



Welcome to
The Sixth Form Open Evening 2023
at
Holmer Green Senior School



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Headteacher: Mr Ed Hillyard



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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 word 'Results:' is written in a large, bold, blue serif font to the right of the logo.

HGSS Results:

Strong academic results:

- % of grades A*- A = 29%
- % of grades A*- B = 64%
- % of grades A*- C = 85%
- Best 3 'A' Levels = B
- Average grade = B

Strong vocational results:

- Distinction * - Merit: 90%

University, Apprenticeship & American scholarship destinations included: Birmingham, Cardiff, Exeter, Loughborough, Nottingham, Southampton, Warwick, Weleyan College West Virginia USA and Coe College Cedar Rapids Iowa USA.

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Head-students



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Assistant Head of Sixth Form and Head of Year 12
Mr Kodey McMaster



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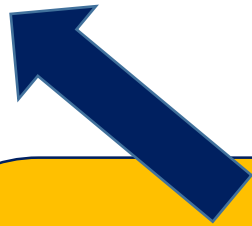
Some key questions to think about this evening:

- Why apply to HGSS Sixth form?
- Which subjects to apply for?
- Which HGSS Pathway to apply for?

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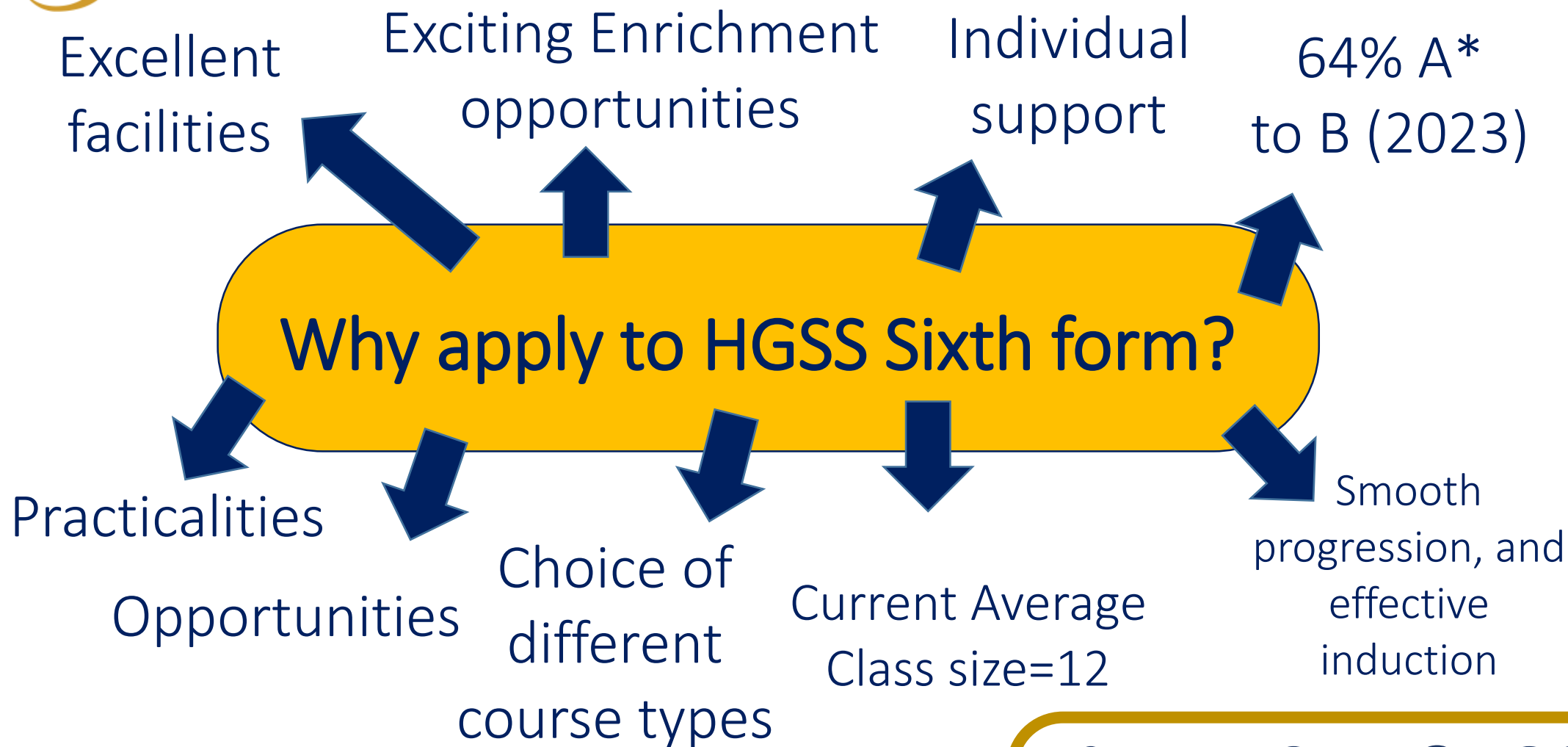
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Assistant Head Teacher: Sixth Form
Mrs Rachel Golding



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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!

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Sixth Form 2024-2026

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



Subjects Available: A Level

- Art & Design
- Art & Design: Art Textiles
- Biology
- Business studies
- Chemistry
- D&T: Product Design
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Literature
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Philosophy and Ethics (RS)
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

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The Types of Post-16 Courses

Subjects such as BTEC / WJEC Extended Certificates and Diplomas:
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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BTECs Available at HGSS Sixth Form

- Applied Science
- Computing
- WJEC Criminology
- Health & Social Care
- IT
- Music (SWR)
- Sport
- Uniformed Protective Services (SWR)
- WJEC Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition

UCAS POINTS	A Level	BTEC Level 3	AS
56	A*	Distinction*	
48	A	Distinction	
40	B		
32	C	Merit	
24	D		
20			A
16	E	Pass	B
12			C
10			D
6			E

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The “4th subject”

- The EPQ
- AS Maths in Context

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



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

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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** or BTECs as an alternative to the EPQ*

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 2024-26 The “HGSS Pathways”

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

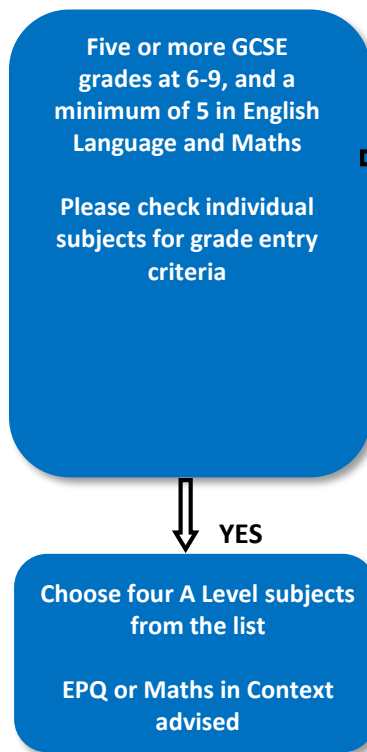
- Abilities and Strengths
- Preferred way of working and assessment
- Interests

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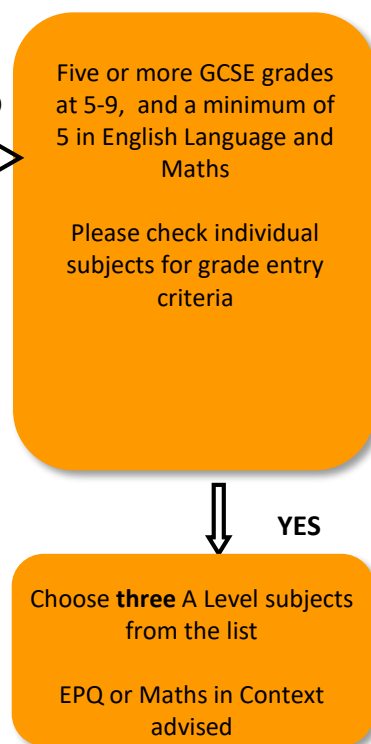


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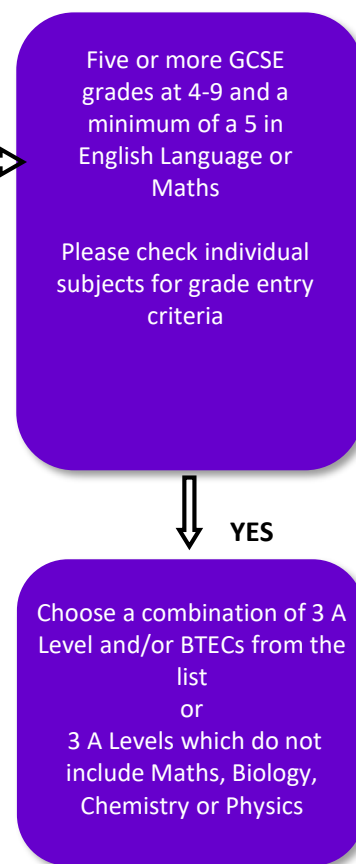
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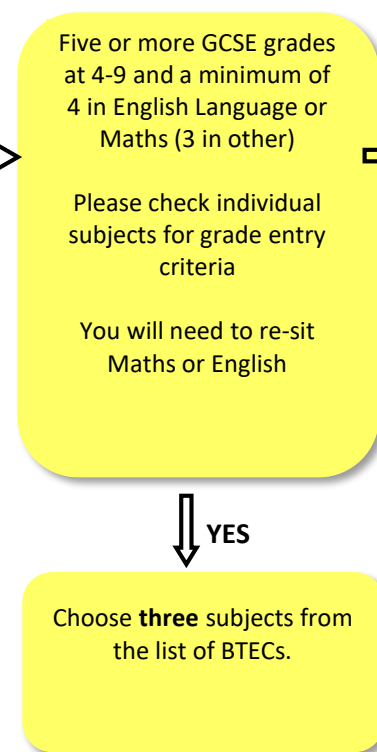
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PURPLE ROUTE



YELLOW ROUTE



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.

Get started

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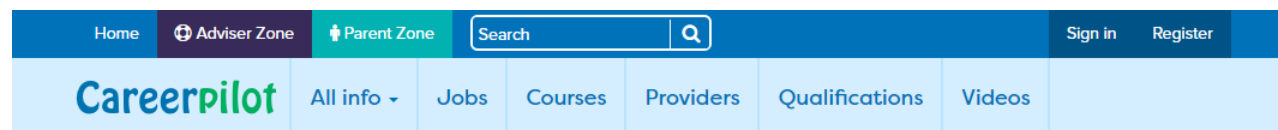
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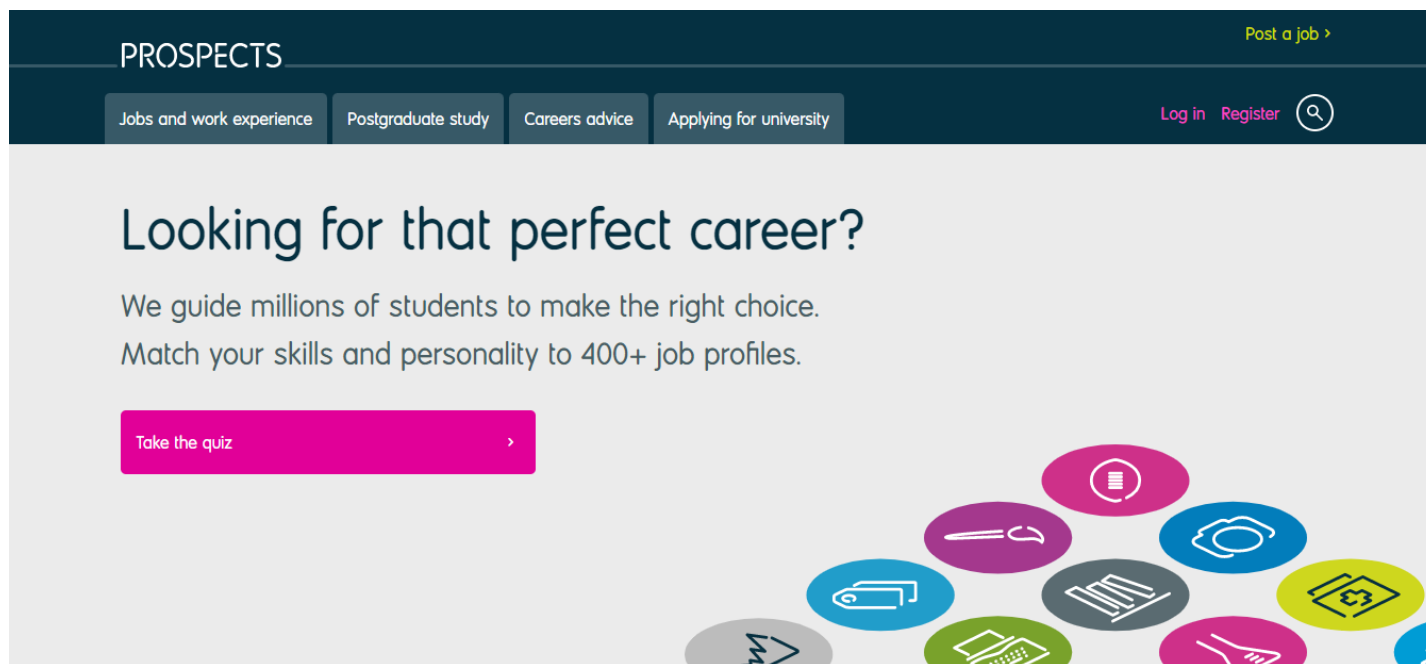
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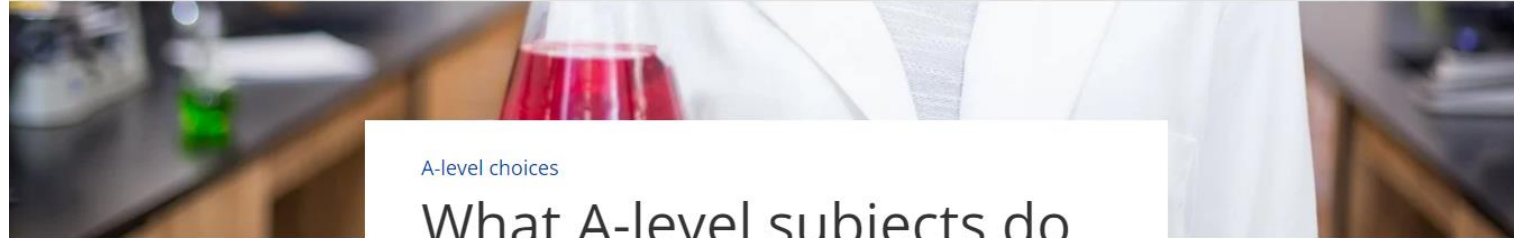
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<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/what-a-levels-do-you-need-for-the-degree-you-want-to-study>

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



A-level choices

What A-level subjects do you need for the degree you want to study?

By Andy Gardner
(Careers Adviser)

20 September 2018

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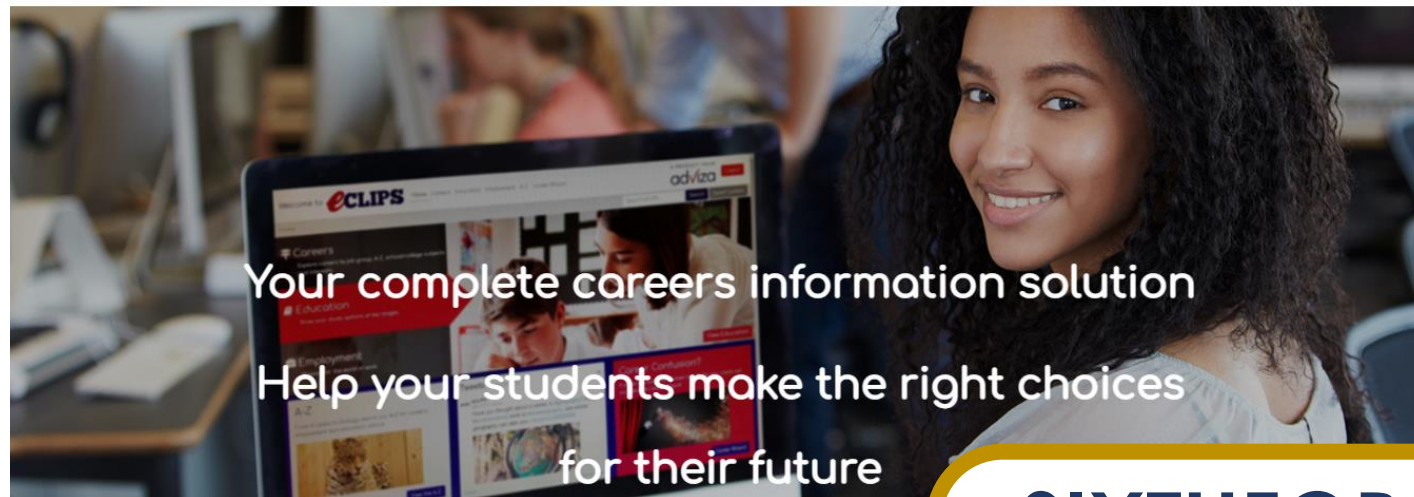


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Masterclasses for HGSS students

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

See Email for more details

Year 11 Masterclasses of Sixth Form Subjects

Please email Ms Martin at martinc@holmer.org.uk with the name and form of your son / daughter, and the subjects they would like to attend.

Time	Date	Staff	Subject	Room
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15pm	Monday 4 December	SKH	Chemistry A Level	S7
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Wednesday 6 December	REL	BTEC Sport	PE1
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Thursday 7 December	DRO BRI	Maths in Context	M8
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Monday, 11 December	ST VW	English Literature	E1
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Monday, 11 December	SGO	Biology A Level	S6
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Tuesday, 12 December	AEd	Health and Social Care	T5
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Thursday 14 December	JOR, EHI JME	Maths A Level	M5
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Thursday 14 December	CLE	Geography A Level	G2
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Friday 15 December		Art and Textiles	AHE
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Monday 8 January	VWA	Photography	T7
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Monday 8 January	SCo	Physics A Level	S9
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Tuesday 9 January	NSH	Sociology	SOC
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Wednesday 10 January	AKA	BTEC Science	S8
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Wednesday 10 January	AJO	BTEC IT	B2
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Thursday 11 January	BLB	History Cold War in Europe	
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Thursday 11 January	AJO	BTEC Computing	B2
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Friday 12 January	OCI	Food Science and Nutrition	
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Monday 15 January	AGI/RWH	EPQ	Mu1
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Monday 15 January		Product Design	DJE
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Tuesday 16 January	EKI	History: Civil Rights in the USA	H3
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Tuesday 16 January	NSH	Criminology	SOC
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Wednesday 17 January	LCO	Psychology	
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Wednesday 17 January	JKI	Religious Studies	RS1
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Thursday 18 January	MED	Business	B4
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15	Friday 19 January	New staff member	Economics	B4
LUNCHTIME 1.40	Friday 19 January			
AFTER SCHOOL 3.15			Sixth Form applications close 26.1.2024	

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Open mornings for External students

Open Mornings

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If you are a student or the parents of a student who doesn't currently attend Holmer Green Senior School, but would like to see for yourself what studying in our Sixth Form would be like, please consider attending one of our Open Mornings.

Our Sixth Form Open Mornings this year:

Tuesday 12 December

Lesson 1: 9:15am—10:05am, where you will see teaching in the following subjects:

Year 12	Year 13
A Level Art & Design	A Level Physics
A Level Art Textiles	A Level Psychology
A Level Chemistry	A Level Photography
WJEC Food	
EPQ	

Lesson 2: 10:15am—11:05am, where you will see teaching in the following subjects:

Year 12	Year 13
A Level Chemistry	A Level Maths
A Level Maths	AS Level Maths in Context
	A Level Product Design
	BTEC Sport
	A Level Psychology

Wednesday 13 December

Lesson 1: 9:15am—10:05am, where you will see teaching in the following subjects:

Year 12	Year 13
EPQ	A Level History
A Level History	A Level Physics
A Level Physics	A Level Psychology
A Level Psychology	A Level Religious Studies
BTEC IT	

Lesson 2: 10:15am—11:05am, where you will see teaching in the following subjects:

Year 12	Year 13
A Level Physics	A Level English Literature
A Level Business	A Level Geography
A Level Religious Studies	A Level Maths
BTEC Applied Science	A Level Photography
A Level Sociology	



In order to book an Open Morning tour please scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/holmer-green-senior-school>

www.hgss.co.uk office@holmer.org.uk 01494 712219

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See our:

- Prospectus and
- Application form online at:

www.hgss.co.uk



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What next?? Key Dates

Final Applications: **Friday 26 January 2024**

Final STEAM and Visual Arts Scholarship Applications: **Friday 8 March 2024**

Internal Applicant Meetings begin: **Week commencing 5 February 2024**

External Applicant Meetings begin: **Week commencing 26 February 2024**

Offers of Sixth Form places: **Week commencing 25 March 2024**

Sixth Form Induction Days: **4 and 5 July 2024**

GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form Enrolment for Internal students: **Thursday 22 August 2024**

Sixth Form Enrolment for External Students: **Friday 23 August 2024**

First Day of Autumn Term: **Thursday 5 September 2024**

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Applying to HGSS Sixth Form: Current students

A screenshot of the Holmer Green Senior School (HGSS) Sixth Form login page. The background is a photograph of a modern building with a wooden facade and several windows. Overlaid on the image is a semi-transparent dark grey box containing the following text: 'Welcome to Holmer Green Senior School.', 'Thank you for your interest in applying to our Sixth Form.', 'If you are currently a student at the school, please login using the login details emailed to you and complete the online form.', 'If you currently attend a different school, please start a new application.', and a blue button labeled 'Start New Application'. To the right of this box is a white login form titled 'Existing Users'. The form has two input fields: 'Username or Email address' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a blue 'Login' button. At the bottom of the form are two links: 'Forgot your password?' and 'Trouble logging in?'. A large yellow arrow points upwards from the bottom center of the slide towards the login form.

HGSS students:

Received an email on Thursday 30 November

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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Applying to HGSS Sixth Form: New students

A screenshot of the HGSS Sixth Form application page. The background is a photograph of a modern wooden building with large windows. Overlaid on the image is a semi-transparent grey box containing text and a blue button. To the right of this box is a white login form with a blue header. The text in the grey box reads: 'Welcome to Holmer Green Senior School. Thank you for your interest in applying to our Sixth Form. If you are currently a student at the school, please login using the login details emailed to you and complete the online form. If you currently attend a different school, please start a new application.' The blue button is labeled 'Start New Application'. The login form has a blue header 'Existing Users', a 'Username or Email address' field, a 'Password' field with a toggle icon, a blue 'Login' button, and links for 'Forgot your password?' and 'Trouble logging in?'.

Students that are currently studying at another school:

The link to the sixth form application site is <https://hgss.applicaa.com/2024Year12>

Press the Start New Application button (in blue).

Set up your email address and a password for the system.

Complete your application.



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Talk to teachers
Talk to our students
See our facilities



Thank you and Good night

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