

**Parent Nomination for Secondary
and Primary Students 2025/26
Briefing Session for Parents and
Students**

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Introduction of HKAGE and Screening Philosophy



The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE)

Fully subvented by the Government of the HKSAR, the Education Bureau

Non-profit making

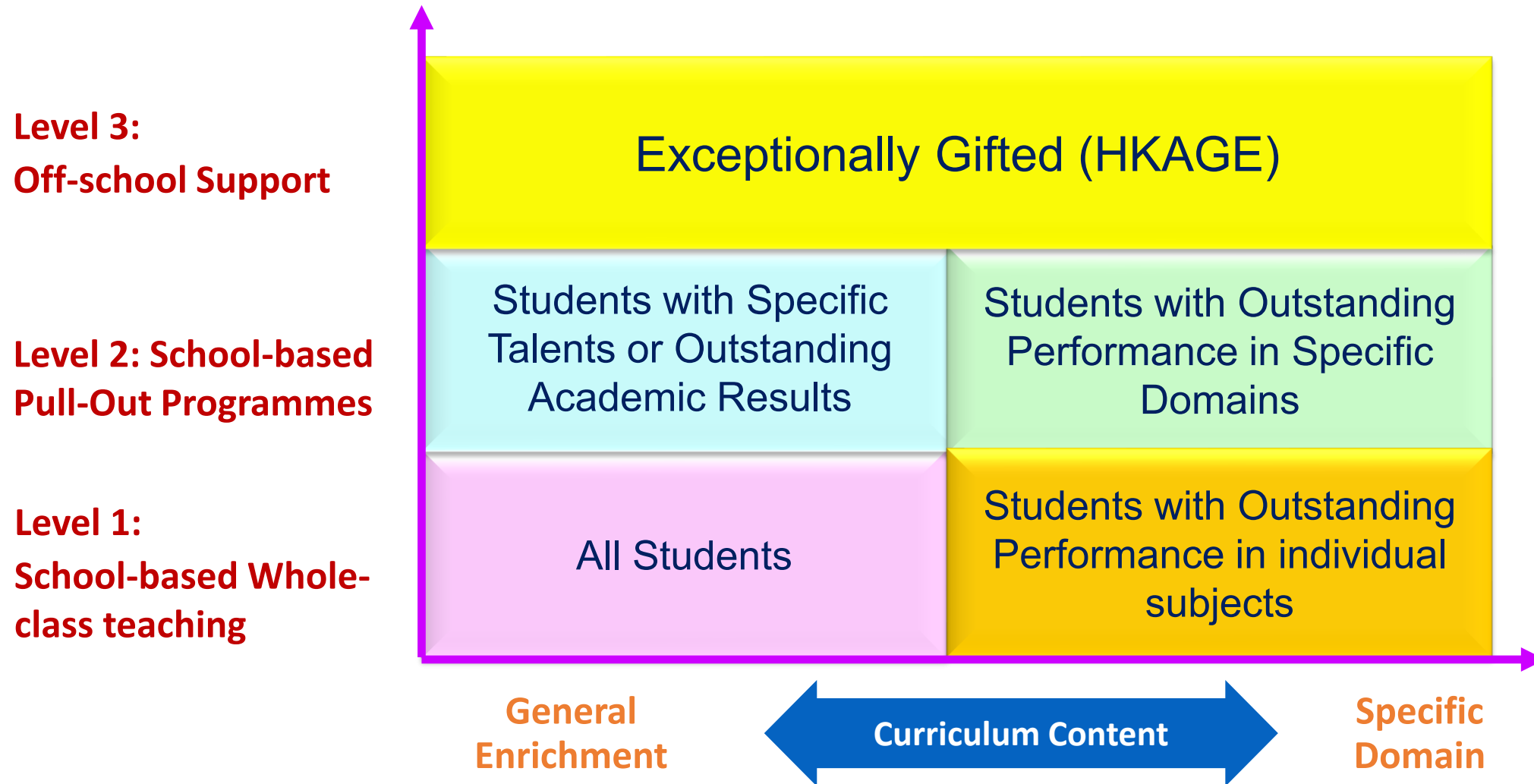
Offer off-school gifted programmes to students aged 10-18

Services are also available for parents and teachers of gifted students

Research Team to conduct gifted education-related research



The Three-tier Implementation Model





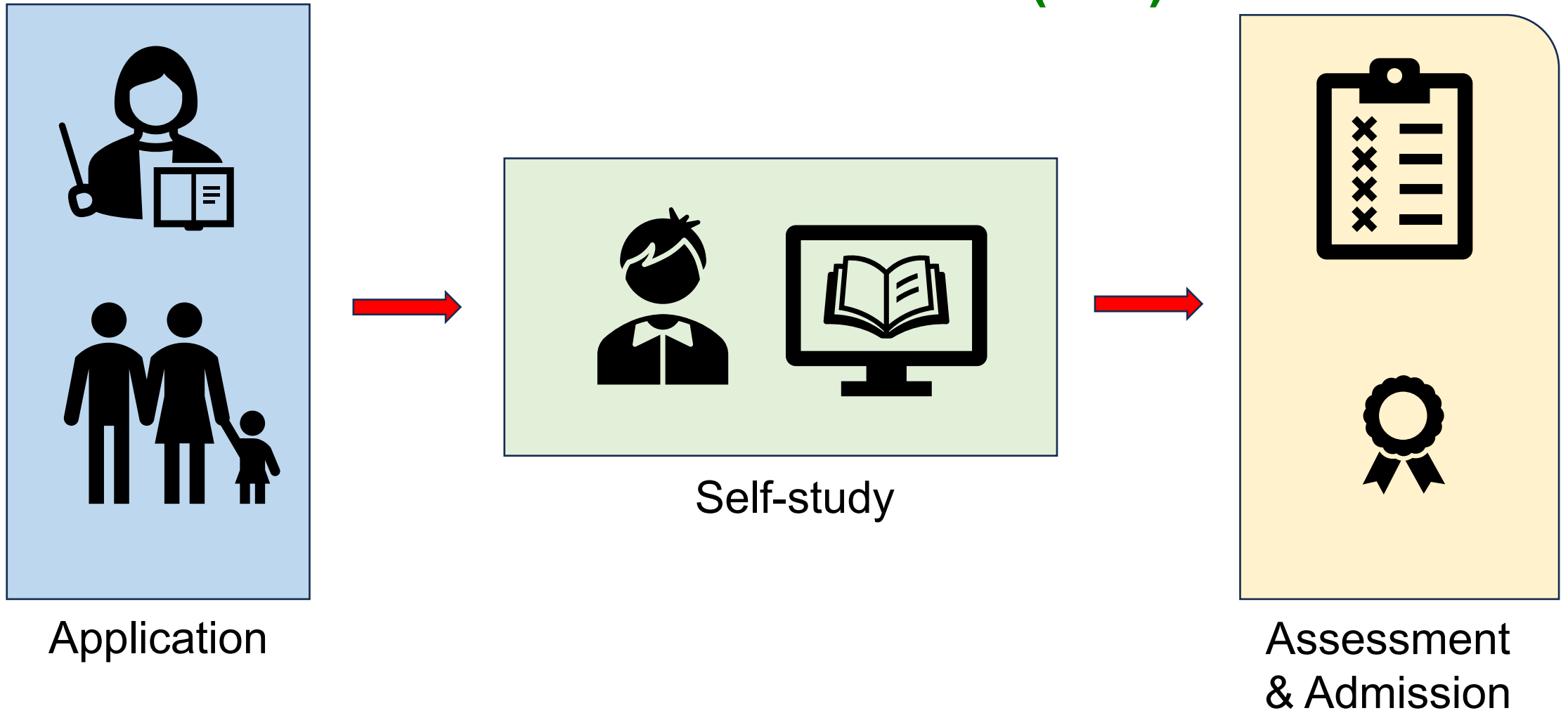
More than 10,000 students
apply for admission each year.



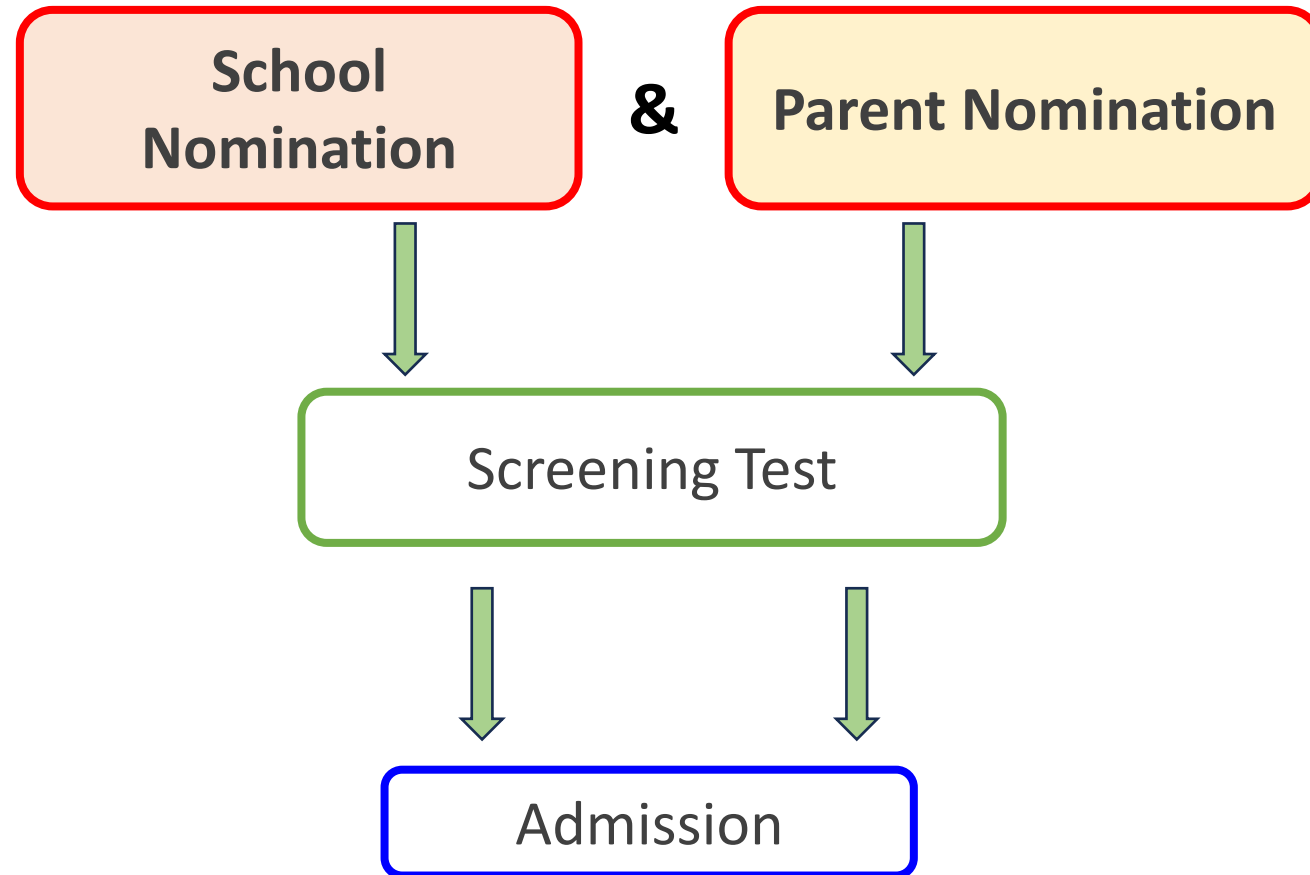
400+ courses offered annually



Member Recruitment (Old)



Member Recruitment ①



“School Nomination” and “Parent Nomination”

Application for the “Screening Test”

Nov – Dec

Dec – Jan

Participate in the
“Screening Test”

Feb – Mar

May

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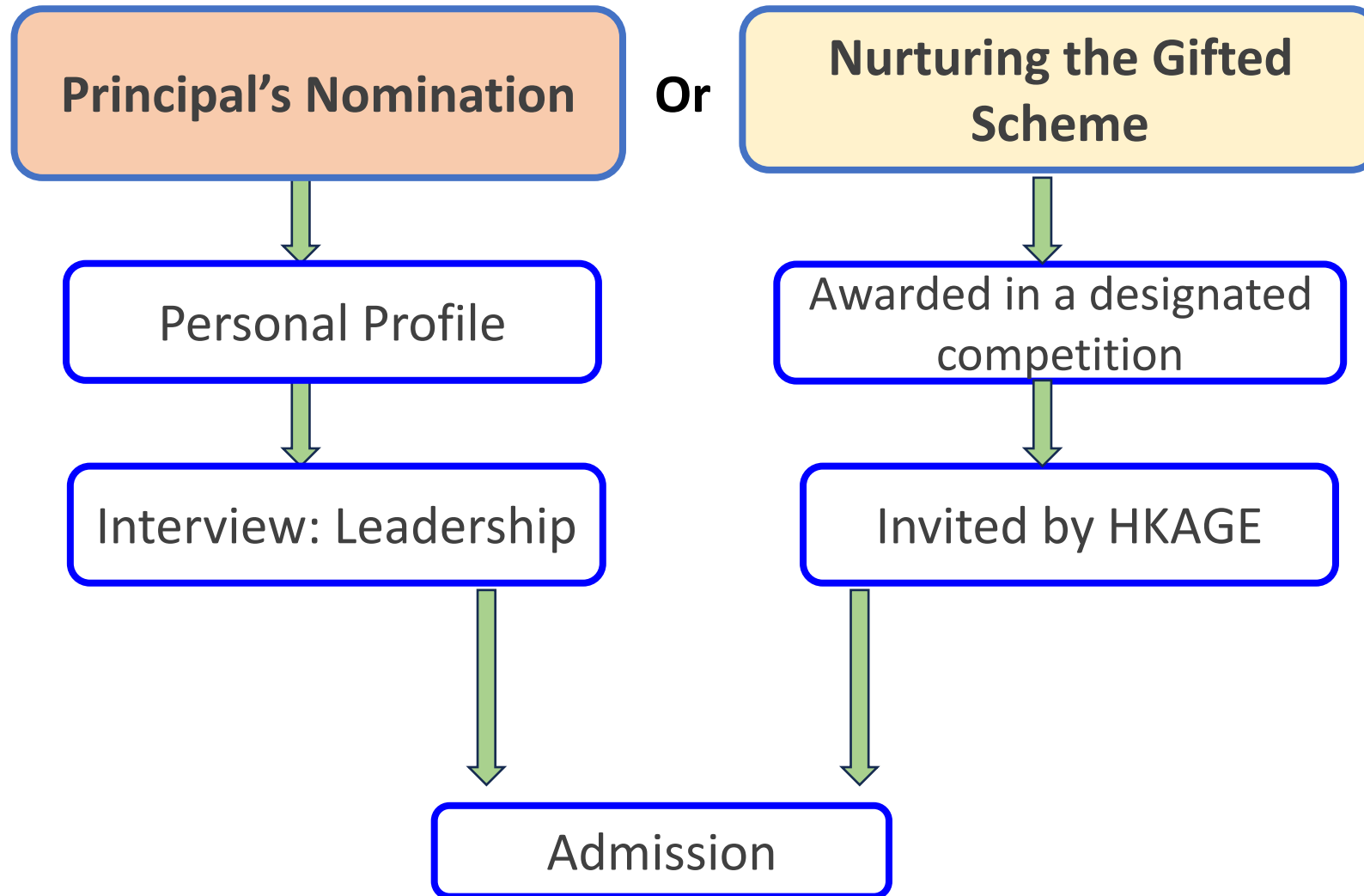
- “School Nomination”
- “Parent Nomination”

- Students participate in the “Screening Test”

- Accepted students register as members



Member Recruitment ②



Renzulli's Three-Ring Conception



The New “Screening Test”



Purposes:

1. Holistic Identification:

- ▶ To identify gifted students more comprehensively beyond academic performance

2. Multi-Dimensional Assessment:

- ▶ covers multiple aspects of ability, including language, mathematics and humanities, logical reasoning, creativity, and task commitment
- ▶ not only to answer standard multiple-choice questions but also to express original ideas through short-answer questions, showcasing creative thinking that goes beyond traditional formats

3. Streamlined Process:

- ▶ No need to take online courses to save time
- ▶ No prior drilling is required; and not require to submit personal profile



Test grouping and fairness for admission

- The “Screening Test” is designed based on ability levels, not school grades, to reflect actual performance.
- Students in lower grades within each level who possess the corresponding abilities have an equal chance of admission.



2025/26 Nomination Schemes



Timeline

Date	Event
Application for the “Screening Test” through “Parent Nomination”	
25 Nov 2025	Briefing session 2 Introducing the details of applying for the new “Screening Test”
23 Dec 2025 (12 noon) to 8 Jan 2026 (12 noon)	Application/arrangement for the "Screening Test"
20 January 2026	Announcement of Application Results of the Screening Test



Timeline

Date	Implementation
3 to 13 February 2026	Students to take mock sessions to be familiar with the login and operation methods of the testing platform.
23 February to 14 March 2026	Students to complete the Screening Test
Mar to April 2026	Screening by the HKAGE
Late Apr 2026	Nomination results announcement and member registration
Late May 2026	Activate the HKAGE accounts and check account information



Eligibility restrictions for Nomination Schemes

- Students must only be studying in a Hong Kong registered primary or secondary school*, and not register as a full-time student at any school outside Hong Kong. (*Note: Refer to the “school level” listed in the [EDB School Information](#) Page)
- Students must be aged 10 to 18, and at least 10 years old on or before 30 September 2026. **Their birth dates must be between 1 July 2008 and 30 September 2016.**
- Each student can only apply once per school year through either "School Nomination" or "Parent Nomination".
- Students who have enrolled in the "Screening Test" cannot participate in the "Principal's Nomination" in the same school year.
- Students in their **final year of secondary school** are not eligible to apply due to impending graduation and **cannot participate in the "Principal's Nomination"**.



“Screening Test” Nomination Quota and Changes to the Application Method

- If a student wishes to change their application method during the application process (e.g., from School Nomination to Parent Nomination), they must notify the HKAGE by email to withdraw the original application and then reapply.
- Admission opportunities are equal for both "Parent Nomination" and "School Nomination".



Other Important Notes

- **Providing false information:** HKAGE may request supporting documents from the applicants at any time or directly verify a student's enrolment status with the relevant school. Submission of any false or misleading information will result in immediate termination of the nomination process. Furthermore, the parent and/or student may have to assume criminal liability.
- **Access rights:** Schools can access relevant information about students applying through "School Nomination" or "Parent Nomination", including application progress and nomination results.
- **Application changes:** All changes, including withdrawal, must be submitted by email.
- **Applicants' responsibility:** Applicants must provide a correct and valid email address. If application results and login details are not received after the "Screening Test" begins, parents/students should immediately contact the HKAGE at sss@hkage.org.hk.



New "Screening Test" Arrangements



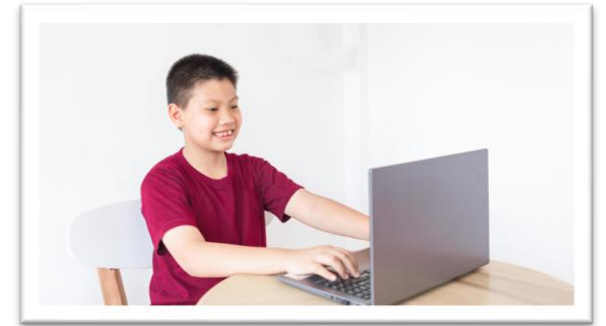
Screening Test - Operation

- The Screening Test duration varies by level:
 - Primary Level: **100** minutes
 - Junior Secondary Level (S1–S3): **120** minutes
 - Senior Secondary Level (S4–S5): **135** minutes
- All questions (except for the language ones) will be displayed in both Traditional Chinese and English.
- Candidate can choose **either Chinese Language or English Language** as the language subject. Once chosen all other questions must be answered in the same language. **Mixing Chinese and English characters is not allowed for short-answer questions.** Most questions are multiple-choice, with some short-answer questions.
- The test can only be taken once, with no retake.
- Candidates participating in the “Screening Test” do not need to submit personal profiles afterwards. Admission is based solely on the test results.



Screening Test - Required Equipment

- The “Screening Test” is conducted on a designated online platform. Students can participate from anywhere in Hong Kong. Required equipment:
 - Desktop computer or laptop (the online platform does not support tablets)
 - Stable internet connection
 - Webcam
 - Microphone (audio input)
 - Computer keyboard and mouse
- Voice input and handwriting input methods are not supported;
- Only input methods installed on the computer system can be used.
- Candidates are advised to use a familiar Chinese input method for short-answer questions if they choose Chinese Language.



Screening Test - Required Software & Preparation

- The online platform generally requires only a web browser to login; no additional software installation is needed. During the test, the designated online platform does not allow other applications to be opened.
- **Mock sessions** will be arranged before the test for students to test the equipment and familiarise themselves with the platform's login and operations.
- It is recommended that students who choose the Chinese subject familiarise themselves with the platform operations and text input methods during the mock session period.



Screening Test – Verification of Identity

- Upon logging in, candidates must show their identification documents (HK Identity Card, passport, Home Return Permit, or student card only) in front of the camera, **clearly displaying their face and name.**



Screening Test – Date & Time Arrangement

- Candidates can log in during the specific periods based on their level of study:
 - Senior Secondary Level (S4–S5): 23 February to 28 February 2026
 - Junior Secondary Level (S1–S3): 2 March to 7 March 2026
 - Primary Level: 9 March to 14 March 2026
- Available Test Time:
 - Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (last login time 3:30 p.m. to allow sufficient time to complete the test before the platform closes)
 - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (last login time 9:30 a.m. to allow sufficient time to complete the test before the platform closes)



Screening Test – Rescheduling Policy

- If a student fails to complete the test within the designated period for **any reason**, it is considered abstention, and **no rescheduling** will be arranged.



Screening Test – Timing and Leaving

- No time pause is allowed after the test begins, and no compensated time. Candidates should plan their time accordingly to allow sufficient time to complete the test.
- Friendly reminder: Candidates are recommended to use the restroom before the test.
- If candidates need to leave their seat to go to the restroom due to an unforeseen situation, they must raise their hand in front of the webcam and briefly explain the reason for the system to record it.
- Note: Other reasons for leaving are not accepted.



Screening Test – Technical Problem Handling

- If students encounter network interruptions or technical problems occur during the test, students must immediately contact the online technical support platform.
- The system retains the test record up to the point of disconnection, and the technical support will assist students in logging back in to complete the remaining questions.
- **No time pause is allowed after the test begins, and no compensated time will be given.**



Screening Test – Accompaniment and Assistance

- Students must **complete the entire test independently** to ensure fairness and integrity. If anyone other than the student appears on camera or if voice prompts from others are detected, it will be recorded as suspicious behaviour. Confirmed cheating or suspicious behaviour will result in disqualification without notice.
- Teachers or parents may only assist with logging into the platform and technical operations before the test begins. Once the test starts, students must proceed independently.
- Teachers or parents can assist students during the mock sessions to familiarise them with login and operation procedures.



Screening Test – Cheating Prevention

- To ensure fairness in the test, the system will implement multiple anti-cheating measures, including:
 - Requiring a designated browser
 - Randomised questions
 - Webcams and microphones are enabled for identity verification and recording the entire test process
 - Artificial intelligence technology to detect suspicious behaviour
- All recordings and related data are used solely for the "Screening Test" and securely destroyed in a specified timeframe after the nomination process is completed.
- Note: Confirmed cheating or suspicious behaviour will lead to disqualification without further notice.



Screening Test – Results & Announcement

- After the final result is confirmed, students can log in to the online nomination platform to check their results. The platform will only indicate whether the test has been passed or not. No actual scores will be displayed.
- The actual test score and the passing score are internal information and will not be released.
- **The test result is the final nomination result; no appeal or re-assessment will be accepted.**



Screening Test – Sample Questions

中文

爸爸看了兒子小明的作品，非常（ ），不禁露出欣慰的笑容，並對小明的努力大加讚賞。

- A. 驚愕 B. 注意 C. 滿意 D. 失望

English Language

"After the sudden downpour, the children were drenched and had to change their clothes immediately."

What is the meaning of the word drenched as used in the sentence?

- A) slightly wet B) completely soaked C) comfortably warm D) a little dirty



Screening Test – Sample Questions

Mathematics

A private car is heading towards a police car at the speed of 40 km per hour, and the police car is heading towards the private car at the speed of 60 km per hour. The two cars are now 250 km apart. In how many hours will the two cars meet?

- A. 1.5 hrs B. 2 hrs C. 2.5 hrs D. 3 hrs

Cognitive Test

Please select the appropriate pattern from the four options provided below.
Your answer is _____.



A



B



C



D

Procedures for applying the New “Screening Test”




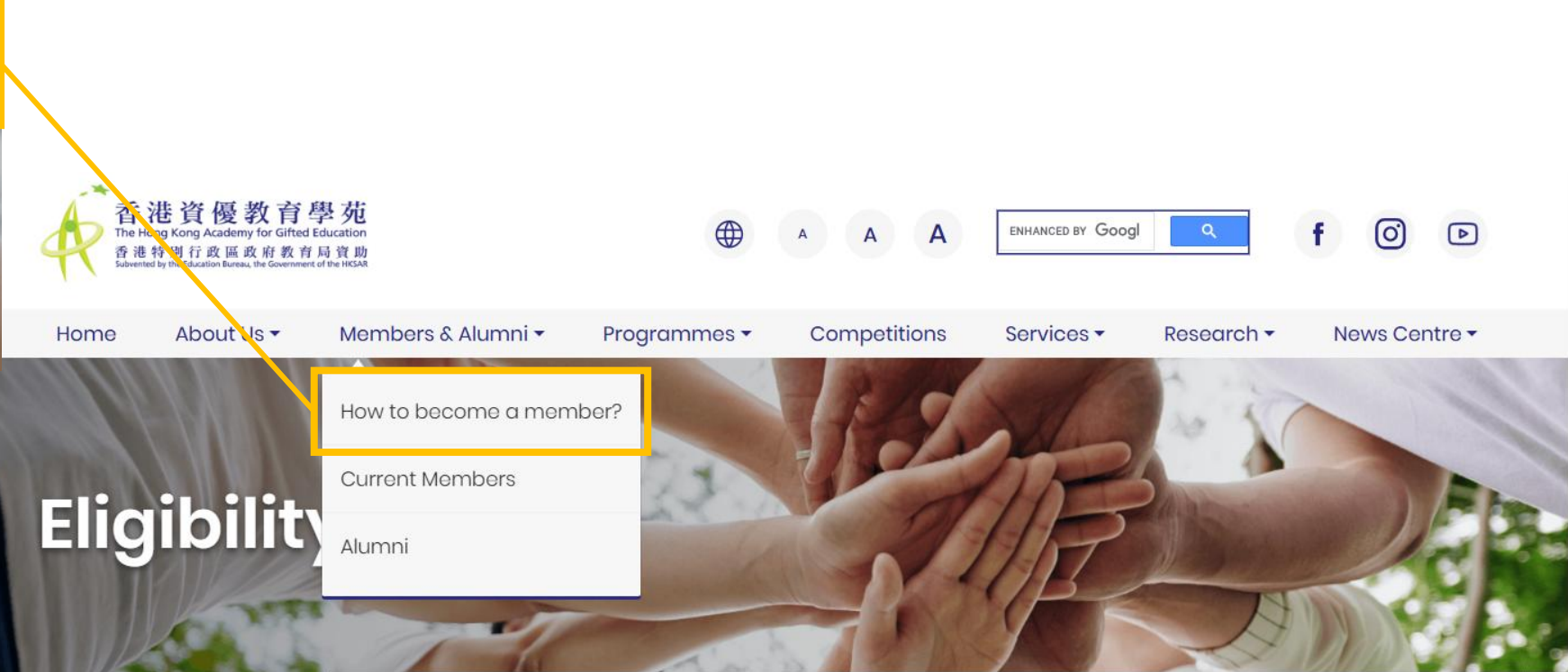


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Home / Members & Alumni / How to become a member? / Eligibility

The HKAGE operate under a membership system. Gifted students aged 10-18, currently studying in registered primary or secondary schools in Hong Kong, can apply for membership through different channels (please see below for details). All registered members can enjoy most of the services from the HKAGE free of charge.

Want to become a member of the HKAGE? Are you:

- A gifted student aged 10-18 currently studying in registered primary or secondary schools in Hong Kong?
- Nominated by the school or self-nominated?
- A winner of any of the designated competitions/scholarships/projects?

Arrangement for “Screening Test” Application

Briefing Sessions for Parents and Students (Application based on individual needs)

Arrangement for “Screening Test” Application

- Parents apply the “Screening Test” for their children.
- Application Period: 23 December 2025 (12:00 noon) to 8 January 2026 (12:00 noon)
- [Click here to view FAQs](#)
- [Click here to view Important Notice](#)
- [Application will open on 23 December 2025\(12:00 noon\).](#)

Students participate in the “Screening Test”

Nomination results announcement and member registration



Parent Nomination : Application for “Screening Test” (Parent Nomination)

Online Application Parent Nomination

Nomination name

Application for “Screening Test” (Parent Nomination)

Programme status

Active (Nomination)

Application Period :

The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) endeavours to secure appropriate learning and development opportunities for gifted students aged 10 to 18 currently studying in registered primary or secondary schools in Hong Kong. Therefore, when submitting an application:

1. Students must be born between 1 July 2008 to 30 September 2016 to be eligible for applying for the " Screening Test".
2. Students must only be studying in a Hong Kong registered primary or secondary school*, and is not registered as a full-time student at any school outside Hong Kong.

(*Note: Refer to the “school level” listed in [EDB School Information Page](#))

HKAGE may request supporting documents at any time or directly verify your child’s enrolment status with the relevant school.

Submission of any false or misleading information will result in immediate termination of the nomination process. Furthermore, the

Student's Information

Important notice

Parents please read the following important notice, and then continue to complete the application form.

>>>Please [click here](#) to read the Important Notice<<<

Chinese Name *

English Surname *

English Given Name *

Gender *

☐ Female ☐ Male

Date of birth *



School Type *

☐ Primary School ☐ Secondary School

Identity Proof Type *

☐ HKID ☐ Passport or other

Identity Proof Number *

Please enter alphabet and numeric character without symbol. e.g. for A123456(7), please enter A1234567.



Identity Proof Documents

Identity Proof

File

Attachment file

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Parent English Given name *

Relationship with Student *

☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Other

Email Address *

Emergency Contact Phone No. *

Personal Data Collection Statement

☒ I confirmed that my child is only studying in a Hong Kong registered primary or secondary school*, and is not registered as a full-time student at any school outside Hong Kong. (*Note: Refer to the "school level" listed in [EDB School Information Page](#))

☒ I fully understand the content of the application form and declare that the information and documents submitted are accurate. I have read and agreed to all the items in the "Personal Information Collection Statement" and "Equal Opportunities and Prevention of Sexual Harassment Policy".

Remarks: HKAGE may request supporting documents at any time or directly verify your child's enrolment status with the relevant school. Submission of any false or misleading information will result in immediate termination of the nomination process. Furthermore, the parent and/or student may have to assume criminal liability.*

Submit

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Parent Nomination : Application for “Screening Test” (Parent Nomination)



Submit Successful!

Thank you for completing your online nomination form.

[GO BACK](#)

- The registered email will receive account information for the “Online Nomination Platform” sent by the system. Parents may edit the submitted information during the application period; after the application period, no further changes can be made.

Points to note



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1. Nomination and submission of relevant documents **can only be completed via the Online Nomination Platform**. Nominations made outside the designated platform or those that are late, incomplete, inaccurate or lacking the necessary documents, will not be considered.
2. To ensure timely completion of your online nomination, it is advisable to submit the nomination and upload the required documents **at your earliest convenience**. This helps prevent **internet congestion**, especially near the deadline, when the HKAGE online system may need to handle a large volume of nominations.