

Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Your Best

YEAR 10 UPDATE

A FANTASTIC START TO THE YEAR!

OPPORTUNITY
ASPIRATION
RESPECT
SUCCESS

A BRIGHTER
FUTURE
TOGETHER

CELEBRATING SUCCESS



4,000+
**POSITIVE POINTS
AWARDED!**

Students have been recognised for:

- ✓ Excellent engagement
- ✓ Completing homework
- ✓ Strong progress
- ✓ Positive contributions in lessons
- ✓ Demonstrating our school values

Keep up the fantastic work!



GCSE COUNTDOWN

**580
DAYS**

UNTIL THE FIRST GCSE EXAM

*It will
come around
faster than
you think!*

**GOOD HABITS BUILT NOW
WILL LEAD TO SUCCESS LATER.**

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT



**500
NEGATIVE POINTS
RECORDED**

Most common reasons:

- No homework completed
- Device confiscations
- Off-task behaviour in lessons
- Lateness to school



PARENTS AND CARERS:

Please discuss our school expectations with your child and help reinforce the importance of meeting them consistently.

LITTLE AND OFTEN = BIG RESULTS



Each week in form time, students create 1 revision resource.

+



If students also create 1 revision resource at home each week...

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They could have approximately

**160
REVISION RESOURCES**
ready to use before their GCSE examinations.

CONSISTENT EFFORT LEADS TO CONFIDENCE.

READY TO REVISE

Students received revision packs in Year 9 containing:



Lined paper



Flashcards



PLCs for all subjects

Everything needed to get started!



Need more resources?

Additional revision materials are available from:

- Miss Tanti
- Miss Lyons
- Form Tutors

Just ask!

"Small steps today make big results tomorrow."

GOOD HABITS

CONSISTENT EFFORT

GREATER CONFIDENCE

GCSE SUCCESS

Work hard • Stay organised • Revise regularly • Achieve your potential!

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP EVERY STUDENT ACHIEVE THEIR VERY BEST.

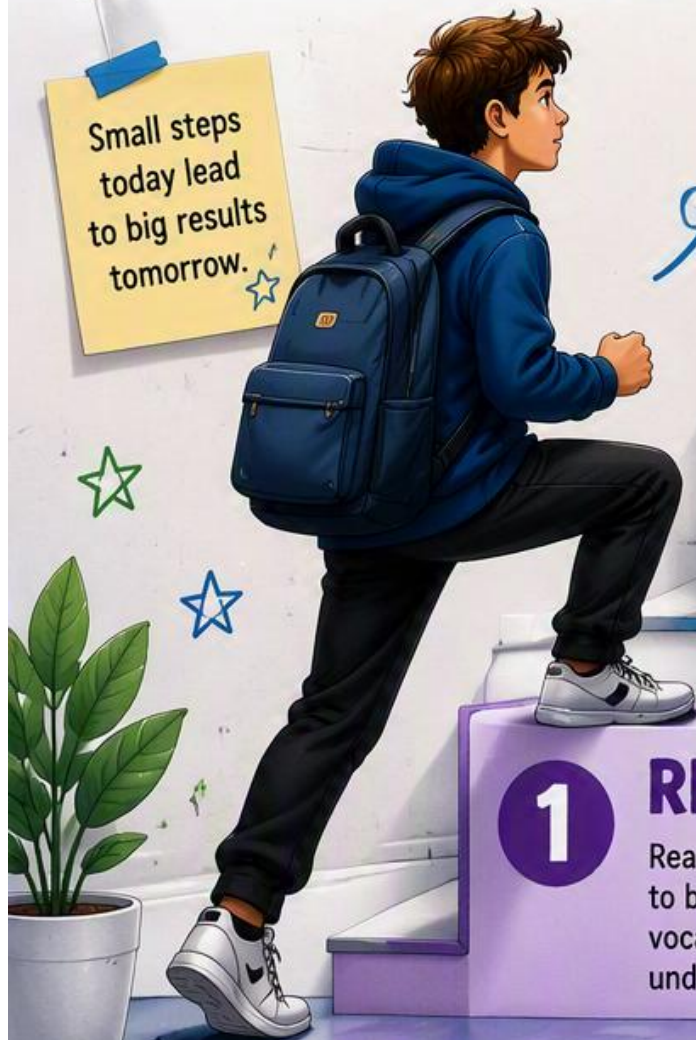
Year 10 – Success Starts Now!

HIGHER
BRIGHTER
STRONGER
TOGETHER

PREPARED TODAY, SUCCESS TOMORROW!

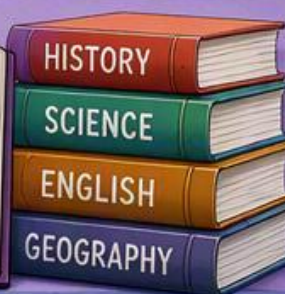
5 habits. 1 goal. Your future.

Small steps
today lead
to big results
tomorrow. ★



1 READING

Read widely and regularly to build knowledge, vocabulary and understanding.



The more
you read,
the more
you know! ✨

2 RETRIEVAL

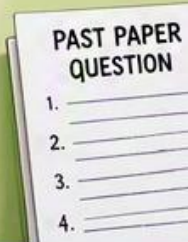
Use retrieval practice to strengthen your memory and remember more for longer.



RETRIEVE
IT!
REMEMBER
IT!

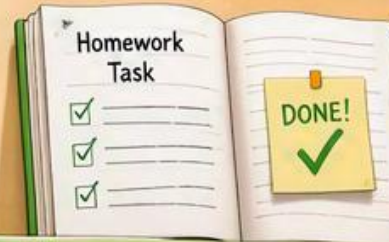
3 PRACTICE

Practise past questions and exam skills to build confidence and improve performance.



4 HOMEWORK

Complete homework to consolidate learning and show commitment.



5 ORGANISATION

Stay organised, manage your time and keep everything in the right place.



BE PREPARED.
BE FOCUSED.
BE **YOUR BEST.**

Consistent
effort
every day
leads to
amazing
results. ★



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GREAT TO START, **BUT YOU HAVE TO START TO BE GREAT!** ★

YEAR 10 KEY DATES & MILESTONES

Supporting Success Throughout Year 10



AUTUMN TERM



14 OCTOBER

Unifrog University Fair
4:30pm - 6:30pm



TBC

Reward Trip



16 DECEMBER

Year 10 Interhouse Competition



SPRING TERM



24 MARCH

Year 10 Interhouse Competition



12-15 APRIL

Core Subject Prelims
(Main Hall)



15-23 APRIL

Option Subject Prelims
(Classrooms)



SUMMER TERM



17 JUNE

Parents' Evening



TBC

Reward Trip



5-9 JULY

Work Experience Week

★ *Be the best version of you* ★



ASPIRE



ACHIEVE



BELONG



SUCCEED

Check school communications regularly for updates and further details.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

GOOD FOOD. MORE FOCUS. BETTER LEARNING.

CHECK & APPLY
Scan the QR code



gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals
A quick, confidential online check

26.5%
OF PUPILS IN ENGLAND
WERE ELIGIBLE IN JAN 2025

4-8 WEEKS
MORE PROGRESS IN MATHS & ENGLISH
IN A 2-YEAR UNIVERSAL FSM PILOT

88.4%
OF INFANT PUPILS TOOK A FREE MEAL
ON CENSUS DAY IN JAN 2025



Sources: DfE, Schools, pupils and their characteristics 2020/21; DfE Free School Meals Pilot Evaluation 2022

The Haven: Supporting our students with SEN

- Online support sessions covering a range of issues
- Support for parents, carers and students
- Free access with school membership
- Contact The Haven (send@holcombegrammar.org.uk) for promo code
- Look out also for our Holcombe Highlights
- Links to FAQs and info on school website
[SEND, Holcombe Grammar School](#)
[Support and Guidance, Holcombe Grammar School](#)

 September Timetable All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



KEY INFORMATION AND FAQs

How do I report my child's absence?

- For short term absences, such as illness or routine medical appointments, please report on Arbor on the day of absence
- For hospital/specialist appointments, please email office@holcombegrammar.org.uk FAO: Miss Willson. Ensure the appointment invite letter is attached.
- If you would like to give advanced notice of a period of absence due to exceptional circumstances please email office@holcombegrammar.org.uk FAO: Miss Willson.

I have an urgent concern about wellbeing or safety, how do I report this?

- Call the office and ask for a Designated Safeguarding Lead to contact you.

Or

- Use the 'Report it' button on our website which can be found here at the foot of our website.



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Email
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Quicklinks
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School ID
Financial Funding Agreement

Social Media
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LinkedIn

I have a question about my child's academic progress, who do I contact?

- If a general query, please email office@holcombegrammar.org.uk for their Form Tutor to respond.
- If related to a particular subject, please email office@holcombegrammar.org.uk for their subject teacher to respond.

I would like more information about a sanction my child has received, who do I contact?

- Please email office@holcombegrammar.org.uk for the member of staff who issued the sanction to respond.

I have a general query, who do I contact?

- In most cases, general queries should be sent to the Form Tutor in the first instance. Please email office@holcombegrammar.org.uk for their Form Tutor to respond.

Where can I find information on what my child is studying in school?

- Our website has curriculum plans for all year groups and for all subjects. Scan this QR code or follow [this link](#) to go directly to this information.



Where can I find the school's policies?

- All of our policies can be found on our website. Scan this QR code or follow [this link](#) to go directly to this information.



Where can I find a uniform list?

- Our uniform list can be found on our website.



Scan this QR code or follow [this link](#) for the main school



Scan this QR code or follow [this link](#) for the sixth form

What happens on Parents' Evening?

- Following a survey in summer 2025, all Parents' Evenings will remain online.
- Parents Evenings will run on the Parent Bookings Website, links are sent out prior to each evening.
- We will send instructions out explaining how to book appointments and how to join.
- On the evening the clear expectation is that you will attend online with your child in attendance.

School Telephone Number:
03333 602130

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www.holcombegrammar.org.uk

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office@holcombegrammar.org.uk

