Holmer Green Senior School Weekly Newsletter

6th November 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:

A big **welcome back** to all after half-term.

It was great to hear about the exciting and fun experiences from students who went on the Barcelona, DofE practise and Woodrow trips during it, along with last night's Drama trip to the Troubadour at Wembley Park Theatre. Well done to all those who represented the school so well and a thank you to staff and parents for running and supporting them.

Year 11 and 13 are well into their revision for the upcoming mocks, so we wish them the best of luck as their mock practicals begin next week.

We are close to completing our central heating replacement project, just in time for the colder weather approaching, which is also great news.

Our amazing librarian and English team have also invested in further stock for our Library (LRC), so we would encourage students to visit and borrow. Our reading for pleasure and also by subject list is here and we highly recommend all students to be reading from these lists.

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, 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 apply, or to find out more about the role contact us at jacobsl@holmer.org.uk

Announcement
It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mark Hunt, a valued member of our site team who passed away over the break. He will be greatly missed by all, and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time

Uniform and Equipment Reminder for After Half Term

As we approach the half term holiday, we would like to thank families for their continued support and remind everyone of our expectations regarding uniform and equipment for after half term.
At Holmer Green Senior School, we believe that high standards of uniform and readiness for learning help students develop confidence, responsibility and a sense of belonging. Ensuring students are correctly dressed and fully equipped from the first day of term helps them settle quickly and focus on their learning.

Uniform reminders
Please ensure that students return in September wearing the correct school uniform:

- Skirts should be an A-line design, non-stretchy material and worn at a smart school length (no more than 2 inches above the knee).
- Trousers should be plain black, tailored school trousers.
- Shoes must be plain black leather or leather-imitation school shoes. Trainers and branded sports footwear are not permitted.
- Socks should be black.
- Coats should be black of navy blue.
- Students may wear one pair of small stud earrings only.
- Nose piercings are permitted only with a clear retainer.
- All other facial and body piercings are not permitted.
- Acrylic nails, false nails and gel nail extensions are not permitted.

Hair and appearance
If haircuts or colouring are planned over half term, please ensure they comply with our uniform policy. Hair should be a natural colour and extreme hairstyles, including shaved patterns, razor lines and dramatic undercuts, are not permitted.
If any piercings are planned during the half term holiday, please be aware that students will be expected to comply with the school's jewellery expectations from the first day of term. Any additional piercings that do not meet the school's policy must be removed.

✅ Correct black school shoe



: ❌ Trainer



Equipment
Students should arrive each day fully equipped for learning, including:

- A suitable school bag
- A pencil case containing essential stationery
- A scientific calculator
- A reading book
- A fully charged Windows laptop (where applicable)
- Please also ensure that students are prepared to use our phone locker system every day. Mobile phones must be switched off and secured in their phone pouch throughout the school day. Phones are for the journey to and from school, not for use on site.

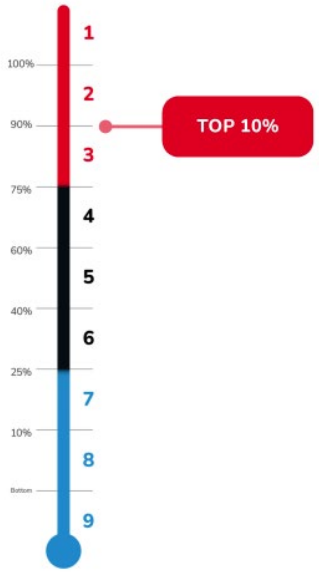
Being organised and equipped helps students participate fully in lessons, avoid unnecessary disruption and develop the habits that underpin success.

Full details of our uniform and equipment requirements can be found on our website: https://www.hgss.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform+and+Equipment&pid=1034

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every student starts the new term, ready to participate and ready to succeed.



HGSS Sixth Form





Mary Ahern
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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

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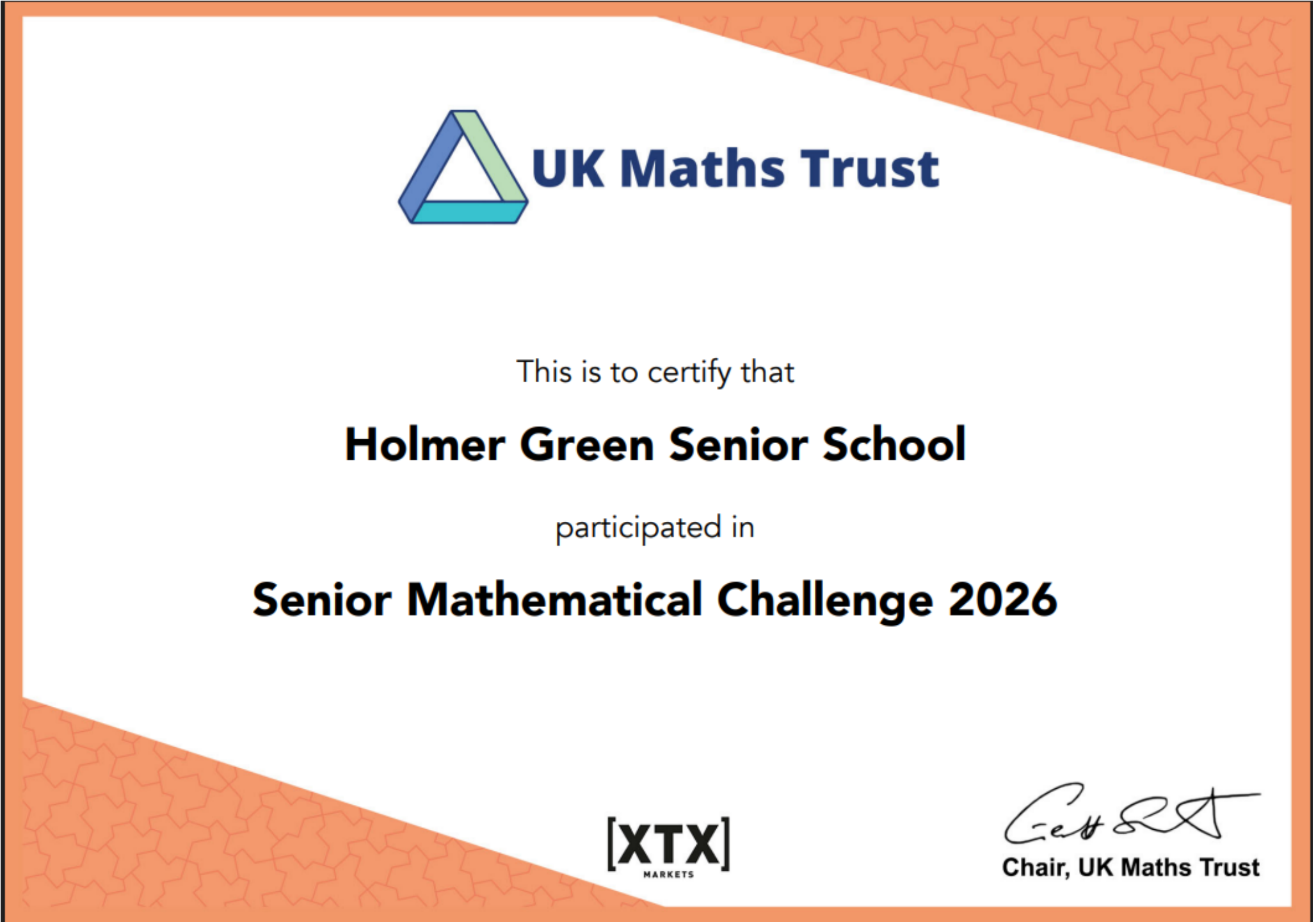
A level 2026

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!

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

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 Parents' Association

HOLMER GREEN SENIOR SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOICATION

Lucky Numbers Club

HGSS Parents Association "Lucky Numbers Club" runs a monthly charitable draw. Half of the money collected is returned in prize money each month, with the other half being used to buy items for the school.

Each year we offer all parents and friends of the school, the opportunity to purchase up to 3 numbers, the more numbers you have the greater your chance of winning. The Club runs from September until August of each year.

Unlike most prices these days we have kept the existing £1 per number per month payable in advance. We do hope you will support your child's school in this way, as well as supporting other events we organise. The option to purchase Lucky Numbers is now available from the School Gateway. The costs are as follows:

- £12.00 for 1 number per monthly draw for 12 months
- £24.00 for 2 numbers per monthly draw for 12 months
- £36.00 for 3 numbers per monthly draw for 12 months

We have kept the Lucky Numbers Draw. We have kept the Lucky Numbers Draw open until the end of November to allow for additional purchases to be made. The option to purchase Lucky Numbers is still available from the School Gateway.

HGSS PA Association
Fund-raising on behalf of the Holmer Green Senior School Fund
Charity number: 1051142

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

Work Hard · Be Kind · Have Passion

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?

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…

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

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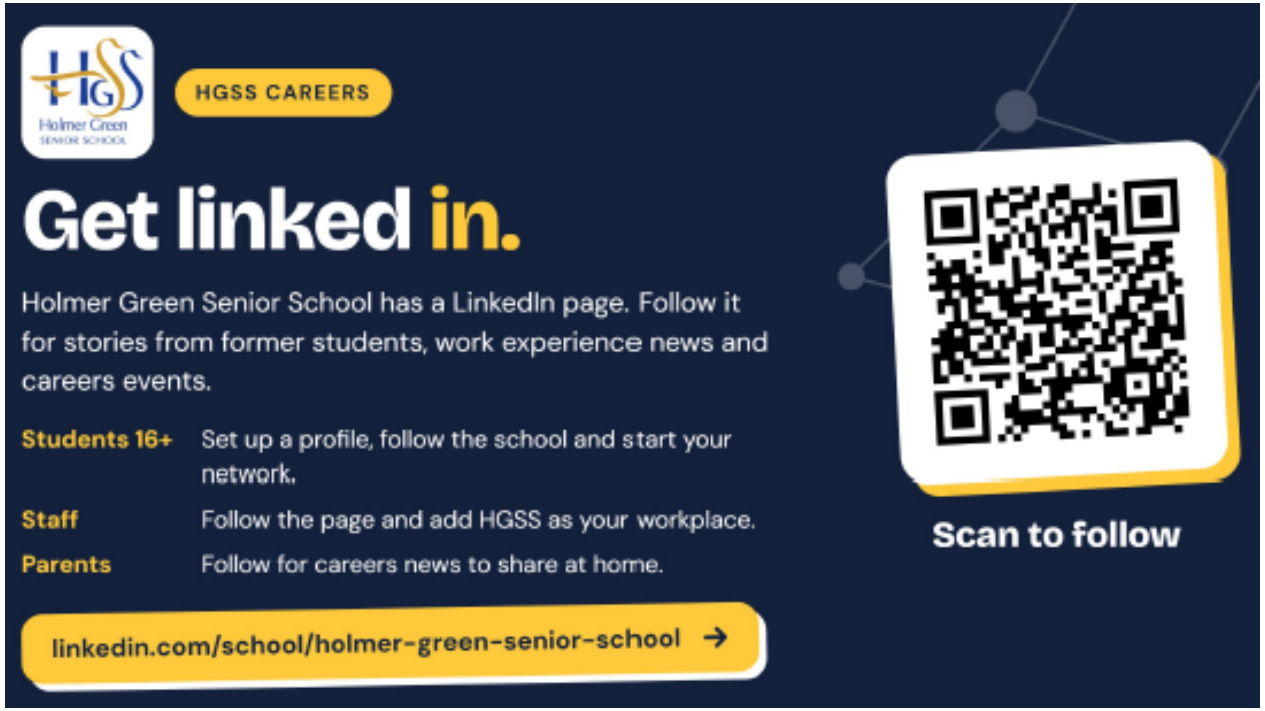
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The October 2026 **Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing** is out, with hundreds of paid jobs starting in September 2027 at employers such as the BBC, Airbus, Amazon, KPMG and the Metropolitan Police, including roles in Milton Keynes, Reading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



Flu Vaccinations - Students Y7 - Y11 Tuesday 10 November 2026

The Buckinghamshire Immunisations Team are visiting HGSS on Tuesday 10 November 2026 to deliver the flu vaccinations to all pupils in Year 7 - Year 11.

The Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team uses on-line consent for all school immunisations.

Please find attached a letter detailing all the relevant links required to complete a consent form. Please ensure that you complete your child's form as soon as possible, and at the latest one full school day before the vaccination date.

You are required to complete a form to either consent OR decline this immunisation - **please choose the Year Group your child is currently in.**

Many thanks
Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team

Latest Vacancies

Please see our website for full details:

Holmer Green Senior School - Work with us

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/