

Masada College

HSC Achievements 2021



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Message from the College Principal

Mira Hasofer

Mazal Tov and congratulations to our 72 Masada College HSC students for their results and achievements in the 2021 Higher School Certificate.

Our remarkable students took the unprecedented challenges of 2020 and 2021 in their stride and emerged as confident, capable young men and women, ready to take on the world that awaits them. Each and every one of our students embraced their inner strength, set their mind to succeed, held on tight during the most testing weeks and months and achieved their own personal best.

Our results this year affirm Masada College's place as an outstanding Jewish, Independent Day School, unique in its ability to help students from all backgrounds and competencies achieve academic results that we are all proud of. The breadth of high achievements across all areas of learning, from Mathematics and Science to Classical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew, Business Studies, Music and Food Technology, confirm for us all that when passion, dedication and hard work meet, outstanding results emerge.

Congratulations to Kevin Lin our Dux, who achieved an ATAR of 99.70. Mazal Tov to our All Rounders, Aiden Bergheim, Kevin Lin and Ilana Stitz who achieved a Band 6 in ten or more of their units. We recognise the success of our Distinguished Achievers List, where 53% of our students achieved a Band 6 in at least one of their subjects. Putting aside the Band rankings, we are equally proud of all our students who have strived to achieve their personal best and can hold their heads high.

We are delighted that Masada College has moved up 45 places in the 2021 HSC NSW (SMH) School rankings.

Our thanks to our unsung heroes - every teacher, administrator and leader at Masada College, for helping our students prepare to take their place in the world that awaits beyond the school gates.

To our Masada graduates:

Yagatem U'Matsatem **יְגַעְתֶּם וַיִּמְצַאתֶם!**

You have worked hard and you have been successful.

Tsetchem Leshalom **צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם**

Embark on your journeys in peace



A Message from the Campus Rabbi

Rabbi Paul Lewin

We have concluded the festival of Chanukah and you have completed your schooling. This year has been an historic year and when you look back at it, although you will feel robbed of some of the traditional Year 12 experiences, you will have gained other experiences and lessons that you will carry with you for life. In a sense, you are modern day Maccabees. You did not have to fight a physical enemy, purify a Temple or fight for your identity. Rather you have had to contend with a pandemic and lockdown.

The Maccabees of old had a choice, lie down and accept the new reality or push back and fight for their values. As we know from the story, this is exactly what the Maccabees did, and although outnumbered, they managed to win an incredible victory. This was not the end of the story. When they arrived at the Temple, they found it desecrated. They cleaned the Temple, repaired the menorah - the candelabra - and went in search of oil. They only found one small jar, enough to light for one night. It would take a week to produce fresh oil. Many would have argued that the correct course would be to wait a week and then begin the lighting ceremony. In this way, they would be able to light the candles every day without a break. But this is not what they did. They chose to light the oil that was available, and what would be would be.

The lessons from the Maccabees were clear.

1. Life will not always be as smooth as you think. There will be challenges thrown at you. Be they physical, medical, ethical or religious. Challenges that will call on you to respond.
2. That even when we respond, there will be different options before us.
3. Even if we have overcome a challenge, there will be others lurking around the corner.
4. Seize the moments. Even if you are told to wait. There is no time like the present. For you never know what tomorrow may bring.
5. No one knows the future. All we can do is deal with the current situation. Be open to pivot and re-evaluate the situation as more information comes to light.
6. Even if we can only find a small jar of oil. Light it for the light will drive away the darkness and you never know, something miraculous may happen.

Class of 2021, all that the Maccabees had to contend with, you have had to as well, with Covid. The Maccabees did not dwell on the defeats, nor complain when things went wrong. They celebrated their victories and focused on the light. A lesson that we commemorate every year by lighting the Chanukah candles.

Class of 2021, this HSC is your small jug of oil. You have found the fortitude to soldier on during this year and achieved, not only in terms of results but in terms of lessons learnt. You have lit your own personal chanukiyot - lamps, that will burn brightly into the future. Like the chanukiah, where each night we add one more candle, may you be blessed to use your future experiences to light the candles of your chanukiah and we look forward to seeing the brilliant lights that you will create and shine into your future.

Hatzlacha Raba- best of luck as you start the next stage of your journey.



Masada Academic Performance Highlights



31%

of students achieved
ATAR of > 90



99.70

HSC DUX - Kevin Lin



83

Median ATAR



Masada Higher School Certificate Overview

HSC ATARS

15% of students achieved an ATAR greater than 95

31% of students achieved an ATAR greater than 90

43% of students achieved an ATAR of greater than 85

2021 NSW SCHOOL RANKING

Ranked 68th in NSW (SMH)

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Ezra Miller

ACCELERATED SUCCESS

Shir Goodwin (Year 11, 2021) Band 6 in Modern Hebrew

Stanley Liu (Year 10, 2021) E4 (Band 6 equivalent) in Mathematics Extension 1 and 2.

ALL ROUND ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to the following students that achieved 90 or higher, Band 6 or Band E4, in at least 10 units of study.

Aiden Bergheim

Kevin Lin

Ilana Stitz



HSC DUX - Kevin Lin
ATAR 99.70

Kevin is looking forward to spending time with his family now that his HSC is over and is considering studying finance at university this year. Kevin joined Masada in Year 10 and believes the experienced and passionate teachers have made a huge difference to his education. He is very grateful for the way the College has supported the Year 12 students during COVID and particularly the many scheduled revision lessons. Kevin believes the key to success for the HSC is to complete all the homework tasks and remaining focused in class. *"I would like to thank my teachers for their support and dedication over the last two years".*

Distinguished Achievers

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

53% of Masada College students were on the Distinguished Achievers List

Ryan Belzycki	Biology, Business Studies, Economics
Aiden Bergheim	Business Studies, Economics, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics
Paige Bloch	Music 1
Claire Cheng	Chinese and Literature
Elvis Cheung	Design and Technology
Asher Costa	Business Studies, Mathematics Advanced
Jake Deng	Business Studies, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2
Lulu Feldman	Business Studies
Jordyn Ginsberg	Biology, Business Studies, Economics, Mathematics Advanced
Shir Goodwin	Modern Hebrew Continuers
Amber Kalmin	Food Technology, Visual Arts
Ari Kellerman	Food Technology, Mathematics Advanced
Asher Klass	Mathematics Standard 2
Tali Krischer	Biology
Tayla Lakofski	Design and Technology
Ryan Li	Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics
Charlene Lin	Chinese and Literature
Kevin Lin	Chemistry, English EAL/D, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics
Stanley Liu	Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2
Ezra Miller	Physics
Kaylene Musiker	Food Technology
Karen Qiang	English EAL/D, Visual Arts, French Beginners
Brandan Rudnick	Design and Technology, Mathematics Advanced
Kelsey Sherman	Food Technology
Taraiza Siganos	Food Technology
Myah Steiner-Hardie	Modern Hebrew Continuers
Ilana Stitz	Biology, English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics Advanced, Science Extension, Visual Arts
Wilson Sun	Mathematics Advanced
Sarah Teichtahl	Visual Arts, Classical Hebrew Continuers, Modern Hebrew Continuers
Jayden Treisman	Mathematics Advanced
Jason Wang	English EAL/D, Music 2
Jack Wang	Biology, Mathematics Advanced, Science Extension
Eric Wei	Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics
Justin Jia'ao Xia	Business Studies, English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Physics, Science Extension
Eric Yan	Visual Arts
Calvin Zhao	Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2
Lily Zhu	Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Advanced
Shaun Zinn	Business Studies

Excellence in HSC

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

Course	Masada College % Bands 5-6	NSW Schools % Bands 5-6	Masada College First in Course
Ancient History	80	34	Emmanuella Herrman, Ezra Miller
Biology	56	31	Ryan Belzycki, Ilana Stitz
Business Studies	73	36	Aiden Bergheim
Chemistry	70	40	Kevin Lin, Eric Wei
Chinese and Literature	83	29	Claire Cheng
Classical Hebrew Continuers	100	82	Sarah Teichtahl
Design and Technology	71	55	Tayla Lakofski, Brandan Rudnick
Economics	62	50	Ryan Belzycki, Aiden Bergheim, Jordyn Ginsberg
English Advanced	54	69	Ilana Stitz, Justin Jia'ao Xia
English Standard	33	16	Elvis Cheung
English EAL/D	79	23	Kevin Lin
English Extension 1	100	94	Ilana Stitz
Food Technology	67	36	Taraiza Siganos
Geography	40	44	Malachai Shacknofsky
History Extension	60	77	Joseph Treisman
Hospitality	46	21	Adi Yoshia
Mathematics Advanced	64	50	Lily Zhu
Mathematics Standard 2	67	25	Asher Klass
Mathematics Extension 1	81	73	Aiden Bergheim
Mathematics Extension 2	90	87	Stanley Liu
Modern History	58	38	Joseph Treisman
Modern Hebrew Continuers	100	97	Shir Goodwin
Music 1	100	64	Paige Bloch
Music 2	100	88	Jason Wang
Music Extension	100	95	Charlene Lin, Joseph Treisman
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	67	31	Shaun Zinn
Physics	87	40	Aiden Bergheim, Kevin Lin, Eric Wei
Society and Culture	50	45	Kaylene Musiker, Myah Steiner-Hardie
Science Extension	100	72	Ilana Stitz
Studies of Religion	33	46	Taraiza Siganos
Visual Arts	58	63	Karen Qiang, Ilana Stitz
External			
French Beginners	100	51	
Japanese Beginners	100	35	
Japanese Continuers	100	58	
Spanish Beginners	-	54	

HSC SHOWCASES AND EXHIBITIONS

Congratulations to KAREN QIANG

Selected for ARTEXPRESS 2022



Artist: **Karen Qiang**

Form: **Time Based Forms**

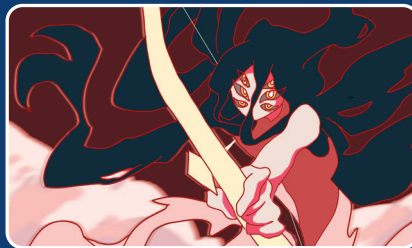
A Way Out - Youtube link: <https://youtu.be/2owUqsgQ--Y>

Artist's Statement:

People would reflect what happened in reality into their own consciousness, forming a unique, individual imaginative world. They may be twisted or exaggerated. My body of work explores the struggle of stepping out of my comfort zone. Such a "small" thing as raising a hand in the class is an extreme challenge of overcoming fear, thus it becomes a battle, facing

the distorted self as the enemy, who always laughs at the cowardly, pessimistic past. The door which represents courage is close at hand, but I exhausted all my strength to reach it, and the run will continue.

My artmaking practice has been influenced by the study and interpretation of the following artists and their artworks: sakanauosakana (DIE IN THE SEA), Li Shuyu (Undetectable Box) (False Memory) (Mobius), Ru Yiting (Alita's Trial), Huang Xinyuan (Canon's Murder).



Year 12 Valedictory Awards 2021

Academic and Sports Prizes	Recipient
The Friends of the Hebrew University Prize for Modern Hebrew	Shir Goodwin
The Masada Prize for Classical Hebrew	Sarah Teichtahl
The Masada Prize for Chinese & Literature	Claire Cheng
The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prize for Ancient History	Emmanuella Herrman
The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prize for Biology	Ryan Belzycki
The Stan and Zelda Marks Prize for Economics	Jordyn Ginsberg
The Masada Prize for Geography	Malachai Shacknofsky
The Masada Prize for Hospitality	Adi Yoshia
The Ralph and Judy Davis Prize for Modern History	Daniel Michels
The Michaelis Prize for History Extension	Tali Krischer
The Masada Prize for Mathematics Standard Senior Swimming Age Champion	Asher Klass
The Fred Joseph Memorial Prize for Mathematics Advanced	Asher Costa
The Michael Faktor Prize for Mathematics Extension 1	Lily Zhu
The Masada Prize for Music 1	Paige Bloch
The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prize for Music 2	Jason Wang
The Masada Prize for Music Extension	Joseph Treisman
The Masada Prize for Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	Shaun Zinn
The Masada Prize for Society & Culture	Kaylene Musiker
The Dennis and Reuben Lane Prize for Innovative & Sustained Art Making Practice	Karen Qiang
The Isaac & June Rutovitz Prize for Studies of Religion The Sonia Karabelnik Memorial Prize for Food Technology Senior Swimming Age Champion	Taraiza Siganos
The Ilana Krausz Memorial Prize for English Standard The Bark Family Prize for Design & Technology	Elvis Cheung
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 Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Ilana Stitz
The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Ryan Li
The Masada Prize for Science Extension The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Justin Jia'ao Xia
The Masada Prize for Business Studies The Masada Prize for Mathematics Extension 2 The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement	Aiden Bergheim
The Masada Prize for English EAL/D The Hon Sir Asher and Lady Joel Prize for Chemistry The Peter Nixon Prize for Physics The Masada Prize for Academic Achievement and the Julian Lesser Prize for Dux of Year 12	Kevin Lin

Year 12 Valedictory Awards 2021

Special Prizes	Recipient
The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies Dux Prize for the Best HSC Result in 2020	Seiji Kawanami
The Etta and Michael Sperber Shield for Sportmanship	Shaun Zinn
The Ernest Lowbeer & John Moser Memorial Prize for the Most Valuable Contribution to Music in the Senior School	Levi Isaacs
The Hilary Waksman Memorial Prize for Consistent Effort	Bella Xu
The Reuben F Scarf Prize for Commitment	Tali Krischer
The Jan O'Brien Memorial Prize for Determination and Hard Work	Ezra Miller
The Manor Shield for the Quiet Achiever	Amber Kalmin
The Millner Family Prize for the Most Improved Student	James Ngai
The Bob Shteinman Menschlichkeit Award for the Student who Demonstrates Fellowship, Caring and Kindness	Sarah Teichtahl
The David Selinger Memorial Trophy	Shaun Zinn
The Parents Auxiliary Prize for the Student who uses Special Talents to Help Others	Lily Zhu
The Chipkin Prize for Independence of Thought and Intellectual Curiosity	Ilana Stitz
The Michael Faktor Trophy for Leadership Qualities and Jewish Commitment	Zac Silber
The Mildred Teitler Prize for Community Service	Ezra Miller
The Hal and Nancye Goldstein Trophy for Communal Service	Mia Lee-Warden
The Citizenship Shield donated by The Groden Family	Lulu Feldman & Zac Silber
AMPOL Best All Rounder Award	Aiden Bergheim
The Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award	Justin Xia
The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award for Leadership and Teamwork	Lulu Feldman