



Holmer Green Senior School

Achievement and opportunity for all

# WELCOME TO HOLMER GREEN SENIOR SCHOOL



At Holmer Green we are proud to offer a unique learning experience, matching outstanding care and support for your child with the very highest expectations of success.

At the heart of everything we do are the excellent working relationships between staff and students that enable every child to achieve.

Michael Jones, Headteacher



# ambition

Our aim is to provide an ambitious and dynamic school experience for your son or daughter. We are committed to helping him or her become:

- Successful - believing he or she can achieve.
- Confident - relishing leadership and responsibility.
- Caring - with a genuine pride in his or her community.

To meet this ambition we offer:

- High standards of academic success.
- Outstanding pastoral care and guidance.
- High quality vocational training and qualifications.
- An exciting range of extra curricular activities - with opportunities for leadership and responsibility.
- A team of well qualified, enthusiastic and dedicated staff.





WE ENGAGE AND INSPIRE

# challenge



At Holmer Green Senior School we are committed to challenge. We want to engage and inspire our young learners so that they enjoy their lessons and the many educational opportunities we provide.

Our aim is to see every child develop knowledge, skills and self confidence so they have the competitive edge and freedom to choose the very best higher educational or vocational opportunities when they leave our school.

In years 7 and 8, all students follow the National Curriculum and each child is encouraged in every lesson to develop the key enterprise skills of leadership, teamwork, problem solving and independent study.

Maths, English and Science are taught in ability sets. We recognise the value of smaller class sizes and employ the skilled teachers, and classroom assistants who support them, to make this possible.

In year 9, many subjects introduce GCSE topics of study to help prepare and guide students in choosing the right courses for them to follow in years 10 and 11.

Our whole school Enterprise ethos ensures that in every aspect of school life our students are challenged to excel beyond their expectations.





## COMPETITIVE EDGE



# opportunity



Pastoral care and support for personal development are considerable strengths at Holmer Green.

Each child in year 7 has a peer mentor, an older student from year 10 who has volunteered and been trained to support the transition of new students from primary to secondary school. Such has been the success of this scheme that we have been recognised by the Excellence in Mentoring for Schools Award.

As a Business and Enterprise school, we expect every student to lead and take responsibility for daily life and well being in their school. Our School Council actively seeks out students' views on school policy and any issues they want to address.

The student Sports Committee runs our popular breakfast club, inter-form competitions and publishes a monthly newsletter on all matters relating to sport in the school. Opportunities range from computer clubs, dance and drama activities to environment groups and we are particularly proud of our students' participation in national schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Young Enterprise. Our Anti-Bullying Council (ABC+) is led by a team of year 11 and Sixth Form students whose work has justly been acknowledged with a prestigious Diana Memorial Award.

You will also find opportunities lie abroad with our annual ski trip, French and Spanish visits as well as Geography and History trips.

Thanks to these opportunities, provided by dedicated and enthusiastic staff, our students develop the broad experience and view of the wider world that so impresses universities and future employers.

# OUR STUDENTS FLOURISH





DEDICATED, ENTHUSIASTIC STAFF

# partnership



We believe in the vital importance of a strong partnership between staff, students and parents. Annual reports and parent interviews, as well as termly effort and attainment grades, are all part of this process. In addition, we set every student challenging targets in all their subjects.

You will automatically become a member of our thriving Parents' Association and we strongly encourage you to participate in their many fundraising and social events. Close relationships built up between the school and home play a key role in establishing an atmosphere in which our students and your children flourish.

Holmer Green is immensely proud of our many links with the wider community as well as with local businesses and industrialists. Our status as a Business and Enterprise school enables our students to gain work experience in a full range of business environments.





WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITIES

# confidence

The school provides a wealth of opportunities at the heart of the curriculum and within every subject area to help develop success for each individual student.

Our students have built a strong reputation for their charity work. Talent contests and Fun Days are eagerly anticipated features of our school calendar with participation from students and staff.








AN ENTERPRISE ETHOS



# success




We are committed to providing a first class Sixth Form at Holmer Green, which will provide every student with the best opportunity for progressing to university or the first step towards a successful career.

Our students wear business dress befitting our specialist status and we expect them to work diligently whilst approaching their studies with open and enquiring minds.

We are also aware that universities and employers look for far more than academic qualifications when selecting young people for courses or work. They want fully rounded individuals who are self reliant, resourceful and who show abundant initiative.

Students lead sports training for primary children, create business initiatives that compete successfully against local Sixth Form schools and colleges and our Student Council leaders have linked with Amnesty International to provide an insight into world affairs for our year 8 students.



We welcome contact from parents and are very happy to discuss programmes of study and career plans. Each individual is set challenging targets for achievement, receives dedicated support and encouragement and is offered exciting opportunities. Our unique learning environment ensures that our students leave Holmer Green fully equipped to succeed in the next phase of their lives.





# join us

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision.

The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organisational objectives.

It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

Andrew Carnegie



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