



Holmer Green Senior School

Work Hard, Be Kind, Have Passion

HGSS Sixth Form

Working in partnership with parents



Thursday 18 September 2025

SIXTHFORM@HGSS

Welcome to Holmer Green Senior School Sixth Form

I am delighted to welcome you as a parent of the Sixth Form at Holmer Green Senior School. The purpose of this leaflet and the information given during this evening is to reassure you about the importance of your role in your son's/daughter's education and to give you key information about how we support students to help them achieve their best.

Our commitment is to 'student-centredness'. In practice, student-centredness means that our main priority is ensuring the highest quality of learning for each individual student in an environment designed to be challenging, supportive and friendly. We also place great emphasis on keeping our students focused on study and maintaining a calm and purposeful environment for learning.

We recognise the importance of working in partnership with you to support your son/daughter; experience has shown us that parental involvement at an early stage can prove highly effective in supporting students.

Communication with parents

One of the main differences between Year 11 and Year 12 is that students are given more responsibility for their own learning and are treated more as adults. However, we do value regular contact with parents and apart from formal consultation opportunities, you are welcome to contact your daughter's / son's academic tutor at any time.

6.1: Mr R Ellis: ellisr@holmer.org.uk

6.2: Ms P Sood: soodp@holmer.org.uk

6.3: Dr S Cockbill: cockbills@holmer.org.uk

Mrs V Nicholls: nichollsv@holmer.org.uk

6.4: Ms Visser: visserm@holmer.org.uk

6.5: Mr Y Adeoye: adeoyey@holmer.org.uk

6.6: Mrs M Haslett: haslettm@holmer.org.uk

6.7: Mrs K De Groot: degrootK@holmer.org.uk

You may also want to contact:

The Attendance Officer: 01494 719901 or attendance@holmer.org.uk

Mrs C Martin: Sixth Form Administrator/Pastoral Manager: 01494 719908 ext. 258 or MartinC@holmer.org.uk

Mrs V Panayiotou: Sixth Form Learning Mentor: panayiotouv@holmer.org.uk

Mr K McMaster: Deputy Head of Sixth Form – McMasterK@holmer.org.uk

Mrs R Golding: Assistant Headteacher Sixth Form and Careers: 01494 719908 ext. 234 or GoldingR@holmer.org.uk

How can you best support your son or daughter?

- Phone or email the school Attendance Office before 8:30am if they are unwell and not able to attend lessons so that teachers can be notified
- Make sure they have somewhere quiet to study at home, they will have lots of homework to do which will be detailed on Teams (please monitor)
- Take a copy of their timetable so you know when they should be in lessons
- Remember that we ask students to be in school for their Independent study periods 1-4 (and 5 in Autumn 1) so please encourage them to be in by 8:45am each day
- Reinforce the importance of taking part in enrichment opportunities we offer and how it will help when they apply for work or university
- As soon as you are concerned about any aspect of their learning life in the Sixth Form call or email their tutor or subject teacher
- Encourage them to be well-organised; they should come to school each day with pens, paper, an A4 folder, a laptop and any other specialist equipment
- Ensure that part-time work is not prioritised above study and doesn't exceed ten hours per week
- Encourage them to understand that every aspect of their timetable is important and should be attended unless they are unwell
- Inform the tutor / DHOSF if their circumstances change which may impact their wellbeing
- Ensure that holidays are not taken during term time and they aim to achieve our Attendance target of 96%

Independent Study

We do expect all students to devote a lot of their time outside of lessons to independent study. On average, for each subject your son/daughter is studying they will be expected to do an additional five to eight hours of independent study to secure their understanding and knowledge retention. Some

of this should be completed during Independent study periods in school and the rest should be completed at home.

While we understand the importance and benefit of part-time work, research and experience have shown that if students are to achieve to the best of their ability, they should not work for more than 10 hours a week. Please ensure they do not exceed this, and make sure that they do not work during the school day. Students may be required to stay in school up to 4:00pm any day.

The school website, www.hgss.co.uk gives parents information and contact details which may help with issues such as health and wellbeing, self-harm, sexuality, e-safety, safe-guarding and eating disorders.

Key Dates 2025 – 2026

18 September	Year 12 Parents Information Evening
1 October & 8 October	Year 12 Lucid testing (Lesson 5 only)
Friday 17 th October	Autumn 1 Course suitability / AtL reports
20 October – 3 November	Autumn half term
4 November	Autumn 2 begins
4 December 7:00-8:30	HGSS Sixth Form Open Evening (Year 12 to attend)
22 December – 5 January	Christmas holidays
6 January	Spring 1 begins
16 February – 20 February	Spring half term
24 February	Spring 2 begins
30 March – 3 April	DofE Gold Practice Expedition
30 March - 13 April	Easter holidays
14 April	Summer 1 begins
30 April	Year 12 Parents' evening 2
25 May – 1 June	Summer half term
2 June	Summer 2 begins
22 June (all week)	Year 12 Mock exams week
6 July (all week)	Year 12 Work experience / Gold DofE Expedition
13 July (all week)	Year 12 Futures week
15 July	Year 12 Futures Day
16 July	Year 12 Finance Day and Parents' Student Finance evening
Week beginning 20 July	Final Year 12 Exam and AtL reports home
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of Summer term

Thank you for attending this evening. We hope you found it useful and informative.



Rachel Golding
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