

YEAR 13: MAKE EVERY WEEK COUNT

Key dates • Purposeful study • Expert support

**UCAS /
UNIVERSITY**

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15 OCTOBER 2026
Oxbridge / Medicine deadline



For January applications

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2026
HGS internal UCAS deadline



13 JANUARY 2027
Official UCAS deadline



10 DECEMBER 2026
Final Parents' Evening
Thursday



11–22 JANUARY 2027
Preliminary examinations
Two weeks • Two papers per subject



10 MAY 2027
Summer exams commence
Monday



STUDY LEAVE: TBC
Previously the week before exams.
Arrangements will be confirmed
by email.



**PLAN BEFORE
YOU START**

Use the Study Menu to choose
purposeful tasks and prepare
for each study period.



**KEEP YEAR 12
KNOWLEDGE ALIVE**

Use your Study Diary to
sequence topics and plan
regular retrieval of Year 12
content alongside current
learning.



COUNTDOWN:

116 school
days

From 30 September 2026 to 7 May 2027.
Includes prelims; study leave not deducted.



HOLCOMBE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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**SPEAK TO
THE EXPERTS**

Your teachers know the
subjects and exam requirements.
Ask questions, act on feedback
and seek guidance early.



**MAKE USE OF
INTERVENTION**

Attend sessions and request
support with specific topics
or exam skills. Seeking help
shows initiative and
commitment.



EVERY LESSON MATTERS

10 school days missed could mean:

9 lessons per subject

27 lessons across 3 subjects

Around 9% of the 116 days remaining.
Based on a full fortnight; scattered absences will vary.

Plan early. Communicate openly. Ask for support.

You've got this

Plan
Reflect
Progress

HOLCOMBE GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM

Purposeful study. Planned progress.

The Study Diary + The Study Menu

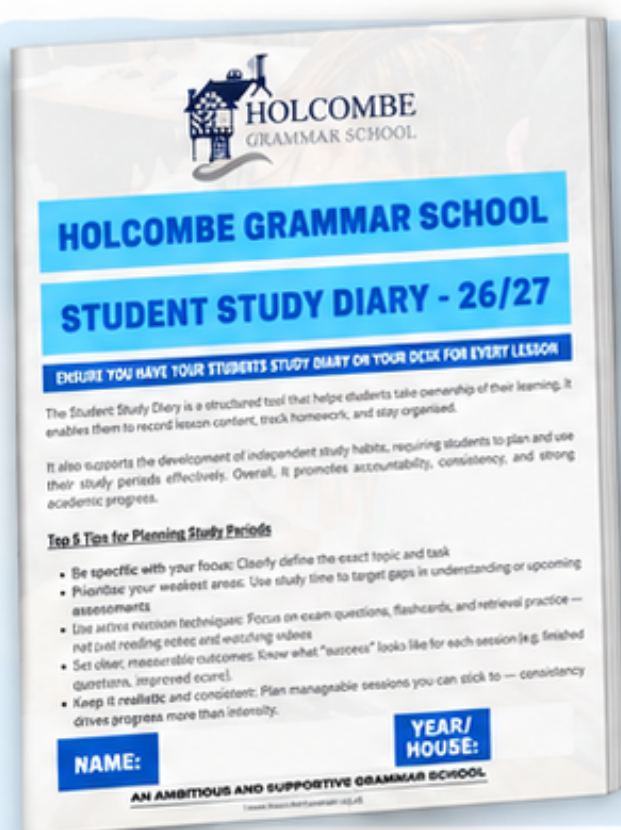
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Small
steps
Big futures



WHY WE INTRODUCED THEM

Independent study is a skill that needs structure and support. These tools help students turn good intentions into specific tasks, balance their subjects and revisit learning before gaps grow.



STUDY DIARY

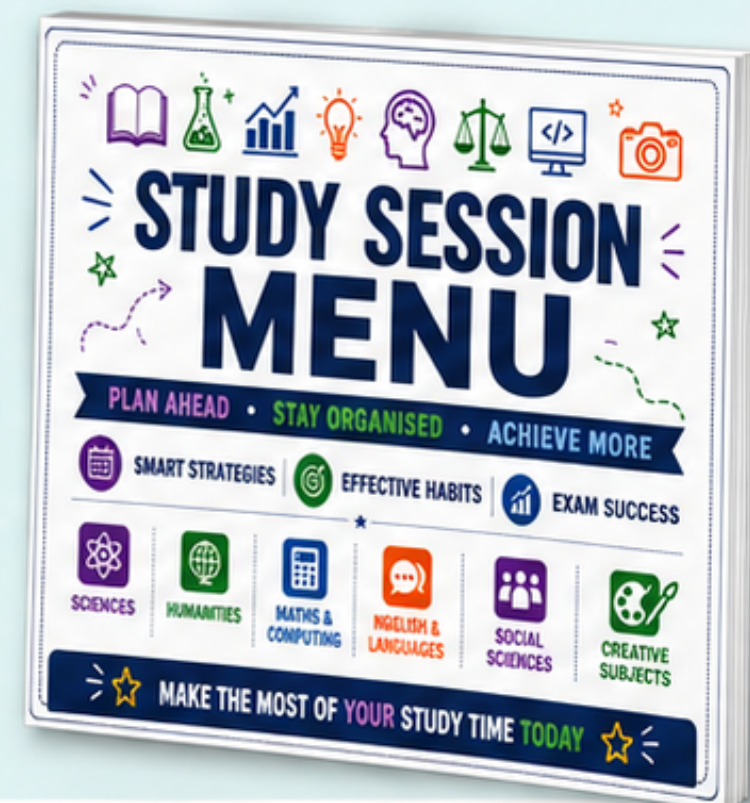
WHAT will I study — and WHEN?

- Plan ahead for Hub, Hive and Home Study.
- Sequence topics across the week and balance all subjects.
- Build in regular retrieval of Year 12 content alongside Year 13 learning.
- Record what you completed, what needs revisiting and where you need help.

STUDY MENU

HOW will I use that time?

- Choose purposeful activities suited to the topic and your needs.
- Move beyond simply reading notes: recall, apply and check understanding.
- Use activities such as self-testing, exam practice and improving answers using feedback.
- Ask your subject teacher which activities will help you most.



HOW THEY WORK TOGETHER

1

PLAN

Diary: Tuesday, Hive — revisit a Year 12 topic.



2

CHOOSE

Menu: recall key ideas from memory, then answer an exam question.



3

REVIEW

Check your answer, correct gaps and schedule another visit to the topic.



FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Ask: What have you planned? What can you now explain?
Where do you need support?



FOR FORM TUTORS

Support study planning and sequencing. Use termly one-to-ones to discuss wellbeing, progress and any support needed.

The diary gives your study a plan. The menu gives it a purpose.