורה has been interpreted with reference to the classic מפרשים. This is further enhanced by the study of selections from ג'ך.

Our Year 7 students learn Halacha beginning with understanding how the Oral Law developed, continuing on to topics including Seder HaBoker, Tefilla, Shabbos and behaviour in public.

Jewish General Knowledge and Sedra also form part of our Year 7 curriculum.

Kodesh EXTRA is an exciting programme offering optional JS learning during lunch breaks and after school. Lots of different topics, with a range of levels, are on offer and slush and snacks are provided while the students learn. This year the topics we have offered include “Shmooze the News”, “Sedra Unplugged”, “Q & A”, “Halachic Headlines” and “Lifestyle EXTRA”.

ENGLISH

English will be taught in mixed-ability groups in both Years 7 & 8. In Years 9-11 (Key Stage 4) the students will be placed in sets where class sizes are smaller towards the bottom end of the ability range in order to support students who find English challenging.

The Year 7 curriculum aims to consolidate and build upon what will have been learnt in primary school and introduces students to the core reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, as set out in the AQA GCSE curricula at Key Stage Four. We believe that English bolsters students' written and verbal communication across all academic subjects, as well as developing critical and creative thinking skills. We also hope to inspire students' overall love and enjoyment of Language and Literature.

Year 7 students study a comprehensive range of fiction and non-fiction texts. The year begins with a whole-text Literary study, which is utilised to develop and provide a springboard for analytical and creative writing. In Term Two, students are introduced to a wide range of poetry and non-fiction writing; this is followed by a study of drama text and persuasive writing in Term Three. The purpose of this structured programme of study is to engage students with a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts that they will encounter as they move up the school, as well as introducing a range of reading and writing skills that will enable them to engage with texts in a sophisticated and critical way.

Students will analyse how texts are constructed for the following purposes:

- To summarise, analyse and comment on both fiction and non-fiction texts
- To argue, persuade and entertain
- To inform, explain and describe

They will also incorporate these skills into their own writing.

In Year 7, students are encouraged to plan and redraft their writing, integrate research and IT into their learning, undertake personal and group projects and begin to experiment with speaking and listening tasks.

MATHEMATICS

This is a challenging and fascinating subject which forms a foundation for many other subjects. All students take GCSE in Key Stage 4 and it is a very popular choice for A Level.

CURRICULUM: All students follow the National Key Stage 3 Framework which builds on the National Numeracy Strategy in primary school. There are three lessons a week. The textbooks used in Years 7 and 8 are the My Maths series published by Oxford University Press. All students study the same topics at roughly the same time, making movement between groups much easier. The textbooks are augmented with some more extended tasks as well as work on computers.

GROUPING: Year 7 students will complete a Mathematics assessment which will give us an understanding of each child's mathematical understanding and ability. After taking the test, students will be placed into groups. All groups will cover the same topics, however, the top groups will work at a more advanced level, and the lowest group will undertake the same subject matter, but with a more simplified approach. Some students may also require further simplification of the work and will be supported to achieve their best. Students who complete the set work successfully in any of the groups will receive extension work at an appropriately higher level. There will be regular assessments and students may be moved to a faster moving group after doing exceptionally well in two or more of the assessments, and, in addition to showing consistently high homework marks.

NOTE TO PARENTS: It is important that the correct mathematical equipment is brought to every lesson. This comprises of:

- Pens and HB pencils, including spares
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- 30 cm ruler
- Protractor
- Metal compass
- 3 or 4 coloured pencils
- Scientific calculator

It is important that this equipment is in good condition (while not needing to be excessively expensive), since the quality of work will be compromised if it is damaged or missing. With technology changing constantly, there are many scientific calculators on the market. The Mathematics Department recommends any of the Casio fx-85 series calculator, which is allowed in all examinations including GCSE and A Levels.

HOMEWORK: All year seven students will receive weekly homework. Most homework will be set online, via a website called HegartyMaths. This website is an award winning site that supports student learning through the availability of comprehensive video explanations attached to all set homework tasks. Full induction into how to use this site will be given to students during the first week of term in September.

Students will also be encouraged to use this online system, to stretch themselves within topics taught, and to re visit work previously taught, in order to fill in gaps in knowledge and consolidate understanding.

SCIENCE

During the first two years at Hasmonean, we aim to teach the key scientific concepts before the students embark on their longer GCSE schedules.

There will be three lessons a week, where we will concentrate on explaining the key scientific concepts. A variety of learning styles will be used including worksheets, quizzes, group work and of course practical skills.

The course follows the book Activate and students will have online access to the books.

Homework will be given regularly and will include short projects and worksheets relating to lessons. Students should also be encouraged to visit Science websites such as www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/ to review topics covered during lesson time.

The courses offered are based on the revised National Curriculum, and pay due regard to the development of numeracy and literacy through Science and the use of ICT. Links with other subject areas, including basic education curriculum, Geography and Jewish Studies, are established.

The courses are structured into 3 or 4 units per term. Every half term, students complete a progress test to assess understanding. There is an even spread of Biology, Chemistry and Physics units through each year in KS3.



COMPUTING

Students are taught how to stay safe and understand the digital world in well-equipped computer suites. Each student will work on their own computer, which has industry standard software, to best prepare them for later life.

Computing is taught to Years 7 and 8 once a week throughout the year. Each student will have a unique username and password, to access shared resources and save their work to their own secure area on the network.

In Year 7, the focus is on understanding how computers work, how to work with them safely, programming algorithms and an introduction to programming itself.

TOPICS IN YEAR 7 INCLUDE:

E-Safety:

- Learning to be vigilant against online threats and how to protect yourself and your family and friends.

Binary and Spreadsheets:

- Understanding the binary systems of numbers, how and why computers use binary.
- Learning to translate binary into numbers and text and vice versa.
- Using spreadsheets to perform calculations more efficiently.

How Computers Work:

- Learning what the different parts of the computer are and how they fit together.
- Understanding the variety of storage devices that exist and how to choose an appropriate one for different circumstances.
- Understanding how the data flows through a system.
- Knowing what networks are and the differences between the topologies.

Control Systems:

- Using algorithms to control simple systems.

Micro:bit:

- Creating simple programmes in both visual and text based languages to create outputs on the BBC micro:bit.



CREATIVE ARTS

ART AND DESIGN: In Art and Design, students explore visual, tactile and other sensory experiences to communicate ideas and meanings. Students will work with traditional and new media, developing confidence, competence, imagination and creativity. They will be taught in a wide range of media: drawing, painting, photography, printing and clay.

Students learn to appreciate and value images and artefacts across times, cultures and disciplines. They will gain an understanding of the artistic as well as historical context in which art and design was created. Students are encouraged to see art as a way of expressing their thoughts and feelings about past, present and future events and ideas.

FOOD AND TEXTILES: Year 7 girls study Cooking and Nutrition and Textiles.

Cooking and Nutrition: In Year 7, students learn how to use the food room safely and hygienically whilst cooking predominately savoury products. There is an emphasis on healthy eating and learning the basics of nutrition as a grounding for Year 8. Year 8 students will learn how to adapt traditional recipes to make them healthier and to accommodate special dietary needs. Individual food commodities are explored to discover where our food comes from and the nutrients they contain. The importance of a healthy balanced diet is reinforced and a strong emphasis is placed on how to produce an excellent practical outcome. All products are strictly kosher and produced in a Cholov Yisroel milky kitchen.

Textiles: In Year 7 students are engaged in exciting design and make projects, learning creative practical skills and the importance of team work. Emphasis is given to neat and clear presentation of work and the all-important health and safety rules are constantly reinforced. During the year each student will investigate a number of design projects, building up their basic practical and design making skills.

GEOGRAPHY

We take a thematic approach to Geography. Through these themes we help students learn to appreciate key terms and issues as well as the location of places. Skills are an integral part of the syllabus.

In Year 7 we start with a review of map skills, building on what was learned in primary school. This is followed by physical geography; the features and geography of rivers, the problems of flooding, earthquakes and volcanoes. The human geography we study includes: settlement, focusing on how and why towns grow; and population, concentrating on how and why populations grow and the impacts of these changes.

Traditional Geography is not neglected. Atlas work ensures that students are familiar with the location of places around the globe.

The aim is that by the end of Key Stage 3 students should have sufficient background knowledge to understand how the human and physical world affect one another and appreciate some of the major geographical challenges facing society today. This provides them with a sound basis for further study at GCSE and A Level.

HISTORY

The History Department at Hasmonean provides its students with a wide range of topics to explore. Through exciting and interactive lessons we look at the development of World History from the Romans to the present day. We also look at a variety of topics, often inspired by individual teachers, such as the history of medicine, the abolition of slavery, revolutionary France and the impact of the British Empire.

As well as expanding students' knowledge, this programme is also designed to develop vital historical skills, such as source analysis, reasoning and communication skills. Visits to sites of relevance, such as the Somme and the Ypres Salient, are often incorporated into the study units. These visits and trips help to stimulate both interest and understanding, providing a solid base for success at GCSE and A Level.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

FRENCH OR SPANISH: “Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures”, Department for Education.

Students will study a modern foreign language at Key Stage 3. From September your child will be allocated either French or Spanish (please see letter in the Welcome pack.) Years 7 and 8 have two periods of French or Spanish per week.

Students will learn how to introduce themselves and carry out simple conversations in the chosen language, from describing their family and pets to discussing the weather and their favourite hobbies. They will learn how to express their ideas in French or Spanish, continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and learn new ways of thinking. Students will also discover how to manipulate a variety of key grammatical structures accurately to convey their own thoughts.

Teachers use Viva (Pearson) for Spanish and Allez (Oxford University Press) for French. Students will not be given textbooks but have access to an online platform where they will complete homework and conduct independent study. Students will be regularly assessed in all four language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking and progress is carefully monitored. The teaching provides the foundation for learning further languages and when making their GCSE choice at the end of Year 8 students will be given the opportunity to continue with the same language learnt in Years 7 and 8.

MODERN HEBREW: All students are assessed prior to the start of the autumn term to determine their level of knowledge in Modern Hebrew. They are then divided into ability groups. Every student will develop the four language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking in Modern Hebrew.

A variety of books and supplementary materials are used to develop and reinforce these skills. In Year 7, much of the work relates to festivals and other important dates in the Jewish calendar. During the year, students are regularly assessed and progress is regularly monitored.

Students will be regularly assessed in all four language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking. Progress is carefully monitored and set changes are carried out only at specific times during the year. The teaching provides the foundation for learning further languages and when making their GCSE choice at the end of Year 8 students will be given the opportunity to continue with Modern Hebrew.

In Modern Hebrew teachers will use ivritil.cet.ac.il to enhance the learning in class.



music

During Year 7, students have the opportunity to deepen and extend their own musical interests and skills by performing, composing and listening to different styles of music.

Students work individually and in groups of different sizes to enable them to be aware of different roles and contributions of each member of the group. They actively explore specific styles and traditions of music such as classical music, Jewish music and world music.

In music lessons, students are taught basic keyboard skills, group singing and composition using a selection of instruments.

Students are given the opportunity to learn individual instruments during the school day, on a strictly rotational basis. They have the opportunity to learn instruments such as the guitar, keyboard, piano, singing, flute, clarinet and saxophone.

The music rooms are always open to students in during lunch breaks.

PERIPATETIC LESSONS

Students are encouraged to take part in the musical concerts which occur throughout the year. Individuals and groups perform regularly in school assemblies and within the community.

Lessons are available on the following instruments: flute, singing, clarinet, guitar, drums, piano, keyboard, saxophone, and violin. These lessons will cost £180.00 per term for ten individual weekly lessons lasting half an hour. The lessons take place during the school day, on a strictly rotational basis.

GCSE music provides the opportunity for students (Grade 3 level minimum) to deepen their knowledge of music by being exposed to a wide range of musical genres throughout their 3 year course. Students will also compose their own music and have many chances to perform both within the school and the community.

Students are required to provide their own instrument and pay the cost of any music. Some music shops operate rental schemes for instruments other than guitar and keyboard.

Students who take advantage of the scheme need to understand that this is a major commitment. This is a marvellous opportunity for a student to receive quality music tuition with the support and guidance of the school's music department.

Please fill in the accompanying contract if you wish to apply for a place in the scheme by the deadline set.

Enquiries to the Music Department on 020 8203 1411 or email@hasmonean.co.uk.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will study the following sports in Years 7, 8 and 9:

	Invasion Games Gymnastic Activities	Striking	Fielding	Athletics
Year 7	Football/ Netball/Gym/ Dance	Rounders	Health & Fitness	Athletics
Year 8	Basketball/ Football/Gym/ Dance	Rounders	Health & Fitness	Athletics
Year 9	Basketball/ Volleyball/	Rounders	Tennis Health & Fitness/Team Building	Athletics

Students are taught the skills of each sport. As they progress and become more confident in the various techniques, students will take part in small and full-sided games and competitions.

At Key Stage 3, all students will also undertake health related fitness, gymnastics and athletics. Outdoor pursuits, to include map reading and compass skills.

There are several lunch time and after school activities throughout the year, led by the PE staff and outside coaching staff. These range from trampolining and dance to table tennis and roller skating. All clubs are free with the exception of aerobics.

Students take part in regular matches against local schools and other Jewish schools.

On 'long' Fridays students will have the opportunity to participate in sporting activities such as Zumba, Boxercise, rounders and more.

All students continue to participate in PE in Key Stage 4, even if they have not opted for it as a GCSE subject.

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