



The Sixth Form at Holmer Green Senior School



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Results:

Strong academic results:

- % of grades A* - B = 41%
- % of grades A* - C = 68%
- Average grade = C+

Strong vocational results:

- Distinction * - Distinction: 71.4%



Class of 2025 destinations

University

- Bath Spa University: Cyber Security, Criminology
- Bournemouth University: Ecology and Wildlife Conservation
- Buckinghamshire New University: Film and Television Production, Global Security with Intelligence Analysis
- City (City St George's, University of London): Computer Science with Cyber Security
- King's College London: Psychology, Digital Media and Culture
- Lancaster University: Accounting and Finance
- Leeds Beckett University: Sport Marketing
- Liverpool John Moores University: Product Design Engineering
- Loughborough University: Fashion Design and Technology, Textile Design, Geography, Mechanical Engineering
- Middlesex University: Accounting and Finance
- Northumbria University, Newcastle: Law, Applied Sciences
- Oxford Brookes University: Business and Marketing Management, Law, Accounting and Finance, Computer Science for Cyber Security
- Royal Agricultural University: Rural Land Management
- SOAS University of London: Business, Management, Economics & Law
- SP Jain London School of Management: Business Administration
- St Mary's University, Twickenham: Primary Education
- Swansea University: Mechanical Engineering
- The University of Law: Criminology, Law
- University of Birmingham: Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery
- University of Brighton: Economics

- University of Chichester: Musical Theatre (Film Acting)
- University of Exeter: Accounting and Finance, Classical Studies and English, Law with Business
- University of Hertfordshire: 3D Animation and Visual Effects, Physiotherapy, Psychology
- University of Huddersfield: Health Foundation Pathway leading to a BSc(Hons) Degree
- University of Kent: Business and Management, Accounting and Finance, Finance and Investment
- University of Liverpool: International Management
- University of Nottingham: Law
- University of Portsmouth: Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status
- University of Reading: Accounting and Business - Flying Start Degree Programme, Primary Education
- University of Salford: Sport Rehabilitation
- University of South Wales: Civil Engineering
- University of Southampton: Aeronautics and Astronautics / Spacecraft Engineering
- University of Staffordshire: Musical Theatre at Wilkes Academy of Performing arts
- University of Surrey: Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, Economics and Finance
- University of Sussex: Law with Business and Management
- University of Warwick: Mechanical Engineering
- University of Winchester: Primary Education with QTS
- University of York: Philosophy, Politics and Economics

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Apprenticeships

- **PWC Flying Start Degree Apprenticeship**
- **Ernst & Young Consulting**
- **Pinewood Studios**
- **Simpson Engineering Degree Apprenticeship**
- **Nursery Nurse**
- **Quantity Surveying**
- **Electrician**
- **British Army**

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Excellent facilities

Exciting Enrichment opportunities

Individual support

Strong Academic and Vocational results

Why apply to HGSS Sixth form?

Practicalities

Opportunities

Choice of different course types

Smaller Class size

Smooth progression, and effective induction

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Choosing Your Subjects Some Principles

DO:

- Go for subjects you enjoy
- Think about your strengths
- Think about your aims after the Sixth Form
- Do some research
- Think about subjects that support each other and your preferred way of working

Make an informed, appropriate choice

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Choosing Your Subjects Some Principles

DO NOT choose a subject because.....

- You “like the teacher”
- It sounds “interesting” but, in fact, you know nothing about it!!
- Your friend is doing it
- It is new
- It has a reputation for being easy!

Make an informed, appropriate choice



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The Types of Post-16 Courses

The main post 16 courses taken at HGSS, valued by employers, universities and apprenticeships.

A Levels

- The A Level grade is determined by exams taken at the end of 2 years only. Some subjects will have some Coursework content

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Subjects Available: A Level

A Level Subject	Minimum GCSE Grades Required
Art and Design	5 in Art & Design, work portfolio
Art and Design: Textiles	5 in Art & Design/Art Textiles, work portfolio
Biology	Biology 6 and an average of 6 across the three single sciences or 6,6 in Combined Science 5 in Maths 5 in English Lang or Lit
Business	5 in Business , 5 in Maths, 5 in English Lang or Lit
Chemistry	Chemistry 6 and an average of 6 across the three single sciences or 6,6 in Combined Science 6 in Maths , 5 in English Lang or Lit
D&T: Product Design	5 in Design and Technology , 5 in Maths, 5 in English Lang or Lit
Drama and Theatre Studies	5 in Drama (if studied), 5 in English Lang or Lit
Economics	5 in English Lang or Lit, 5 in Maths
English Literature	5 in English Literature, 5 in English Lang
Further Mathematics	7 in Maths (Higher) ,
Geography	5 in Geography, 5 in Maths, 5 in English Lang or Lit
History	5 in History, 5 in Maths, 5 in English Lang or Lit
Mathematics	6 in Maths (Higher)
Philosophy and Ethics (RS)	5 in RS (if studied), 5 in English Lang or Lit
Physics	Physics 6 and an average of 6 across the three single sciences or 6,6 in Combined Science, 6 in Maths, 5 in English Lang or Lit
Psychology	5 in Biology or 5,5 in Science, 5 in Maths, 5 in English Lang or Lit
Sociology	5 in Maths, 5 in English Lang or Lit

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The Types of Post-16 Courses

Vocational courses such as AAQs (BTEC / CAN / WJEC) Level 3

Extended Certificates:

Mix of Examinations and Coursework

- More vocational in content
- Coursework assignments throughout the course
- All now have an element of examination taken throughout the course

Equivalent to A-levels in terms of university (UCAS) points

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Vocational Subjects Available

Vocational Subject	Minimum Grades Required
Medical Science: AAQ BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate	4, 5 in Combined Science, 4 in Maths, 4 in English Lang or Lit
Computing: AAQ CAN Level 3 Extended Certificate	5 in Computer Science, 4 in Maths, 4 in English Lang or Lit
Health and Social Care: AAQ BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate	Child Development (if studied), 4 in Maths, 4 in English Lang or Lit
IT: AAQ CAN Level 3 Extended Certificate	Level 2 Merit in ICT or 4 in GCSE
Sport: BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate	5 in PE (if studied), 4 in English Lang or Lit, 4,4 in Combined Science
Food Science and Nutrition: Level 3 AAQ Extended Certificate	5 in Food Technology or Level 2 Merit , 4 in Maths, 4 in English Lang or Lit



The “4th subject”

- **The EPQ** (Extended Project Qualification)
- **AS Maths in Context** (Core Maths)

AS Subject	Grades Required
The Extended Project Qualification	Average Grade 6.0
AS Maths in Context (Core Maths)	5.0 in Maths

Both equivalent to an AS and can really strengthen students’ applications to competitive courses

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The EPQ: Universities view

“We encourage students to complete an EPQ, where possible, as we value the development of skills in independent study and research, which an EPQ can offer. ...an EPQ in the subject that is related to the course or discipline that you wish to progress into... may be taken into account by admissions tutors when making decisions between applicants of equal academic standing.” University of Sheffield

“The University welcomes applications from students who have taken the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). We see this as positive evidence of motivation to explore a subject in greater depth, as well as an opportunity for further development of analytical, critical thinking and independent research skills.” University of Southampton



AS Mathematics in Context (Core Maths)

Offered for students who are keen to extend their GCSE Maths Skills, but not to A Level.

*Recommended for students planning to study subjects such as **A Level Sciences, Geography, Business, Economics, or Psychology***

What does it cover?

How to use and apply Maths in different situations, such as interpreting data, applying statistics, probability etc. Develops quantitative and problem-solving skills.



Sixth Form 2026-28 The “HGSS Pathways”

Ensure that your selection is the best combination in terms of your:

- Abilities and Strengths
- Preferred way of working and assessment
- Interests and intended career

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HGSS Pathways

PATHWAY 1 4 A-Levels	PATHWAY 2 3 A-Levels + EPQ or MIC	PATHWAY 3 3 A-Levels	PATHWAY 4 Combination of A-Levels and AAQs	PATHWAY 5 3 AAQs
Best 8 APS is greater than or equal to 7.50.	Best 8 APS is greater than or equal to 6.0 but less than 7.50.	Best 8 APS is greater than 5.0 but less than 6.0.	Best 8 APS is greater than 4.5 but less than 5.0.	Best 8 APS is greater than 4.0 but less than 4.5.
You have achieved at least a 6 in English and Maths	You have achieved at least a grade 5 in Maths and a grade 6 in English.	You have achieved a grade 5 in English and Maths.	You have achieved a grade 5 in English and Maths.	You have achieved at least a grade 4 in English and Maths
Choose 4 A Level subjects you have qualified for. EPQ or MIC advised	You may choose 3 A Level subjects. To take Maths, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, you will have achieved a grade 6 in those subjects EPQ or MIC advised	You may choose 3 A Level subjects you have qualified for except Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics	You may choose a combination of 3 A-Level or AAQ subjects you have qualified for.	You may choose 3 AAQ qualifications only.

If you are not predicted to achieve grades as described above, please discuss your options at your personal careers Interview

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Get informed

Informed Choices

Choosing the right subjects to study post-16 is very important in helping you to get into university, particularly a Russell Group university.

If you don't know what degree subject you want to study, it's important to choose A Levels (or equivalent qualifications) that keep as many options open to you.

Whatever your situation, Informed Choices can give you the start you need in deciding what to do next.

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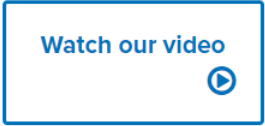
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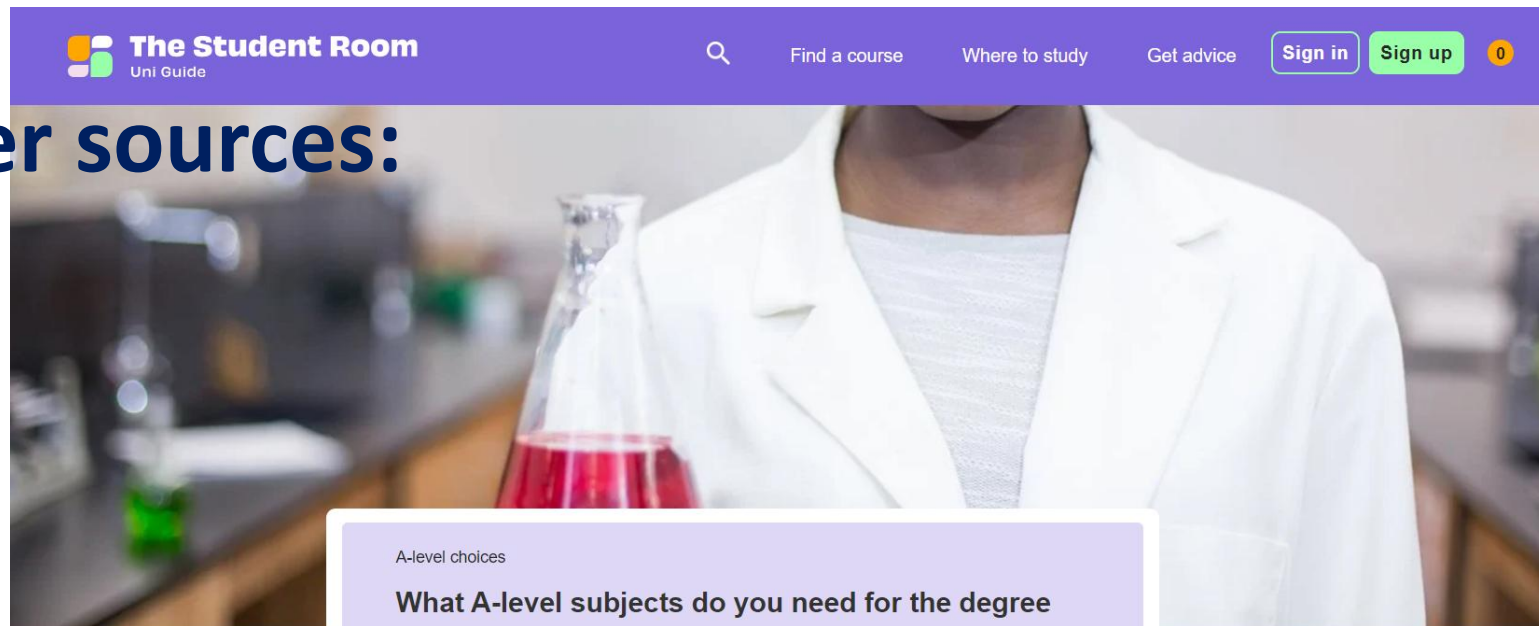
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Some further sources:

<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/what-a-levels-do-you-need-for-the-degree-you-want-to-study>

<https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/>



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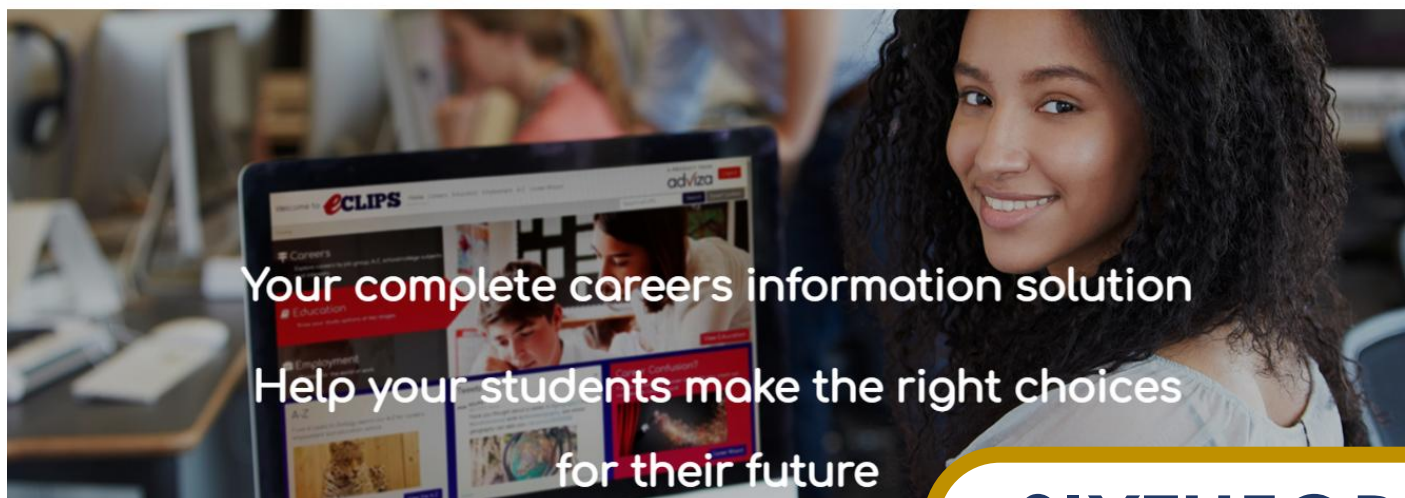
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How can you help?

- Have discussions about their future
- Take them to careers fairs
- Help them find appropriate work experience



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STEAM Scholarships

The HGSS STEAM Scholarships are a unique opportunity for students who are aiming high for a professional career.

STEAM stands for:

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Art and
- Maths



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STEAM Scholarships

Students who wish to attend HGSS Sixth Form on a **STEAM Scholarship**, should apply separately, and be studying the appropriate courses for a career in the following:

- **Medicine** (Biology, Chemistry and Maths or Physics)
- **Veterinary** (Biology, Chemistry and Maths or Physics)
- **Computer Science** (Computing, Maths, Physics)
- **Engineering** (Maths, Chemistry, Physics)
- **Architecture** (Maths, Art, Physics)

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The logo for HGSS (Higham Grammar School Sixth Form) features the letters 'H', 'G', and 'S' in a stylized, overlapping font. The 'H' and 'G' are in blue, while the 'S' is in gold. The letters are interconnected, with the 'H' and 'G' forming a continuous shape on the left and the 'S' curving around them.

STEAM Scholarships

What will the Scholarships offer you?

A Scholarship in these areas will offer you:

- Funding to cover your textbooks in all qualifying courses
- A career related mentor and
- A place on a career related internship programme or relevant work experience

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The logo for HGSS (Hemel Hempstead School) features the letters 'H', 'G', and 'S' in a stylized, overlapping font. The 'H' and 'G' are blue, while the 'S' is gold. The letters are connected by flowing lines.

STEAM Scholarships

Students wishing to apply should:

Apply to HGSS Sixth Form using the usual procedure

In addition, students should:

- Be predicted to achieve the entry requirements for 3 appropriate courses for their chosen career.
- Write a letter of application
- Attend an additional Interview with our Scholarship panel.

Please see our Prospectus on our website for further details

Applications close on Friday 20 March 2026

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Visual Arts Scholarships

- A unique opportunity for students who are gifted and talented in the area of Art & Design.
- Holmer Green Senior School holds the prestigious **Platinum ArtsMark award**, and we would like to celebrate this honour by offering 3 talented students the privilege of this opportunity.
- Students who wish to attend HGSS Sixth Form on a Visual Arts Scholarship, should apply separately, and be studying at least one of the Art & Design endorsements* and be wanting to pursue a creative career once they leave us.

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Visual Arts Scholarships

A scholarship will offer you:

- Funding to cover your materials and equipment for use in all qualifying courses
- A teaching mentor with specific 1-to-1 support and
- Support to gain a work experience placement linked with a practicing artist / company



* Art & Design endorsements A Level Art & Design, A Level Textiles, A Level Graphic Communication (by request), Art & Design : 3D Design (by request)

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Visual Arts Scholarships

Students wishing to apply should:

Apply to HGSS Sixth Form using the usual procedure

In addition, students should:

- Be predicted to achieve the entry requirements for 3 appropriate courses for their chosen career, including at least 1 Art & Design endorsement*
- Write a letter of application
- Prepare a portfolio to include 10 pages of what you believe to be your best work to show and talk about at a further interview.

Please see our Prospectus on our website for further details

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And finally.....

What next?

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Masterclasses for HGSS students

Find out what taking our subjects really feels like by attending our Masterclasses:

See Email for more details

Year 11 Taster Sessions and Masterclasses 2025/26

Please sign up for a session for your subject: student attendance at masterclasses should be prioritised over Interventions.

Time	Date	Staff	Subject	Room
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Monday 1 December	N Alani	CAN AAQ Information Technology	B2
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Monday 1 December	PSI	English Literature	E2
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Tuesday 2 December		Chemistry	S8
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Tuesday 2 December	SKA	CAN AAQ Computing	B3
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Wednesday 3 December	E Chivora	A Level Economics	B1
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Wednesday 3 December	Y Adeoye		
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Thursday 4 December			
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Thursday 4 December			
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Friday 5 December			
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Friday 5 December		Psychology	Psy1
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Monday 8 December	MVI		
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Monday, 8 December		Physics	S9
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Tuesday, 9 December	SCo		
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Tuesday, 9 December		A Level Maths	M5
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Wednesday, 10 December	IQR JME	BTEC Sport	PE1
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Wednesday, 10 December	REL		
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Thursday 11 December		Product Design	T2
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Thursday 11 December	VNI & RGO	Maths in Context	M1
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Friday 12 December	BRI DEG		
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Friday 12 December			
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Monday 15 December		Geography	G2
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25pm	Monday 15 December	AWO		
LUNCHTIME 1.30pm	Tuesday 16 December			
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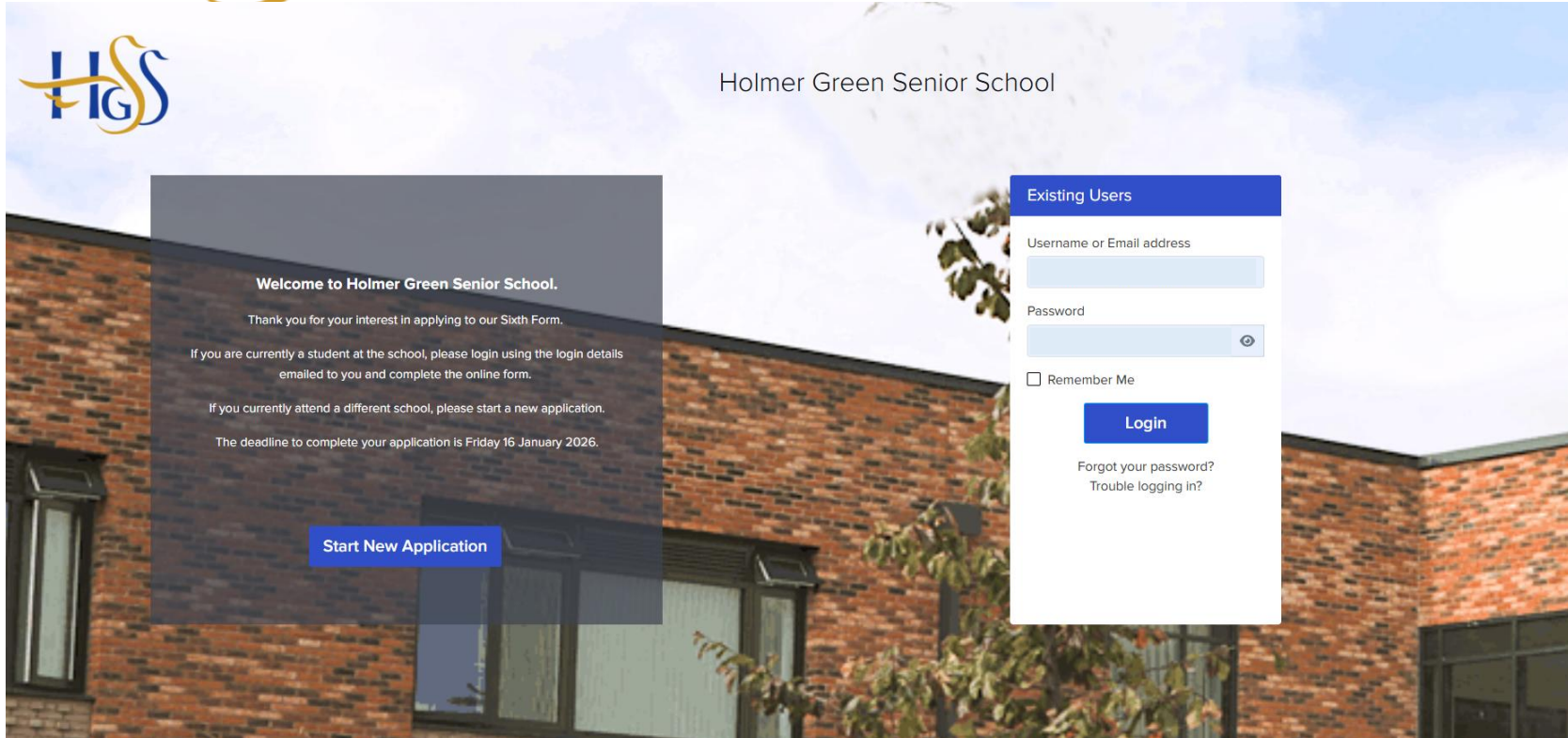
- Prospectus and
- Application form online at:

www.hgss.co.uk

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Applying to HGSS Sixth Form: Current students



HGSS students:

You will receive an email tomorrow which includes:

- link to this page,
- a username (school email address)
- and password.

If you wish to apply, log in using these details and complete your application.



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What next?? Key Dates

Final Applications: **Friday 16 January 2026**

Final STEAM and Visual Arts Scholarship Applications: **Friday 20 March 2026**

Internal Applicant Meetings begin: **Week commencing 2 February 2026**

Offers of Sixth Form places: **From Week commencing 23 March 2026**

Sixth Form Induction Days: **2 and 3 July 2026**

GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form Enrolment for Internal students: **Thursday 20 August 2026**

Sixth Form Enrolment for External Students: **Friday 21 August 2026**

First Day of Autumn Term for Year 12: **Thursday 3 September 2026**

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