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HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
Admission Arrangements for Academic Year 2026/27

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.

The Published Admission Number for entry into Year 7 in September 2026 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 in Section I, are admitted under the 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' (LAC), previously 'looked after' (PLAC) or internationally adopted previously 'looked after' (IAPLAC) as defined by the Admissions Code.[1]
2. Orthodox Jewish students with exceptional medical or social grounds for admission to this school in particular. You must request this criteria at time of application and supporting evidence from a suitably qualified professional (e.g. a letter from a doctor or social worker) will be required. Please see the school website for an "Exceptional Medical / Social Circumstances Form" and additional information.
3. Orthodox Jewish students whose siblings are at either Hasmonean High School for Boys or Hasmonean High School for Girls at the time of application.

[1] The definition of a 'looked after' child has been widened to include 'looked after' children and children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangement orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been 'looked after'. Additionally, those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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. An adopted child is defined by section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976 and section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Child arrangement orders are defined in Section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangement orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangement order. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989.

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).[2]
5. Orthodox Jewish students whose siblings are former students of Hasmonean High School for Boys, Hasmonean High School for Girls or Hasmonean High School when it incorporated both schools.
6. All other Orthodox Jewish students.
7. 'Looked after' children (LAC, PLAC and IAPLAC) other than those who are Orthodox Jews (see footnote 1).
8. Other children.

Tiebreaker

In the event that the last available place falls into 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 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.

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** normally 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. They must have attended the School for at least three full consecutive terms.

Waiting List

Barnet will maintain a waiting list for the new Year 7. The school, as its own admission authority for in-year applications, will maintain the waiting lists for all other year groups. 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 admission criteria are added. This waiting list will remain open until 31st December 2026.

The Local Authority may require individual schools to admit a child exceptionally under the Local Authority's fair access protocol, 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.

Admissions Outside of Normal Age Group

A parent may seek a place for a child outside of their normal age group. A child who has been educated outside of their normal age group during primary school will be considered for admission for secondary transfer so that they can remain with their cohort. 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.

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. 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.

[2] To avoid discrimination towards students who have an older sibling with an EHCP that necessitates attendance at a school with specialist provision, the younger sibling will be considered as an eldest child. This exceptional circumstance should be noted on the application form.

Academic Admission Requirements

Both internal and external applicants must meet the general entry requirements for any subjects they wish to study in the sixth form. Please refer to the sixth form booklet on our website for more information.

Availability of Courses

The courses on offer 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 https://hasmoneangirls.org.uk/admissions/. The deadline for applications is 15 June 2026.

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

Oversubscription

In the event of oversubscription for remaining places for external candidates after places have been allocated to students transferring from Year 11 who meet the above academic entrance requirements, the school will apply the oversubscription criteria as outlined above on pages 1-2 to admit eligible external applicants.

Tiebreaker for Year 12

In the event that the last available place falls into any of the above categories, distance from the girls' school will be used to allocate the place. If more than one applicant lives at the same distance, random selection will be used to allocate the place under the supervision of an independent person.

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.