



Masada College

HSC Outcomes 2020



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Message from College Principal

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With the release of the 2020 HSC results, what has resonated most strongly again is the strength of the Masada College community. This is a community that is supportive, cohesive and caring. The students have worked and studied as a united and cohesive team, supporting each other to improve their performance. The teachers, with their high expectations of all students and themselves, have worked collectively to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the new syllabuses, ensuring that our students have the best resources and support possible. Finally, the parents and carers have partnered with us, entrusting the school to enable their children to flourish and to also realise their full potential, particularly with the incredible challenges of 2020 with COVID. As mentioned to our students, this is a year that will be remembered for many different reasons and it has been heartening to witness their strength and resilience.

The strength of our community reminds us that an education at Masada is not just about HSC results. Our students are supported to access a well-rounded education that offers opportunities beyond simply test scores. Whether it is competing in a sporting team, debating, participating in social service projects, supporting the Northshore and wider Jewish community at events be it more difficult in 2020, our aim is always to develop young people with a sure knowledge of who they are and how they should live. We have faith and confidence in the students who will leave us to enter a new, exciting and challenging world.

What the overall headline results do not show, and what we are most proud of, is the significant progress in the individual achievement of our students. Many of them have exceeded their own expectations in achieving results of one or two Bands higher than they ever imagined.

Mazal tov to all students for their hard work, dedication and commitment to succeed. We look forward to tracking their progress as they make their way in a wide range of post school destinations.

A special acknowledgement to our Head of Senior School, Ms Laing; Head of Learning and Teaching (7-12), Mr Ryan Gill; Year 12 Patron, Ms Susan Virgona, and the Year 12 teaching team.

Congratulations students, staff and parents! Happy Chanukah and all the best for the holidays and New Year ahead.

Martin Tait

College Principal

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Message from College Rabbi

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Dear Class of 2020

You have undoubtedly experienced an historic year and in years to come you will reflect back upon this year with pride in your achievements during a global Pandemic.

You have gained so many important lessons from this year and the class of 2020 will use these lessons to achieve great things.

In the Torah we see an interesting expression. The Torah describes the events of receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai as an event that happened today. The events actually took place 3300 years ago! Yet the Torah refers to the event as happening today.

What lesson is the Torah teaching us?

The Torah wants us to view each day as a new event. The truth is that today is unique. This day will never happen again in history. Therefore we need to appreciate the gift of today.

Yesterday is history tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift and that is why it is called the present.

How do we use the gift? Personally, I like to ask myself three questions each night before bed:

1. What new information have I learnt about the world today?
2. What new thing have I learnt about my faith and tradition?
3. Did I do something today that brought a smile to someone's face?

If I have answered all three questions, I can go to bed. If not I will spend a few minutes to learn something new.

These three questions have helped me to appreciate the uniqueness of every day and to grow a little bit more as a person.

Class of 2020 ask questions, learn a new fact and make someone smile everyday. It will mean a lifetime of learning and kindness.

Wherever the journey takes you. Enjoy the ride.

Rabbi Lewin



Masada Academic Performance Highlights

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HSC DUX
Seiji Kawanami
ATAR 98.55



22%
Students achieved
ATAR of > 95

54%
Students achieved
ATAR of > 85



86
Median ATAR



Masada Higher School Certificate 4

Overview

HSC ATARS

5% > 98

22% > 95

30% > 90

54% > 85

64% > 80

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Tyla Aronson

Dean Fellner

Samuel Gray

Shani Ieremias

Ori Lewin

UNIVERSITY EARLY ADMISSIONS OFFERS

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in receiving an early offer from a university before completing the HSC*

Tyla Aronson

Catherine Fagan

Dean Fellner

Jacob Foster

Shani Ieremias

Daniel Korenblyum

Jeffrey Lam

Kira Meyer

Ofek Tchelet

Katherine Virgona

**Early Entry data is supplied to the College by students*

TOP ACHIEVERS

Students who achieved one of the highest places in an HSC Course

1st Seiji Kawanami Japanese and Literature

5th Ran Ashkenazi Science Extension

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS

Students who achieved a result in the highest band possible in one or more courses.

38% of all students were on Distinguished Achievers List

Ran Ashkenazi (Biology, Mathematics Advanced, Science Extension)

Tong Chen (Music 1, Visual Arts)

Cindy Fang (Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Advanced, Visual Arts)

Dean Fellner (Business Studies, Modern Hebrew Continuers)

Seiji Kawanami (Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Japanese and Literature)

Ori Lewin (Drama, English Extension 1)

Jincheng Li (Mathematics Extension 1)

Weiyuan Li (Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2)

ZeKai Li (Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2)

Elissa Narcisi (English Extension 1, Visual Arts)

Krishna Parmar (English Advanced, English Extension 1)

Zunmao Xu (Mathematics Extension 1)

Bohan Yan (Mathematics Extension 1)

Yujia Zhong (Mathematics Extension 1, Chinese and Literature)

Student Achievement in Top 2 Bands with a mark of 80% or higher

Course	% Bands 5-6 or E3-E4		First in Course Masada College
	Masada College	NSW Schools	
Biology	44	31	Ran Ashkenazi
Business Studies	78	35	Dean Fellner
Chemistry	85	43	Ran Ashkenazi, Cindy Fang
Chinese and Literature	100	68	Yujia Zhong
Classical Hebrew Continuers	-	84	Jacob Foster
Design and Technology	75	47	Dylan Amler
Drama	100	47	Ori Lewin
Economics	60	51	Dean Fellner
English Advanced	63	63	Krishna Parmar
English Standard	-	12	Tong Chen
English EAL/D	67	26	Jasper Cheng, Weiyuan Li
English Extension 1	100	93	Elissa Narcisi, Krishna Parmar
English Extension 2	50	82	Elissa Narcisi
Food Technology	40	29	Elissa Narcisi
Geography	50	42	Ori Lewin, Katherine Virgona
Hospitality	43	20	Catherine Fagan
Mathematics Advanced	50	52	Ran Ashkenazi, Cindy Fang
Mathematics Standard 2	57	25	Tyla Aronson, Jacob Foster
Mathematics Extension 1	100	74	Seiji Kawanami
Mathematics Extension 2	100	84	Seiji Kawanami, Weiyuan Li
Modern History	67	37	Dean Fellner
Modern Hebrew Continuers	100	94	Dean Fellner
Music 1	100	64	Tong Chen
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	40	34	Katherine Virgona
Physics	56	40	Tong Chen, Seiji Kawanami
Society and Culture	100	44	Lara Mayer
Science Extension	100	74	Ran Ashkenazi
Visual Arts	100	65	Elissa Narcisi
EXTERNAL			
Ancient History	50	33	Tyla Aronson
Japanese and Literature	100	58	Seiji Kawanami
Italian Beginners	100	46	Elissa Narcisi

Celebrating Masada High Achievers

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SEIJI KAWANAMI
HSC Dux

Congratulations to Seiji Kawanami who has been named the HSC Dux for 2020. Seiji is planning to go to University next year and hoping to study Aerospace Engineering. Seiji believes the key to success for the HSC is studying hard from the outset with well-organized study plans and trying past papers as early as possible. *"I would like to thank all the teachers for supporting my HSC. They were immensely helpful and passionate, as well as experienced and knowledgeable. I am also grateful for my fellow students with whom I shared many great experiences."*



RAN ASHKENAZI
College Dux

Congratulations to Ran Ashkenazi who is the Masada College Dux for 2020. Ran says Masada's science teachers have instilled in him a love for Chemistry and Biology and he therefore hopes to pursue a University degree next year in Medical/Health Science and Medicine. Ran says he felt surprised to receive the Dux award and whilst he was honoured to be recognised for his hard work, he felt all his peers deserved to be recognised for their dedication too. *"I would like to thank my teachers – you were always there to help and your passion was remarkable."*

Congratulations to TONG CHEN

- Selected for ARTEXPRESS 2021

Congratulations

to the following Masada students preselected for
ARTEXPRESS

Cindy Fang *'Behind the Veil'*

Elissa Narcisi *'The Presence of Absence'*



Congratulations to HANNAH FISK

preselected for
OnSTAGE for her performance

"The First Lady"

- an autobiographical monologue of Jacqueline Kennedy.

Hannah is planning to pursue a degree in Psychology next year and hopes to continue her passion for acting as a creative outlet in her spare time. Her inspiration for her monologue 'The First Lady' began with a lifelong admiration for Jacqueline Kennedy because she was a strong female figure that embodied courage and charm. Hannah was shocked to receive the OnSTAGE preselection and it has given her confidence in her acting abilities. ***"Masada College has fostered a love for creative expression in me. Despite being widely known for high performance in academics, the College is a nurturing environment to explore the fine arts and I'm forever grateful for the passion the teachers instilled in me."***

Tong Chen

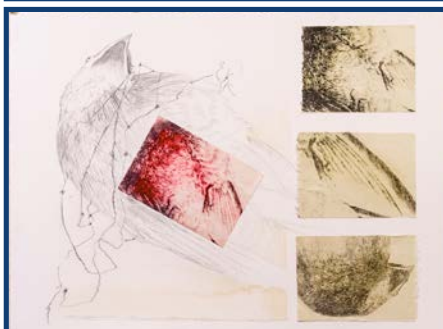
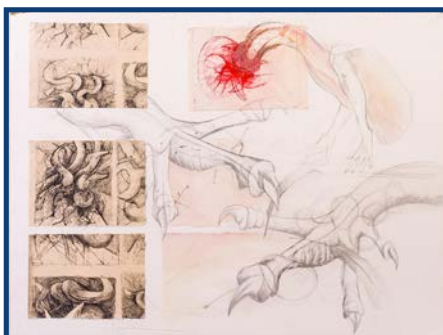
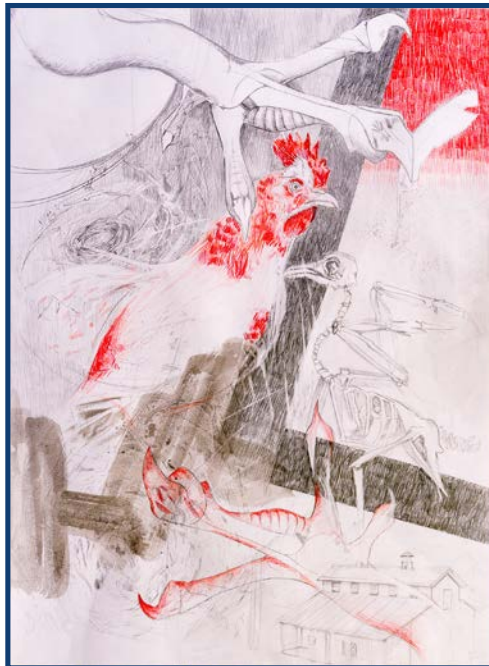
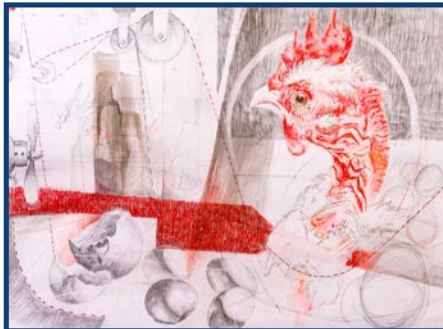
'Egg, Beak, Claw'

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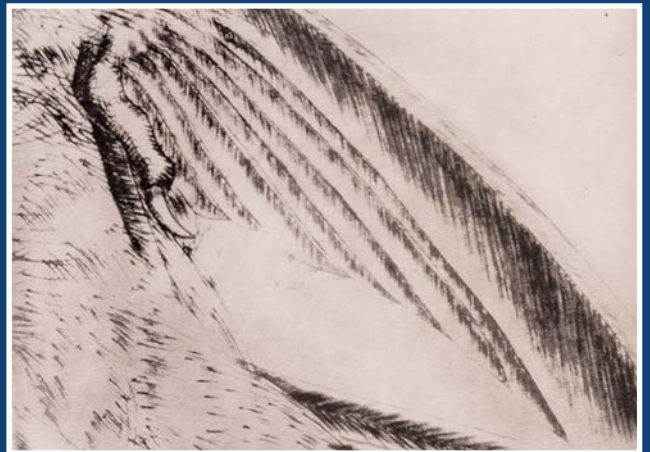
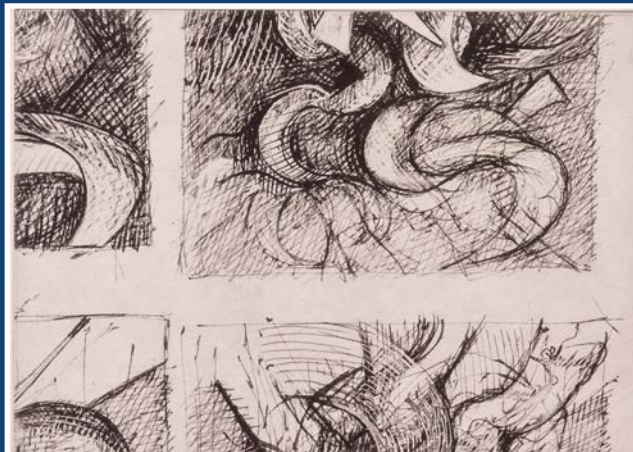
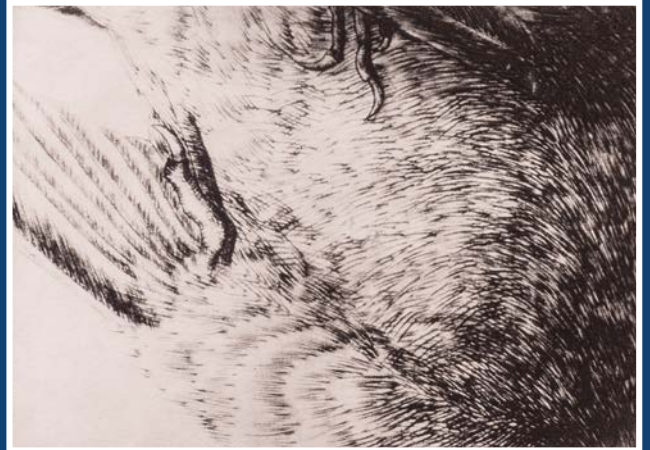
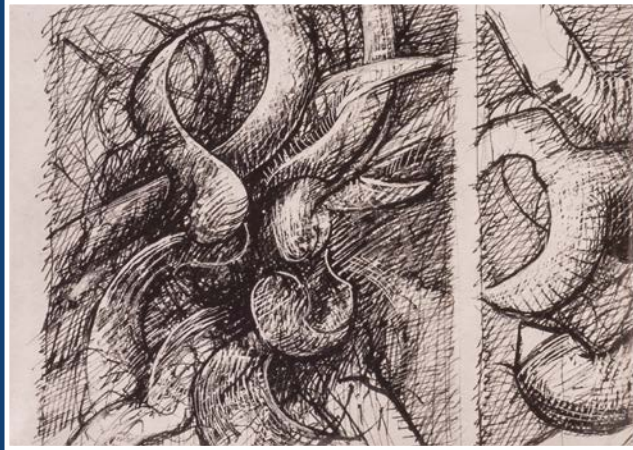
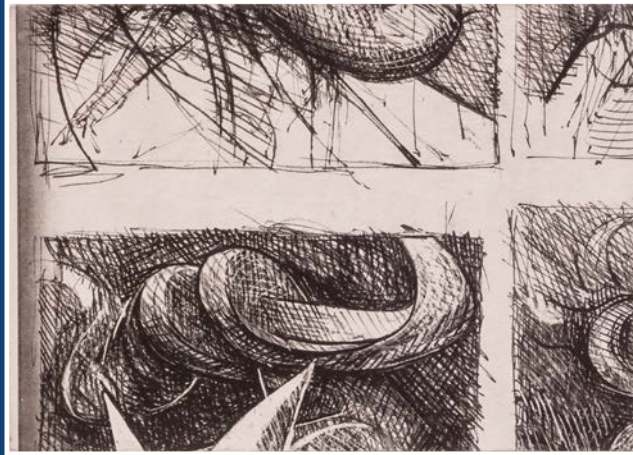
Artist Statement:

All fragile beginnings brim with potential to be perfectly equipped for survival. The compilation of drawings and prints exploring birds, their feathers, beaks and claws examines how this potential can be fulfilled and how transformations and mutations may lead to the death of nature.



Tong Chen
'Egg, Beak, Claw'

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Cindy Fang

'Behind the Veil'

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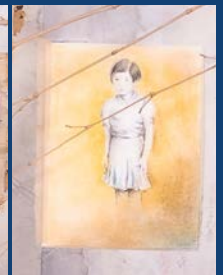
Artist Statement:

Veiled by a family photograph, a network of bamboo structures reassembles my connection to my culture, history and connection with my grandmother.

The process of constructing the bamboo towers became an act of meditation on stability, balance and fragility. Despite disruption through politics, immigration and death this work affirms the bonds of our blood line and speaks of resilience and love.

At the core of this work is my grandmother represented in the portraits to whom I dedicate this work.

Vale.
外婆 Wǎi Pó



Elissa Narcisi

'The Presence of Absence'

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"If you look today at the sites of destruction, there is a paradox. It is the presence of absence and the absence of presence. You see something, and what you see is also what's not there."

- Michael Berenbaum

My body of work captures a corrosive environment inhabited by large disused geometric structures, where girls appear and disappear. The application of rust mediums represents the slow decay, where the robust blocks will inevitably disintegrate into a crumbling powder. Through my use of dry brush, the girls remain with the vestiges of their ethereal skirts, this is contrasted to the solidity of their lower extremities to establish their past presence.

The repeated imagery of shoes reflects the inability to cast an imprint into the eroded landscape. As a result of this fragility, there is a notion of embarking on an untraceable ephemeral journey. The collective presence of frail individuals reiterates their state in a hostile world where the notion of absence will forever be endured.



Year 12 Valedictory Awards

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ACADEMIC PRIZES	NAME OF THE RECIPIENT
The Masada Prize for Classical Hebrew	Jacob Foster
The Bark Family Prize for Design & Technology	Dylan Amler
The Masada Prize for English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)	Felix Li
The Masada Prize for Hospitality	Kira Meyer
The Masada Prize for Mathematics Standard	Tyla Aronson
The Masada Prize for Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	Katherine Virgona
The Masada Prize for Society & Culture	Lara Mayer
The Masada Prize for Drama The Masada Prize for English Extension 2 The Masada Prize for Geography	Ori Lewin
The Dennis and Reuben Lane Prize for Innovative & Sustained Art Making Practice The Michael Faktor Prize for Mathematics Extension 1	Cindy Fang
The Israel Joseph Fisher Prize for English Advanced The Ernest Desiatnik Memorial Prize for English Extension 1 The Eddie Michalowsky Memorial Prize for Visual Art The Sonia Karabelnik Memorial Prize for Food Technology	Elissa Narcisi
The Friends of the Hebrew University Prize for Modern Hebrew The Masada Prize for Business Studies The Stan and Zelda Marks Prize for Economics The Ralph and Judy Davis Prize for Modern History	Dean Fellner
The Fred Joseph Memorial Prize for Mathematics Advanced The Masada Prize for Music 1 The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Tong Chen
The Masada Prize for Chinese & Literature The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Ze Kai Li
The Ilana Krausz Memorial Prize for English Standard The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Lillian Xiang
The Masada Prize for Mathematics Extension 2 The Peter Nixon Prize for Physics The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Seiji Kawanami
The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prizes for Biology The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prizes for Chemistry The Masada Prize for Science Extension The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement and Dux of Year 12	Ran Ashkenazi

SPECIAL PRIZES	NAME OF THE RECIPIENT
The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies Dux Prize for the Best HSC Result in 2019	Bar Shulman
The Etta and Michael Sperber Shield for Sportmanship	Caleb Crossley
The Ernest Lowbeer & John Moser Memorial Prize for the Most Valuable Contribution to Music in the Senior School	Tong Chen
The Hilary Waksman Memorial Prize for Consistent Effort	Lillian Xiang
The Reuben F Scarf Prize for Commitment	Seiji Kawanami
The Jan O'Brien Memorial Prize for Determination and Hard Work	Dumon Ma
The Manor Shield for the Quiet Achiever	Cindy Fang
The Millner Family Prize for the Most Improved Student	Kira Meyer
The Bob Shteinman Menschlichkeit Award for the Student who Demonstrates Fellowship, Caring and Kindness	Tyla Aronson
The David Selinger Memorial Trophy	Caleb Crossley
The Parents Auxiliary Prize for the Student who uses Special Talents to Help Others	Ori Lewin
The Chipkin Prize for Independence of Thought and Intellectual Curiosity	Ran Ashkenazi
Caltex Best All Rounder Award	Katherine Virgona
The Michael Faktor Trophy for Leadership Qualities and Jewish Commitment	Jake Foster
The Mildred Teitler Prize for Community Service	Jeffrey Lam
The Hal and Nancye Goldstein Trophy for Communal Service	Ori Lewin
The Citizenship Shield donated by The Groden Family	Ran Ashkenazi & Katherine Virgona
The Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award	Ran Ashkenazi
The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award for Leadership and Teamwork	Shani Ieremias

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Dylan Amler

Dylan is a friendly, sociable and outgoing young man. Demonstrating positivity, he has developed excellent friendships throughout his time at the College. At each carnival and sporting event, Dylan has showcased his effort and abilities. With his studies he has demonstrated a natural aptitude for Design and Technology, being awarded the 'The Bark Family Prize for Design and Technology'. We wish Dylan every success as he embarks on his next stage of life after graduating from Masada College.



Ran Ashkenazi

Ran is a strong minded, independent thinker who will stand up for what he believes is right. He is consistent, predicative and impressive, and holds the honour of Masada College School Captain in 2020. It is these qualities that helped him win the prestigious 'ADF Leadership Award'. With his inquiring mind, intelligence, and strong sense of self, he will no doubt continue to get the most out of all he undertakes in life. We look forward to hearing about the next steps into his future after his graduation from Masada College.



Jasper Cheng

Jasper is an approachable, reliable, diligent and positive young man. A dedicated student who has worked hard to develop his academic ability across his subjects, he is also an enthusiastic basketballer, often found on the courts playing against a variety of year groups. He is inclusive and gives everyone a chance to succeed. He will be attending university next year and we look forward to hearing about his academic achievement in his chosen course.



Catherine Fagan

Catherine is a sensitive, generous and popular member of the year group and her dedication, modesty and positive outlook on life, combined with her confidence are qualities to be admired. Catherine's interests have shone throughout her practical subjects and she always displays consideration and courtesy to her teachers and peers alike. Catherine hopes to travel after school and her time at Masada will create a wonderful foundation for the start of her adventures and future ahead.



Dean Fellner

Dean consistently displays a mature attitude towards his learning, working independently and methodically towards achieving his goals, with a positive outlook on life. Dean sets an example to his peers, especially in his role as a Peer Support Leader and SRC representative. Dean has enthusiastically contributed to the Music program at Masada, establishing his own music group. He has achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and has represented Masada in the prestigious Da Vinci Decathlon. His willingness to always give of his best should serve him well in the future.

Tyla Aronson

Tyla is a hardworking and dedicated student who exudes positive energy and always looks on the bright side of any situation. This attitude has seen her achieve at a high level throughout her HSC year. Her dedication inside the classroom is also seen in her involvement in all co-curricular activities available. Her ambition is a career in game design, where she can share people's stories and cheer them up on their tough days! We know we only have to wait to hear of her successes once she begins her university journey.



Tong Chen

Tong is a hardworking, committed student and a well-respected member of his peer group. His growth throughout his years at the College has showcased a maturity that has earned him respect from his teachers and peers. Tong was elected to the position of Captain of Music and his honesty and sense of responsibility has resulted in excellent academic results, receiving awards for Mathematics, Music and selection for ARTEXPRESS. Masada is looking forward to hearing of Tong's choice of future study after his graduation.



Caleb Crossley

Caleb is an active and confident student who is quick to make friends. Some of his accolades include the roles of Prefect, House Captain, Touch Football Captain and Sports Captain. He received The 'Etta and Michael Sperber Shield for Sportsmanship' and 'The David Selinger Memorial Trophy'. Caleb hopes to become a nurse and has spent the past two years undertaking TAFE courses outside of school to help him achieve this goal. We wish him all the best for the future ahead.



Cindy Fang

Cindy is a mature student, displaying a supportive and respectful nature toward her peers. She energetically contributes to her learning environment, resulting in meaningful relationships with peers and respect from teachers. Cindy's commitment to all her subjects is recognised in the award of 'The Manor Shield for the Quiet Achiever', 'The Dennis and Reuben Lane Prize for Sustained Art Making Practice' and 'The Michael Faktor Prize for Mathematics Extension 1'. Her attention to detail in every task has resulted in the preselection of her Visual Arts body of work for ARTEXPRESS.



Hannah Fisk

Hannah is a hardworking and gracious student who has made Masada College her home. A gifted performer, Hannah is at ease on the stage, both in Music and Drama, with her HSC Drama Performance being preselected for OnSTAGE. Her vulnerability, strength and courage in these creative settings are examples of her traits to be admired. Hannah hopes to attend university next year and we wish her every success.



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Jacob (Jake) Foster

Jake is a young man of integrity, exuding enthusiasm who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of Masada College. He was a valued member of the Da Vinci Decathlon, cricket and futsal teams, as well as being House Captain. Jake is the recipient of the 'The Michael Faktor Trophy for Leadership Qualities and Jewish Commitment', serving as the Jewish Life Leader on the College Prefect Body and coordinating the early morning prayer service (Shleimah). Jake also volunteers for many positions in the broader community and we wish him well in his future studies.



Shani Ieremias

Shani is a proud and vibrant student who has embraced many opportunities and activities over her years at the College. Shani was awarded the 'Long Tan Award' from the Australian Defence Force in recognition of her leadership qualities and her ability to work selflessly for others. With full commitment, Shani completed her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in 2020. Shani is hoping to study at university next year with the aim of landing her dream job. We look forward to hearing from her about her many successes.



Daniel Korenblyum

Daniel is a quiet, modest and impressive student with a wonderful sense of humour. A loyal friend and a thoughtful student, Daniel has shared his eclectic range of skills generously with his teachers and peers, transforming the dynamic of many classes over his years at Masada. Daniel's delight in independent learning should guarantee him success in his chosen field and the College looks forward to hearing of his achievements in the upcoming years.



Ori Lewin

Ori is a dedicated and enthusiastic student with a special talent in Music and has used this skill to draw people together and he has demonstrated his unique leadership style through his years at the College. Ori has been part of the co-curricular Music program and has volunteered and fundraised for many special causes over the years. Ori wants to study film after a year in Israel, and we cannot wait to hear stories of his travels and his success in the future.

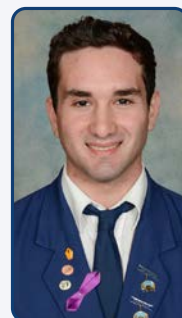


Weiyuan (Felix) Li

Felix is a confident student of commendable character who has proven himself to be self-motivated and resourceful. With a quiet demeanour, he has an excellent sense of humour and is a popular member of the year group. He is ambitious, aspiring to study Engineering at the Imperial College of London with long term plans to eventually complete his PhD. His skill and understanding in Physics, as well as Extension 2 Mathematics have laid a strong foundation to help him work towards this goal.

Samuel Gray

Samuel is a warm and hardworking student with a keen sense of humour. He is always at the forefront, evident in him playing drum solos that helps liven College events. Samuel has been a dedicated leader at the College, demonstrating a keen sense of social justice and community spirit. As his siblings before him, he is off to spend a gap year with the movement Shnat, before beginning university. We wish him the very best in his future.



Seiji Kawanami

Seiji is an exceptionally conscientious and dedicated student who has exhibited sophisticated insight into solving complex and challenging problems, while demonstrating a penchant for applying creativity and flair in his work. His unparalleled sense of commitment towards achieving academic excellence is only second to his appreciation for the field of logic and mathematical thinking. We wish Seiji every success as he hopes to gain entry into aviation engineering.



Sung Hin (Jeffrey) Lam

Jeffrey's enthusiasm and happy demeanour means he has an innate ability to make friends wherever he goes and embraces experiences and challenges at every opportunity. Jeffrey is an adventurous young man who is intrigued by the world around him. As an energetic member of the Prefect Team, he has keenly volunteered his time and was aptly awarded the 'Mildred Teitler Prize for Community Service'. We wish Jeffrey all the best in the future and look forward to hearing where his future takes him.



Jincheng (Jin) Li

Jin is a mature and respectful student, exuding positivity at all times. With his easy-going character, responsible nature and determined purpose, his plans to study architecture should open a world of possibilities to him upon his graduation from Masada College. We look forward to hearing from Jin as he embarks on the next stage of his education.



ZeKai Li

ZeKai is a determined and diligent student in pursuit of academic excellence. With remarkable focus, he is continually looking for ways to improve and his hard work was recognised when awarded 'The Masada Prize for Chinese & Literature' and the 'Masada Prize for Academic Achievement'. He will attend university next year and his strong work ethic should take his success from Masada College into the wider community.



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Mengxin (Dumon) Ma

Dumon is a positive student who has a mature attitude to school and has shown a huge commitment to her studies and many co-curricular opportunities. Dumon has been a valued member of the Masada Chinese Debating Team, received Colours for Academic Achievement and was awarded the 'Jan O'Brien Memorial Prize for Determination and Hard Work'. She should be very proud of her achievements throughout her time at Masada and we look forward to hearing of her accomplishments in the future.



Kira Meyer

Kira is a student of outstanding character and in her interactions with students and staff, she always displays consideration and courtesy. Showcasing impressive leadership skills, with maturity and dedication, Kira was awarded House Captain in Year 11. She has made the most of each opportunity available at Masada and her hard work saw her awarded with the 'Masada Prize for Hospitality' and 'The Milner Family Prize for the Most Improved Student'. We look forward to hearing about Kira's successes after graduation from the College.



Elissa Narcisi

Elissa is a reflective and intuitive student who approaches work with an inquiring and thoughtful disposition. Elissa's extensive prize list is an indication of her impressive pursuit of excellence. Her Awards include 'The Ernest Desiatnik Memorial Prize for English Extension 1' and 'The Eddie Michalowsky Memorial Prize for Visual Arts'. Elissa's creativity has shone through in English, Visual Arts and Food Technology. We are confident that Elissa will find success with all future educational experiences.



Krishna Parmar

Krishna is a tenacious, witty and dedicated student who has been immersed in all aspects of College life. He is well respected by his teachers and peers alike. His positive approach to his studies has led to him achieving his potential. He has goals to explore the world, as well as fulfil his dream of working in the medical profession. We are confident Krishna will succeed in whatever he sets his mind on achieving.



Georgia Stracey

Georgia embodies happiness and perseverance with a ready smile for all she encounters. As House Captain, Georgia has contributed enthusiastically to all student leadership initiatives, as a part of a collaborative team. Her strengths include helping wherever possible and ensuring the smooth running of events, with involvement in leading her peers to success. Georgia hopes to continue her studies at university next year and we look forward to hearing about her achievements in the future.

Lara Mayer



Lara is a tenacious and passionate young person who advocates for others and has developed strong bonds with her peers and teachers. Her care for others has resulted in her selection as Peer Support leader, actively supporting the younger students to help with the transition to the Senior School. Lara is a talented artist and is a passionate advocate for equality. Lara has a bright future ahead and we look forward to hearing about her chosen pathway after graduation from Masada College.

Aaron Moss



Aaron is a confident student, and it has been a pleasure to watch him develop into an engaging and hardworking adult with a thirst for knowledge. Aaron displays his practical abilities, including organisation and teamwork and makes Masada proud assisting with catering events in Hospitality. His avid interest in the world around him should take him far in life. We wish Aaron all the best in his future endeavours.

Aiden Ossher



Aiden is a friendly and sociable young man who approaches life with a positive outlook. As House Captain, Aiden has contributed enthusiastically to all Student Leadership initiatives. As an active member of many collaborative teams, he has added valuable leadership skills to a variety of College functions. Aiden hopes to continue his studies next year to become a paramedic and we wish him all the best as he embarks on the next steps of his journey.

Ben Steiner-Hardie



Ben is a student who has shown incredible growth and development during his Senior years at Masada. Participating in a myriad of activities across the College, he has demonstrated a particular talent and aptitude for Sport, especially in his passion for high jump, in which he represented Masada. His excellence in accelerated Hebrew achieved him a Band 6. Ben is an open and confident student who has built positive relationships throughout the College and we wish him every success for life beyond Masada College.

Ofek Tchelet



Ofek is a kind and vibrant student who has continued to demonstrate great humour, growth and development in his time at Masada. Being selected as a Peer Support Leader has opened many opportunities for his growth in leadership skills. This was particularly evident with his hard work and effort in achieving a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Masada is looking forward to hearing where Ofek's future studies will take him.

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Katherine (Katie) Virgona

Katie's strength of character and determination has been clearly demonstrated throughout her time at Masada. Katie has displayed many outstanding characteristics, which have included humility and integrity. This resulted in her becoming Masada College School Captain in 2020. She is an articulate strong-minded student who has contributed profitably to many facets of College life. We look forward to hearing the path Katie decides upon in the future.

Tianjun (Angelina) Wang

Angelina is a cheerful, bright and pleasant student who always makes sure to give her teachers and peers an animated and joyful greeting. With hard work and determination, she was recently granted early entry to her chosen degree of Science Education which she is looking forward to starting next year. We know she will brighten many students' futures as their teacher after she graduates university and wish her all the best in the upcoming years.



Zhe (Helen) Wang

Helen is a delightful, perceptive young woman of impeccable character who is confident, yet unassuming. Her social interactions with her peers prove her loyalty and compassion. Displaying resilience through this challenging year living away from her family overseas, she would like to attend university in 2021. We wish her every success next year and beyond.

Lillian Xiang

Lillian's delight in learning is infectious. Her willingness to strive for academic excellence is matched only by her willingness to help classmates and share her time with generosity. She has proven herself to be a thoughtful, caring, and mature student, who overcomes obstacles with positive determination. Lillian leaves the College with a formidable and hard-earned array of academic prizes including 'The Ilana Krausz Memorial Prize for Standard English' and 'The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement'. We are confident that she will succeed in her chosen course, and we wish her every success in the future.



Zunmao (Paul) Xu

Paul is a confident, friendly and determined student. He was selected as the International Student Leader for 2020 and demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and a willingness to help others in this role. He has been a valued member of the School Chinese Debating Team, achieving excellent results in competitions. We look forward to hearing about his achievements in the future.

Bohan (David) Yan

David is a confident and unassuming student of commendable character, with a very strong work ethic. Whilst reserved by nature, he is a friendly, extremely caring and popular member of the year group. David's integrity and personal qualities have earned him the highest regard and respect of his peers and teachers. He is self-motivated and resourceful, yet always willing to listen to the views of others. We wish him well in applying for Software Engineering and Artificial Intelligence at the Imperial College of London.



Yujia (Joyce) Zhong

Joyce is a delightful student, always happy, outgoing and caring towards her peers. As a dedicated and motivated student, she has ensured she remains engaged in her education with positivity and she thrives on problem solving and complex challenges within the classroom. Her positivity and confidence should ensure success with anything she sets her mind to and as she graduates from Masada, we wish her academic success in her chosen career.