

Briefing Session on the School Nomination Mechanism of the HKAGE (2025/26) (for School Representatives)

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Introduction of HKAGE and Screening Philosophy & Criteria for Members



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

Level 3: Off-school Support

Level 2: School-based Pull-Out Programmes

Level 1: School-based Wholeclass teaching Exceptionally Gifted (HKAGE)

Students with Specific Talents or Outstanding Academic Results

Students with Outstanding Performance in Specific Domains

All Students

Students with Outstanding Performance in individual subjects

General Enrichment

Curriculum Content

Specific Domain





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

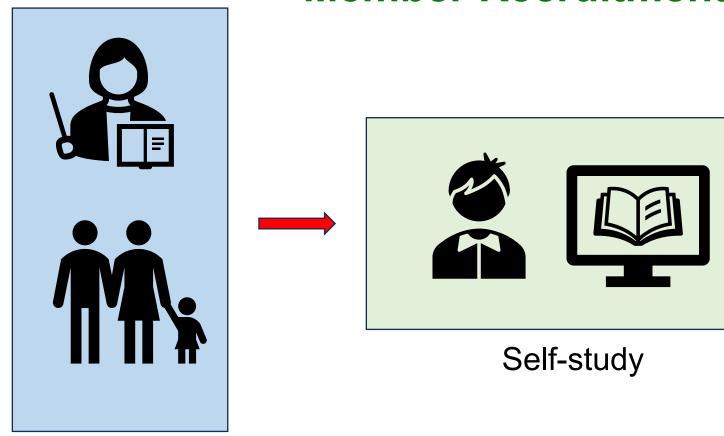


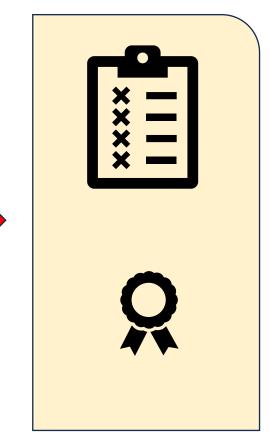
400+ courses offered annually





Member Recruitment (Old)

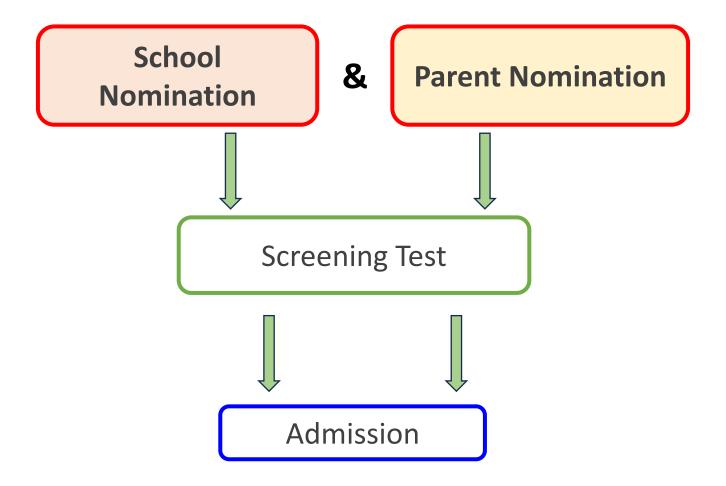




Assessment & Admission

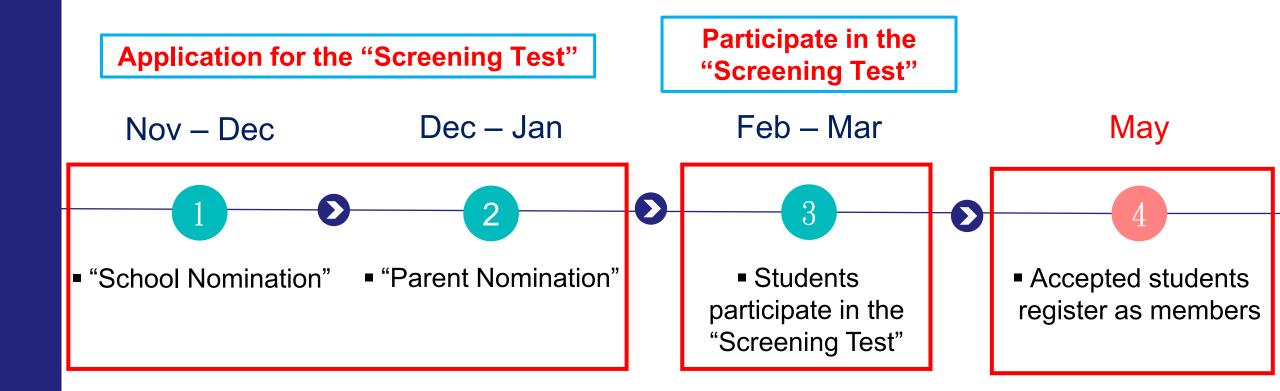
Application

Member Recruitment ①



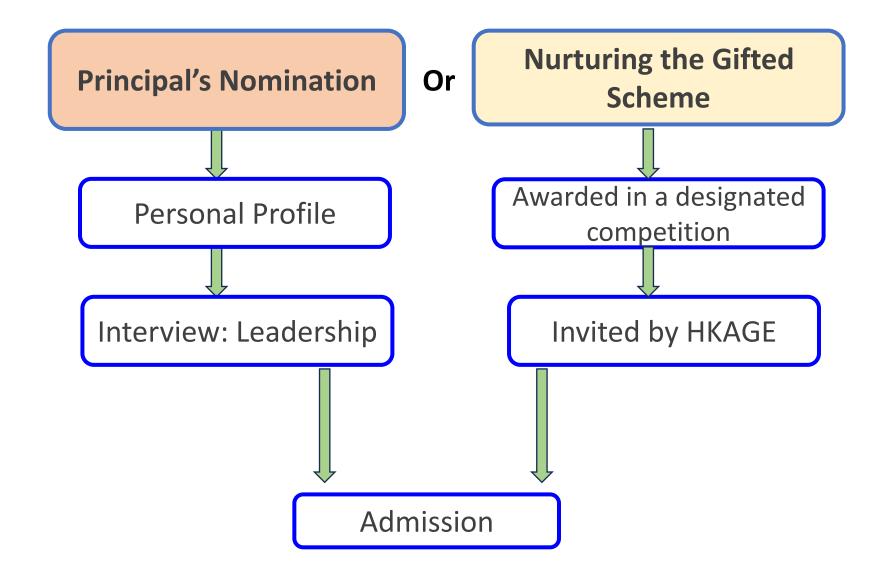


"School Nomination" and "Parent Nomination"





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 shortanswer questions, showcasing creative thinking that goes beyond traditional formats

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 "Screening	Application for "Screening Test" and "Principal's Nomination" through "School Nomination"		
25 Nov 2025	Briefing session 2 Introducing the details of applying for the new "Screening Test" and "Principal's Nomination"		
26 Nov 2025 (12 noon) to 16 Dec 2025 (12 noon)	Application/arrangement for the "Screening Test" and "Principal's Nomination"		
30 Dec 2025	Announcement of Application Results of the "Principal's Nomination"		
6 to 28 Jan 2026	Submission of students' personal profiles for the "Principal's Nomination"		
23 Jan 2026	Interview for "Principal's Nomination" (Leadership Domain)		



Timeline

Date	Implementation
20 January 2026	Announcement of Application Results of the Screening Test
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 fall 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

- Each school may nominate up to 10 students per school year through the "School Nomination". The number of students applying through the "Parent Application" or "Principal's Nomination" does not count towards this quota.
- 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

- Accurate information: The School Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all information and documents submitted are accurate with the School Principal's approval.
- 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 persoanl 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.





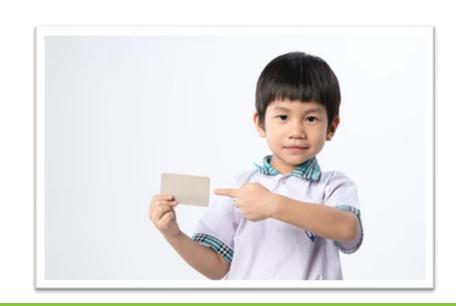
Screening Test - Required Software & Preparation

- 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

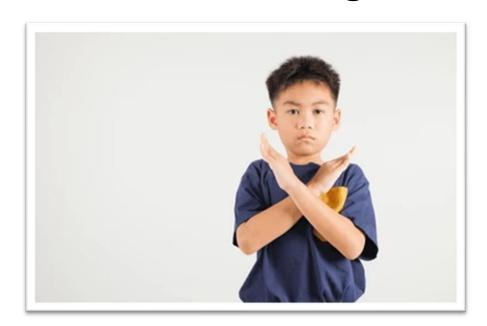
- Candidates can log in during the specific periods based on their level of study:
 - ➤ Senior Secondary Level (S4–S5): 23 February to 28 February 2026
 - ➤ Junior Secondary Level (S1–S3): 2 March to 7 March 2026
 - ➤ Primary Level: 9 March to 14 March 2026
- Available Test Time:
 - ➤ Monday to Friday: 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)

Attention: For School Nomination, schools should make flexible arrangement for students to take the test during class time.



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

<u>中文</u>

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?

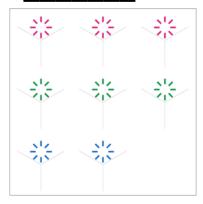
A. 1.5 hrs B. 2 hrs C. 2.5 hrs

D. 3 hrs

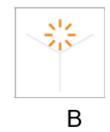
Cognitive Test

Please select the appropriate pattern from the four options provided below.

Your answer is











"Principal's Nomination" Scheme Submit Student's Personal Profiles

via Online Nomination Platform

"Principal's Nomination" Scheme

• Each **secondary** school can nominate ONE student from **Secondary 2 to Secondary 4** for the **leadership domain**.

 Each primary and secondary school can nominate ONE student of appropriate age for the visual arts domain.

 These nominated students are exempted from the "Screening Test" and School Coordinator will be submit students' personal profiles to HKAGE directly for assessment.



Prepare Nomination Information (for student(s) who are nominated via "Principal's Nomination" Leadership Domain)

(Submitted by School Coordinator)

- Nomination reasons #
- 2-minute video by student on leadership experiences and insights # *
- Parent's observation of nominee #
- School reports in the previous school year #
- The Student Nominee & Parent Declaration Statement #
- Up to 3 significant achievements of supporting documents:
 - can be from any subject area
 - should demonstrate gifted attributes
- 1 creative work in any format:
 - audio/video, written work (stories, poems, lyrics, scripts, etc.), research studies, science / engineering / technology inventions, visual arts
- Up to 2 additional information
- Intellectual assessment reports (Optional)

Compulsory items

* If the video is longer than two minutes, the HKAGE will only consider the first two minutes of the content for assessment.



Group Interview

(for student(s) who are nominated via "Principal's Nomination" Leadership Domain)

- Students are required to attend a 20-minute group interview at the HKAGE.
- Due to the large number of students participating in nominations and interviews, all students involved in the interviews will be randomly assigned an interview time.
- If a student is unable to attend the interview, it will be considered as withdrawing the nomination application.
- The interview will be held in late January 2026.

Prepare Nomination Information (for student(s) who are nominated via "Principal's Nomination" Visual Arts Domain)

(Submitted by School Coordinator)

- Nomination reasons #
- Up to 3 softcopies of artworks of any kind, with descriptions of 50 words max per artwork. #
- Parent's observation of nominee #
- School reports in the previous school year #
- The Student Nominee & Parent Declaration Statement #
- Up to 3 significant achievements of supporting documents:
 - o can be from any subject area
 - should demonstrate gifted attributes
- 1 creative work in any format:
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Compulsory items



Roles of the School Coordinator

School Coordinator

- Each school should assign one **School Coordinator** for communication purposes.
- For "Principal's Nomination", the school coordinator will be required to submit personal profiles for students during January 2026.
- In late October, a letter has been sent to schools with the following:
 - Review and confirm the list of the HKAGE members currently enrolled at your school, and confirm whether the students on the list are still attending your school.
 - Nominate students to participate in the new "Screening Test" and "Principal's Nomination".

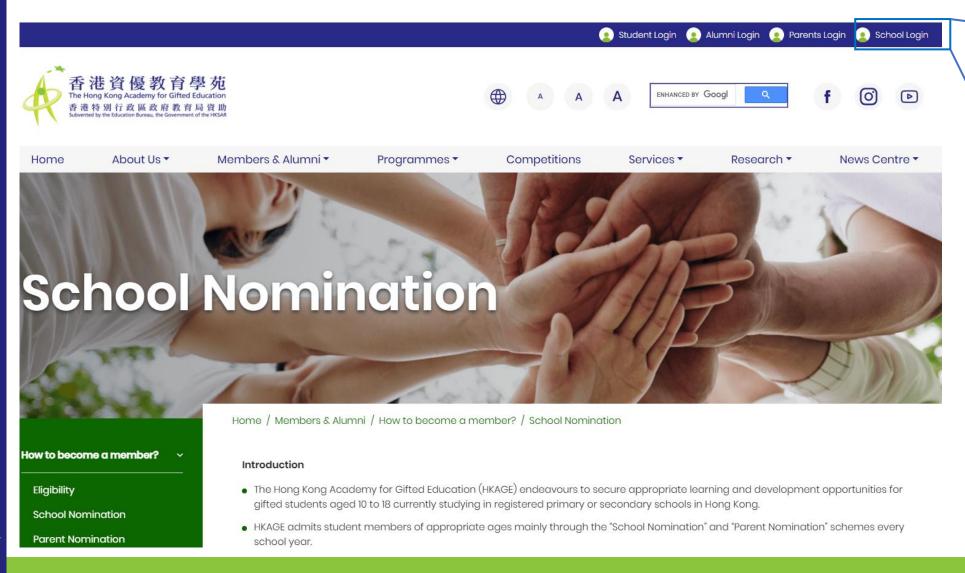


School Account Operation

for applications of "Screening Test" & "Principal's Nomination"



View Application Results for School Nomination Invitation Email > Login details for School Account



School Login



 Click "Apply HKAGE School Nomination / View Enrolled Student List and result of the nomination"



Welcome to the Schools Platform 歡迎來到學校平台

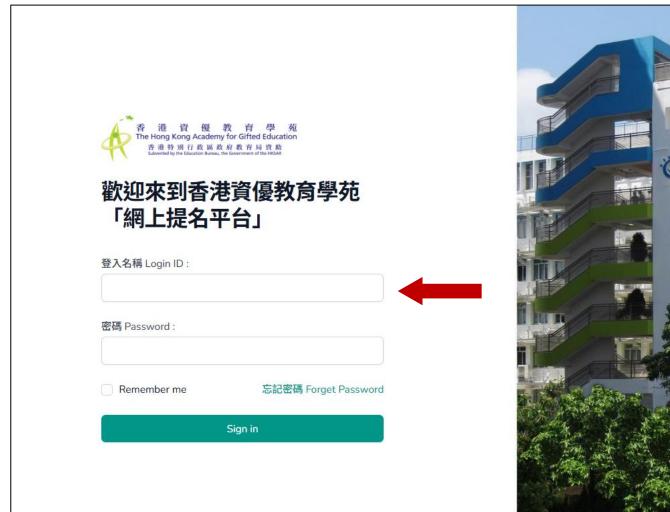
HKAGE Account Functions – Schools 學苑帳戶功能 – 學校

- 1. <u>View Student Learning Profile</u> 查看學生學習概覽
- 2. HKAGE Nomination Scheme (School Nomination) 學苑提名計劃 (學校提名)



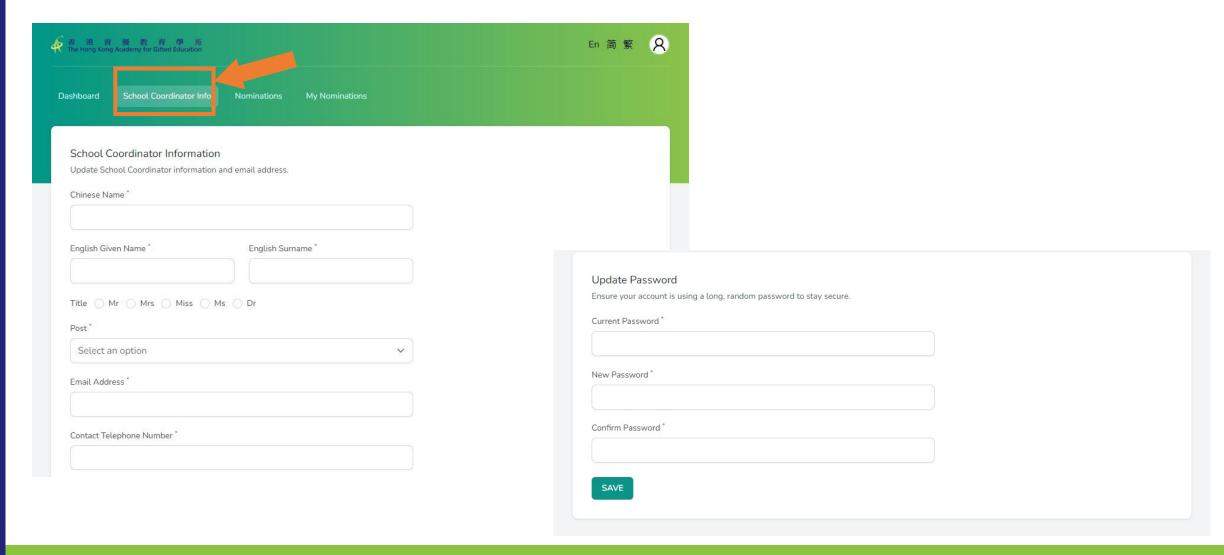
- Apply HKAGE School Nomination / View Enrolled Student List and result of the nomination 報名參加資優教育學苑學校提名 / 查看已獲接納學生名單及提名結果
- Apply "Principal's Nomination" 「校長提名」報名





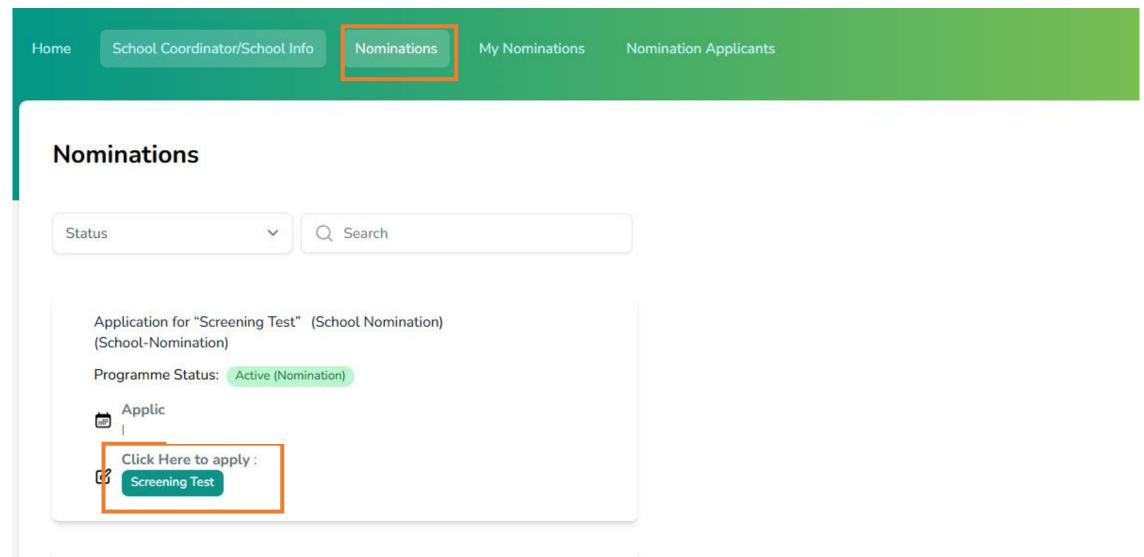


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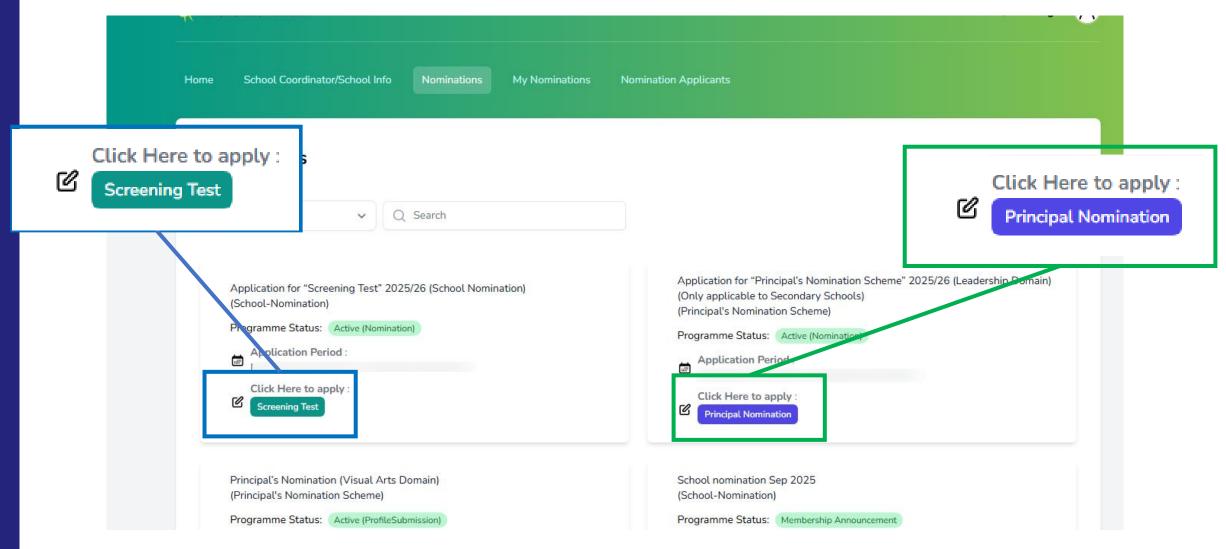




Submit Applications for Nomination



Application Submission

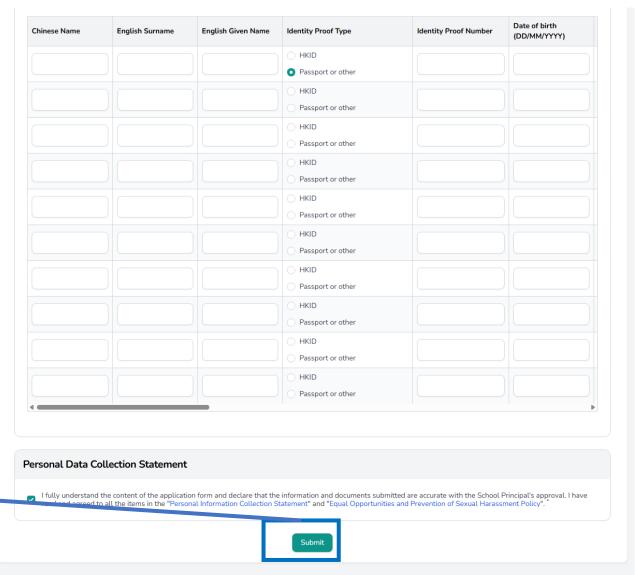




Application for Screening Test

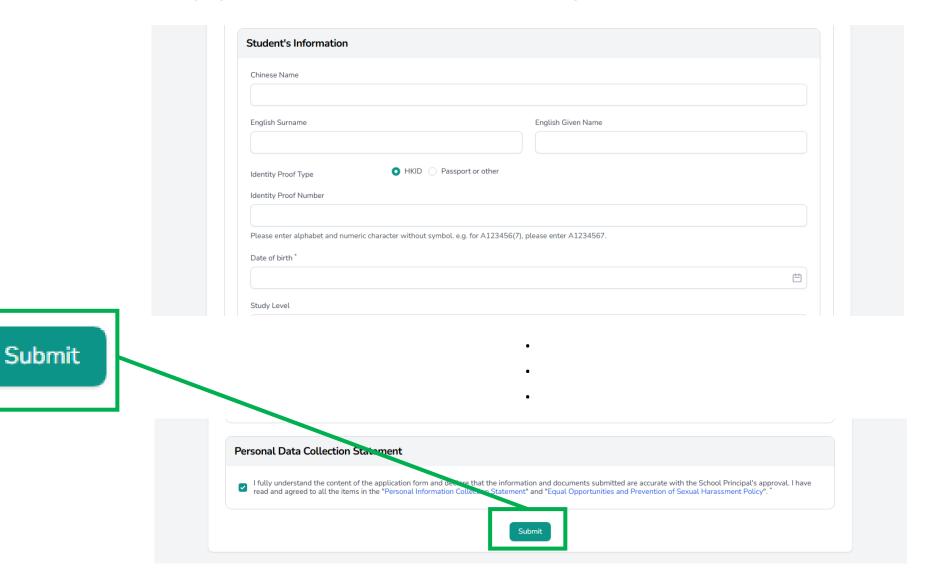
- During the application period, you can amend students' personal information in the menu.
- It is recommended to click "Submit" after entering information for several students each time to save the data and prevent data loss.







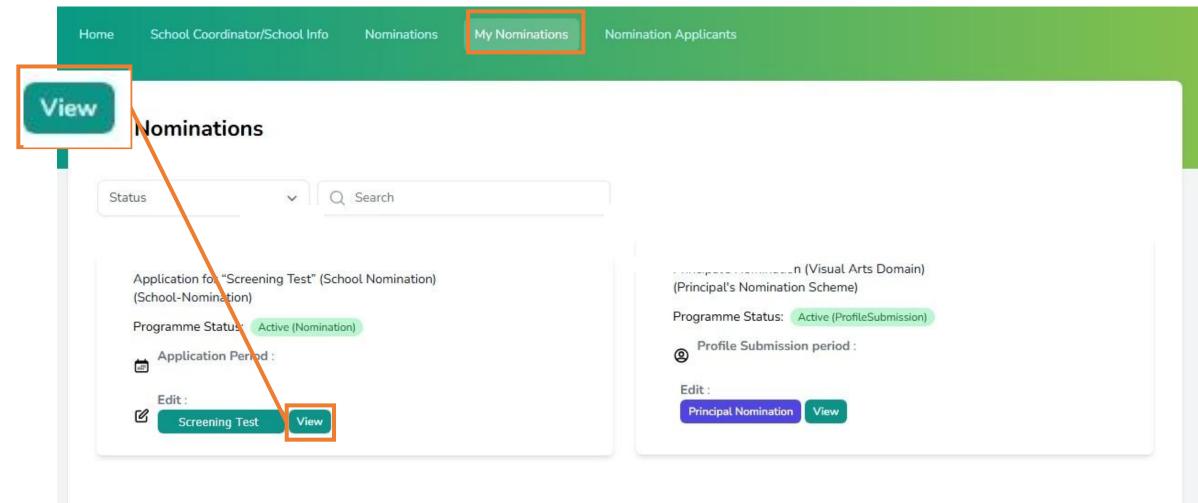
Application for Principal's Nomination





Result Announcement for Application

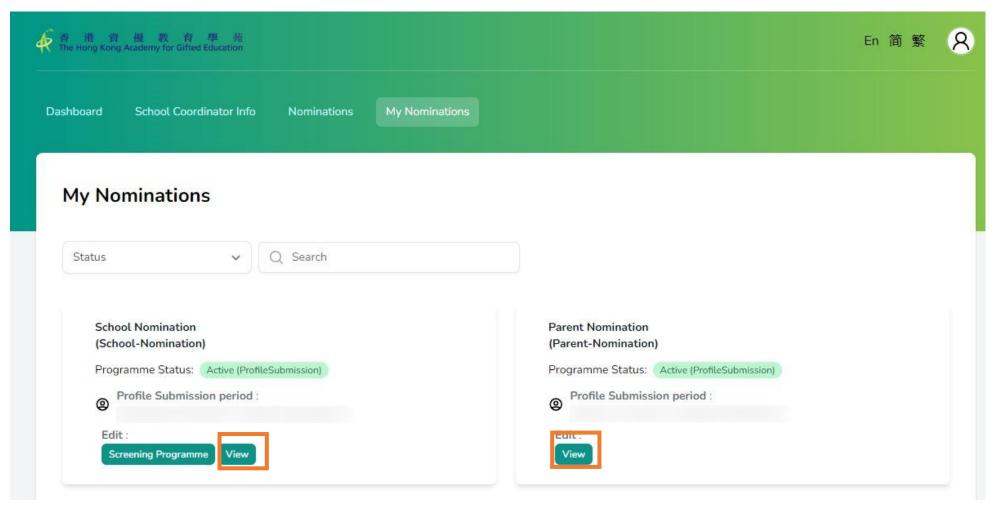
• Please login to your school account to view the student list whether the applications are successful.





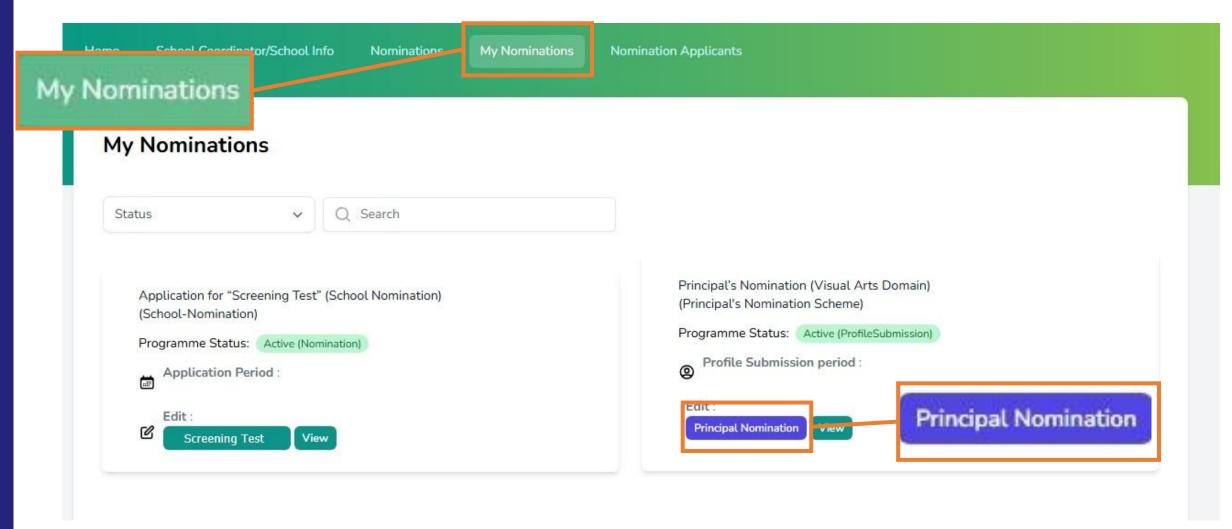
Result Announcement for Application

• The School Coordinator can also view the information of Parent Nomination. •



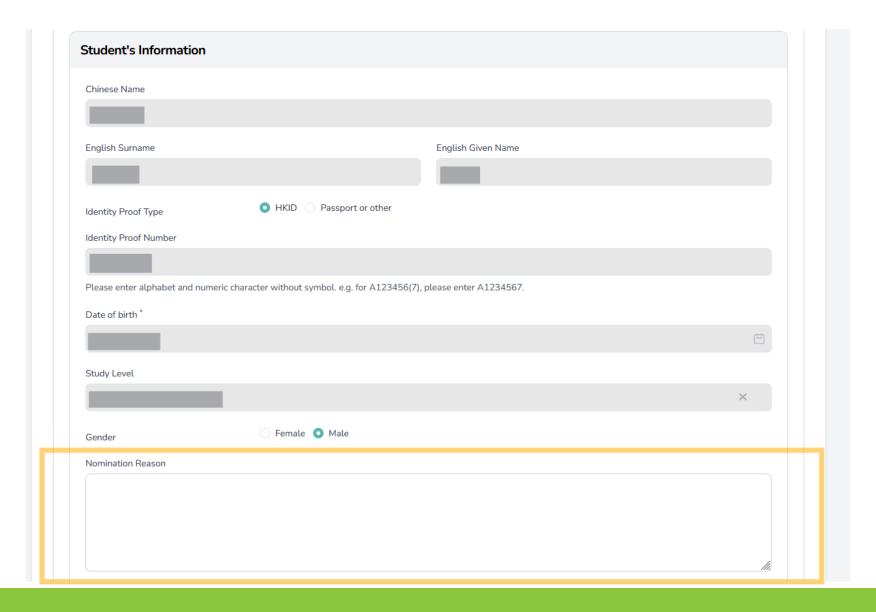


Principal's Nomination – Nomination Reasons



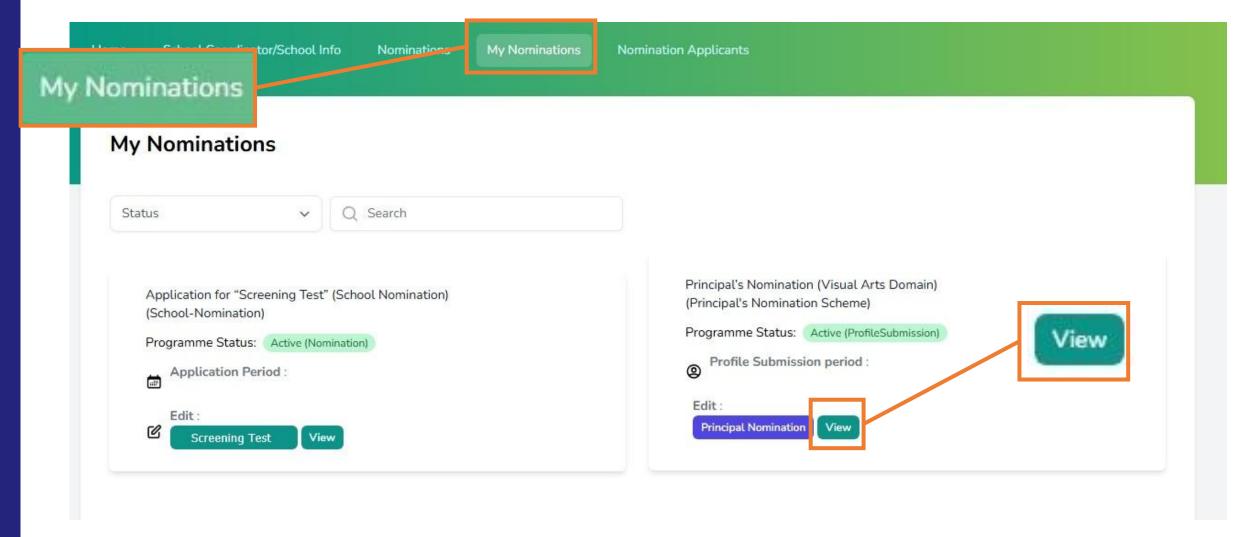


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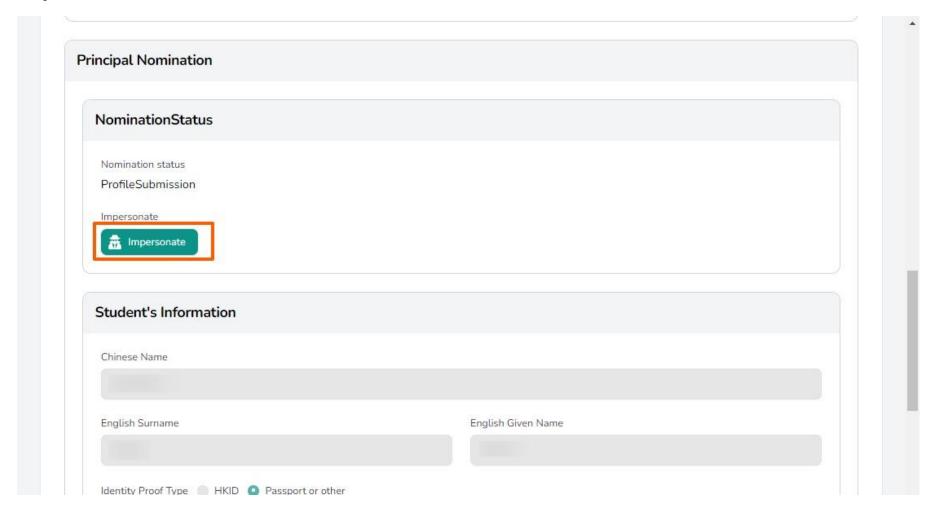


Principal's Nomination – Submission of Student's Personal Profile





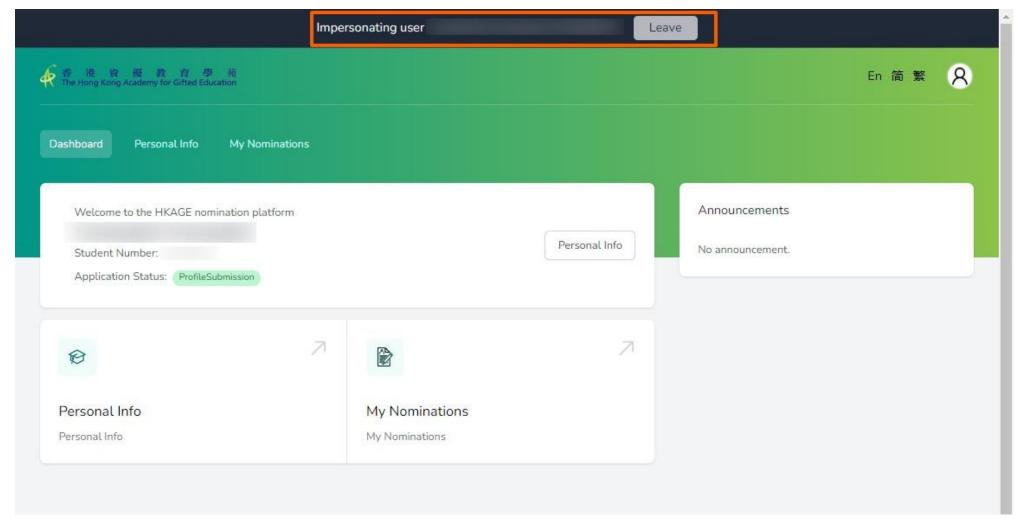
Principal's Nomination – Submission of Student's Personal Profile



After entering the form, click "Impersonate".



Principal's Nomination – Submission of Student's Personal Profile



Then, the layout will change to the student account's interface.

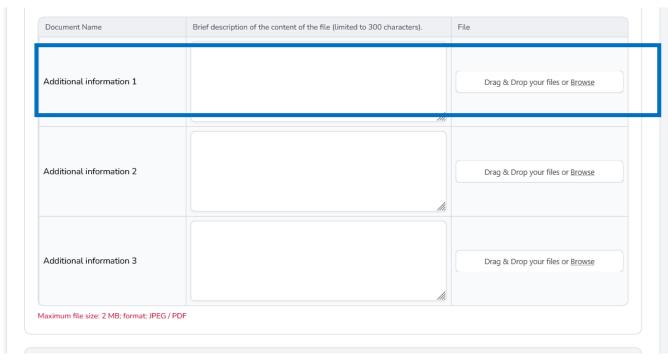


Principal's Nomination (Applicable to students under Leadership Domain)

• For students who are nominated under Principal's Nomination (Leadership Domain), they are required to submit a 2-minute video on leadership experiences and insights. If the video is longer than two minutes, HKAGE will only consider the first two minutes of the content for assessment.

Please follow the steps below:

- 1. Upload the video clip to your cloud platform or online account (e.g. YouTube, iCloud, Google Drive, OneDrive, etc.),
- 2. Copy the relevant public URL to a document file (e.g. MS Word file, Google Docs, etc) and convert it to the PDF format (double-check that the saved URL is clickable after the format conversion).
- 3. Upload the PDF file to "Other additional information -> Additional Information 1".



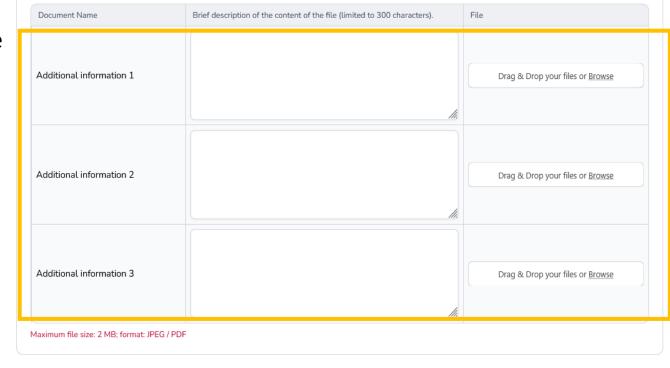


Principal's Nomination (Applicable to students under Visual Arts Domain)

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Please follow the steps below:

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- 3. Upload the PDF file to "Other additional information -> Additional Information 1/2/3".





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 You can request the system to send you a link if you need to reset your password

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Points to note



Points to note

- 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.