



LANGUAGES

At Masada College we offer three different courses of language studies: Modern Hebrew, Classical Hebrew and Chinese.

HEBREW

Quote by Eliezer Ben Yehudah the father of the Modern Hebrew Language.



"My child be attentive to your speech for it is life for those who find it." Proverbs

Modern Hebrew is spoken by most of the eight million people in Israel, while Classical Hebrew has been used for prayer or study in Jewish communities around the world for thousands of years.

Teaching a language outside of the country where it is spoken requires special strategies to compensate for the lack of language exposure and immersion that a native environment offers. As a result of this challenge, we at Masada set out goals in order to maximise the learning experience.

We do this through targeting function as the basis for teaching Hebrew at all levels. We use several different programs depending on the levels where students learn to use the language rather than learn about the language. While we teach the basic skills i.e. reading, writing speaking and listening we also teach the language within the cultural context.

We teach a functional Hebrew so that our graduates can not only arrive in Israel and function on a day to day basis but can also read the newspapers and understand the television.

Our ultimate aim is for our students to learn Hebrew in an interesting and enjoyable way so as to be conversant in Hebrew and to be comfortable within the Israel context.

HSC

We offer both Classical and Modern Hebrew for the HSC and year after year, our graduates attain a very high level in the communicative skills and in their HSC results.

Enrichment

Multiple opportunities are provided for students to participate in less formal and appealing means of learning to enrich their Hebrew. These include:

- Annual Hebrew Camps
- Hebrew Days
- Hebrew language festivals
- Israeli guest speakers
- Hebrew newspapers
- Hebrew projects
- Yom Haatzmauth celebrations
- Yom Hazikaron memorial services
- Encouraging our Year 10 to have an Israel Study Experience
- Twinning with a sister school in Israel

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