# *Holmer Green Senior School Weekly Newsletter*

13th November 2026

# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Well done to all our Year 11 and 13 students who started their practical mocks this week and produced some great outcomes in Art and Food.
This week we looked at the reasons for Remembrance, for which we held a 2 minutes silence on Wednesday. The Remembrance assemblies this week have been greatly delivered by: Rylee, Daisy and Ayesha (year 13 students), so a big thank you to them for their time in doing this. Jenna in our Sixth Form also delivered a talk on "Getting into Medicine" this week to aspiring students. These are just a few examples of some of the positive contributions students make to the success of the school. Thank you.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 3rd December from 6-8pm, for current year 11 students. Tickets and further information are here. Lastly, we are currently advertising for Community Governors here, particularly those with experience in: estates; finance; audit; procurement; education. If you, or anyone you know would like to support the school in this way please either apply, or to find out more about the role contact us at jacobsl@holmer.org.uk

Thank you for your support and patience while we were without email earlier today due to the Microsoft issues. We are pleased to say that the systems have now returned to normal.

# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

In the background we are working to switch from SIMS to Abor for January 2027.
This will allow parents to view timetables, homework, behaviour, lunch money, etc. all in one user friendly app.

Details about this move will come out towards the end of next half term.

Arbor




# Transport and Traffic

Thank you to everyone for helping to keep Parish Piece a safe area by dropping students at the top ends of the road and not parking in bus stops or blocking our neighbour's access.

We have been made aware that there are several planned roadworks in the area over the coming weeks.

We have written to the local authority for further information but please be aware that traffic may be more difficult during this period.

We advise that you check your routes and see what may affect your routes.

We will  issue updates when we are given any.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PA TEAM:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Parent Association team are looking to do a Christmas raffle for the school and would like some help with obtaining prizes! if you or your company can offer any support by offering vouchers for meals out, spa or activity experiences that would be amazing.
We would also appreciate donations or wine, chocolates, bubble bath to make up a hamper.

Please can any of these offering be brought into Reception.

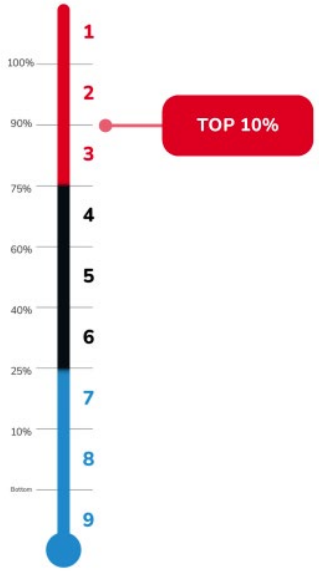
If you would like to become a member or to find out more, please email PA@holmer.org.uk

Many thanks in advance.

PA Team



# HGSS Sixth Form







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Position compared to the BTEC outcomes from the 2025 DfE National Dataset.

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BTEC 2026

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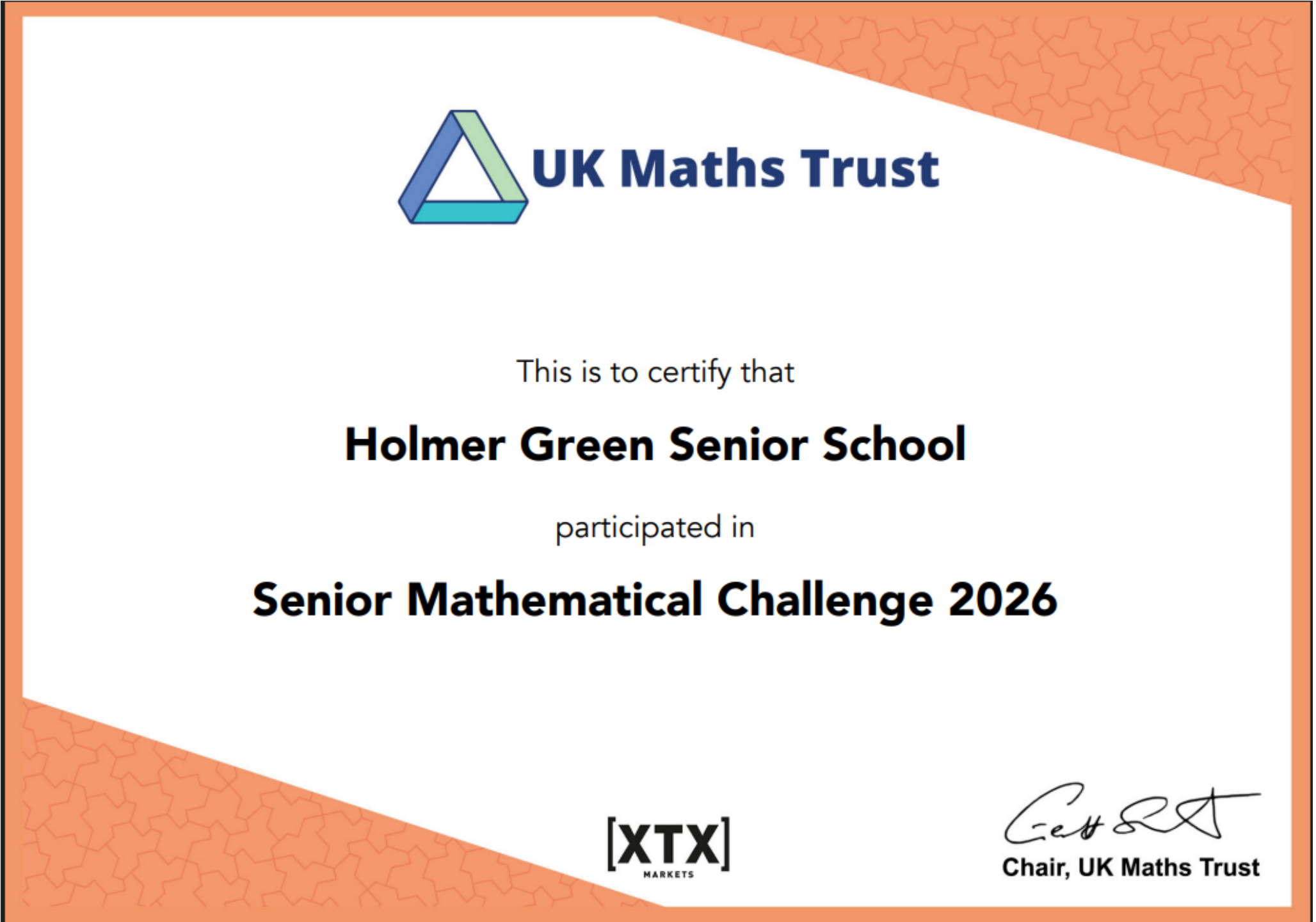
A level 2026

Alps Helping students aim higher

We are delighted to let you know that we have received two awards based on our A-Level and BTech Outcomes in Summer 2026.

Our BTech outcomes are in the top 10% of school's nationally and our A-Level outcomes are in the top 25% of schools nationally.

This could not be achieved without the hard work of our students, the sixth form team and all of our subject teaching staff as well as the support from our parents and carers.




6 Year 12 students entered the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge 2026. Thomas Dixon and Nicholas Juszczak received a Bronze Certificate. Well done to everyone who entered!

**Tavia Ndudzo 11.1** (left)- Performer in the Garsington Opera,

Youth Company. Pictured here in 'Gone Fishing' July 2026.



GARSINGTON OPERA

AT WORMSLEY

*"I started doing opera when I was in year 6 , by chance but it has now become a big part of my life I really enjoy it . I have made some of my closest friends over the years met some famous actors and movie director and composers. Being in the company has helped me grow and mature as a person . The best part is performing: the adrenaline on stage and the feeling of accomplishing something so big is what makes it all worthwhile"*

# Revision at HGSS

We have two Assessment Points at HGSS. For years 7-10 and 12, you will receive a report in February and July. To support with students' preparation and wellbeing, we don't have exam weeks until the end of year 10, therefore assessments happen at different times.

You can find the dates of these assessments in Revision Booklets published on our website here: **https://www.hgss.co.uk/Learning/Revision-Guides/**

Please use the links to resources on these to support with preparation before assessments in each subject.

For Year 11 and 13, Content Guides have been published on this section of the website. We will publish Content Guides for Year 10 and 12 before the mock exams in June.

# HGSS Careers

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## HGSS DAY TO WORK

# Know a trusted grown up with an exciting job?

Spend a staff INSET day working alongside them and see a career in action.

| WHEN | LAUNCHES | WHERE |
|---|---|---|
| Any staff INSET day | Monday 2nd November | Wherever they work! |

### Who could you shadow?

| | | | |
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| Parents | Family | Friend | Local Business |
| Your Primary School | A Charity | A volunteer | Careers contact |

**Open to every student, Year 7 to Year 13**
Pick up a form at the careers clinic.
Miss Christiansen- Careers Lead

**Prizes up for grabs!**

## CAREERS DROP-IN CLINIC

# Got a question about your future?

Just turn up. No appointment, no pressure, and no question is too small.

| WHEN | TIME | WHERE |
|---|---|---|
| Every Thursday | 3.30pm to 4pm | Purple Study Room, Careers Office |

### Ask us about…

| | | | |
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| GCSE options | A Levels & BTECs | T Levels | Apprenticeships |
| University & UCAS | Work experience | CVs & applications | Part-time jobs |

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**Drop in, no booking!**

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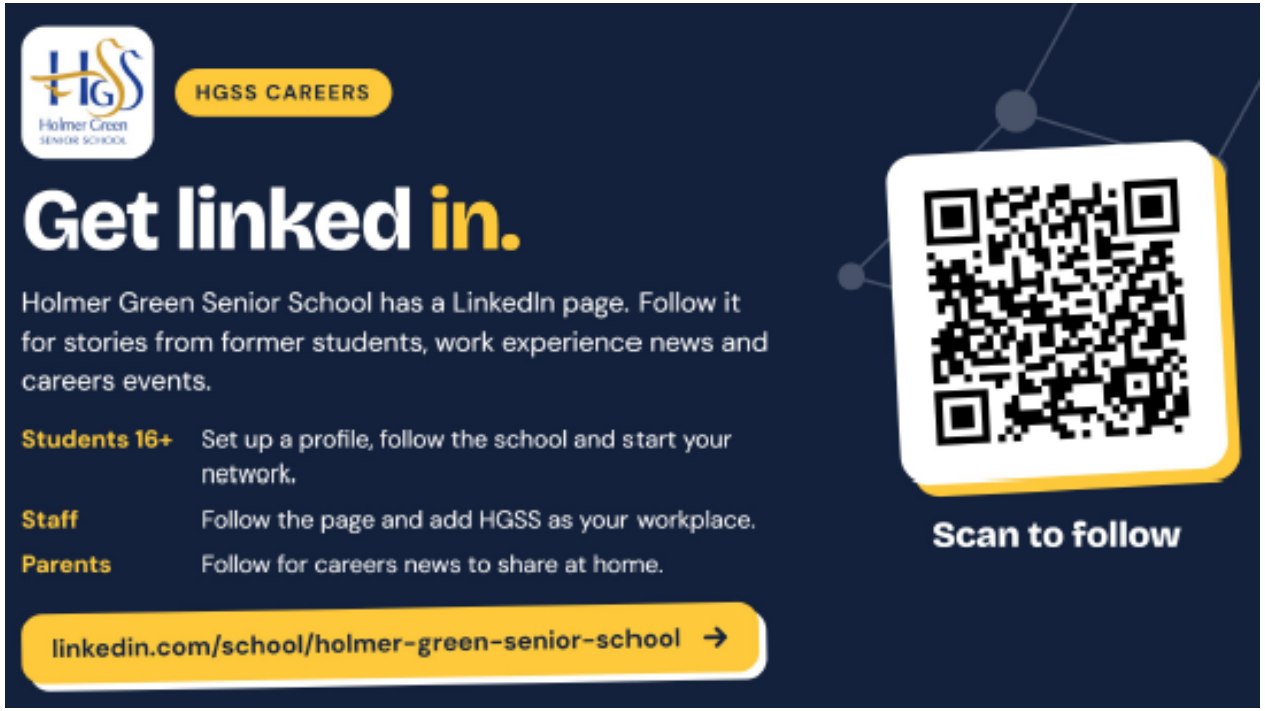
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The October 2026 **Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing** is out, with hundreds of paid jobs starting in September 2027 at employers such as the BBC, Airbus, Amazon, KPMG and the Metropolitan Police, including roles in Milton Keynes, Reading and Oxford.

Degree apprentices earn a salary while studying for a degree, with course fees covered, and starting pay can be high: solicitor apprentices at Freshfields start on £32,000 and Met police constable apprentices on £42,210.

Some deadlines are in October and November, so Year 13 students should look now, and they can apply to university at the same time. Find the listing here: Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing, October 2026. Students can explore their options on Unifrog or get help with applications at our career's clinic, Thursdays 3.30pm to 4pm in the Purple Study Room.





- The Choir will be performing at **Christmas on the Common** on the 29th November outside Holmer Green Village Hall. Time slot to follow, however it will be late afternoon/evening time.

- Tickets for the **Christmas Showcase** will be available on School Cloud.
- This festive event will feature performances from the Choir, Band, Performing Arts groups and an array of individual talents.
- It will be held on the 15th December. If you son/daughter would like to take part, please encourage them to come along to auditions on the 10th November which will be held after school in the drama studio.

# Latest Vacancies

Please see our website for full details:

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**CAREERS**

**Follow this link for the latest Classroom to Careers Newsletter**

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# REMINDERS:

Student safety – please encourage your children to be attentive when using the roads. The use of mobile phones whilst walking along the pavements or crossing the roads should be discouraged so that children can concentrate on their surroundings and other people.

**We strongly encourage our students to be as independent as possible on their journey to and from school. Walking, cycling and taking the bus are all good options. If you do need to drive your children to school, please do not drive along Parish Piece at the start and the end of the school day as this causes congestion and significant danger for students as they make their way home. Please arrange to meet your sons and daughters at a location away from Parish Piece. When parking, please park legally, safely and respectfully of our neighbours.**

Please remember to sign up for extra curricular clubs and interventions and include the School Cloud link: SchoolCloud - Holmer Green Senior School https://holmergreensenior.schoolcloud.co.uk/