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School-based Student Talent Pool Series: Briefing Session on the School Nomination Mechanism of the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (2025/26) (New)

Content

- Learning opportunities at the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education
- Identification and selection methods for gifted students
- Application for the new "Screening Test" and nomination mechanism
- Nomination timeline for the 2025/26 school year
- Procedures for applying the new "Screening Test"
- Questions and Answers

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Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education
Programmes and Services

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

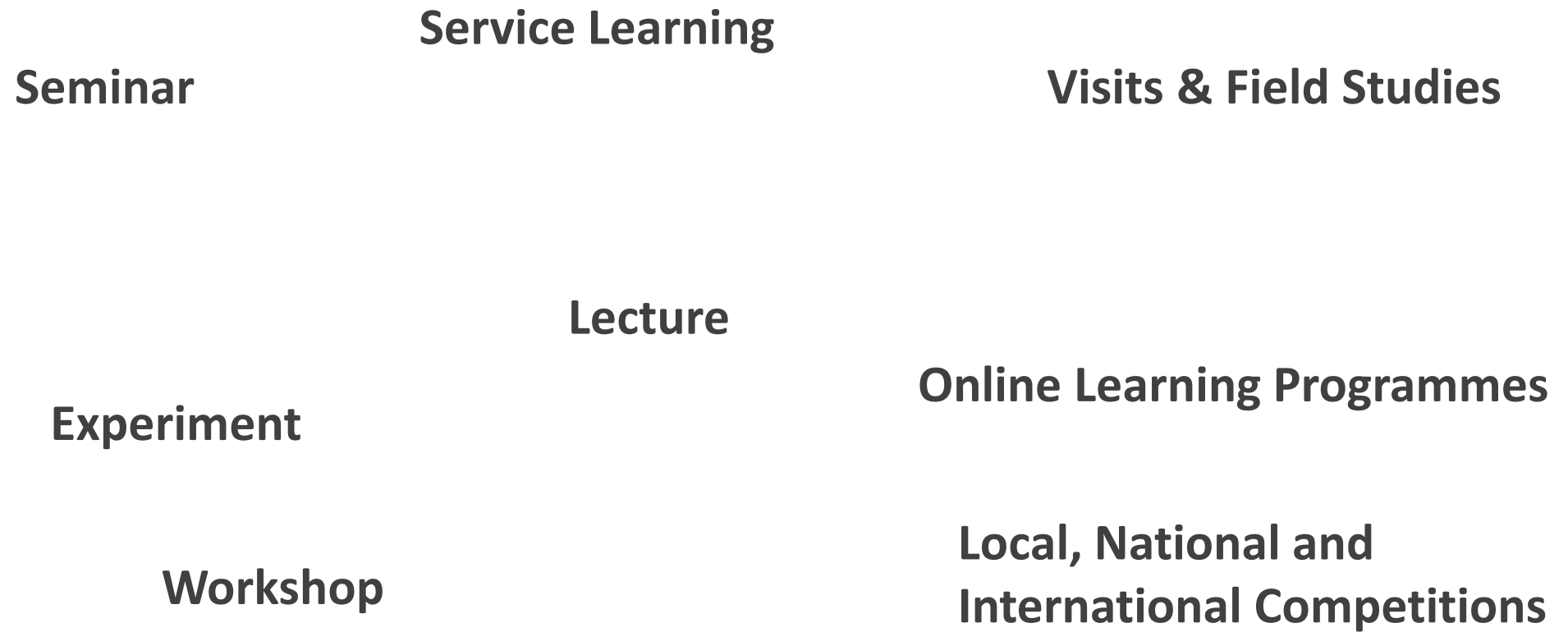Services are also available for parents and teachers of gifted students

Research Team to conduct gifted education-related research

School and Student Services Division

Talent Development Division

Whole Person Development & Life Skills

Counseling Services

Schools and Alumni Liaison

Conduct Evidence-based Educational Research

Programmes & Services

Enrichment & Service Learning Programmes

Advanced Learning Programmes

Personalised Learning & Mentorship

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Service Learning

Seminar

Visits & Field Studies

Lecture

Online Learning Programmes

Experiment

Local, National and
International Competitions

Workshop

STEAM Enrichment Programmes

- Astronomy course and stargazing

- Biotechnology experiments in genetics

- Fossil mystique

- Robotics - water rover

- Forensic science

- Marine animal ecology

Humanities / Arts

- Literature tour

- Drama

- Tea art – tea tasting

- Diplomacy course

- Museum course – ancient printing experience
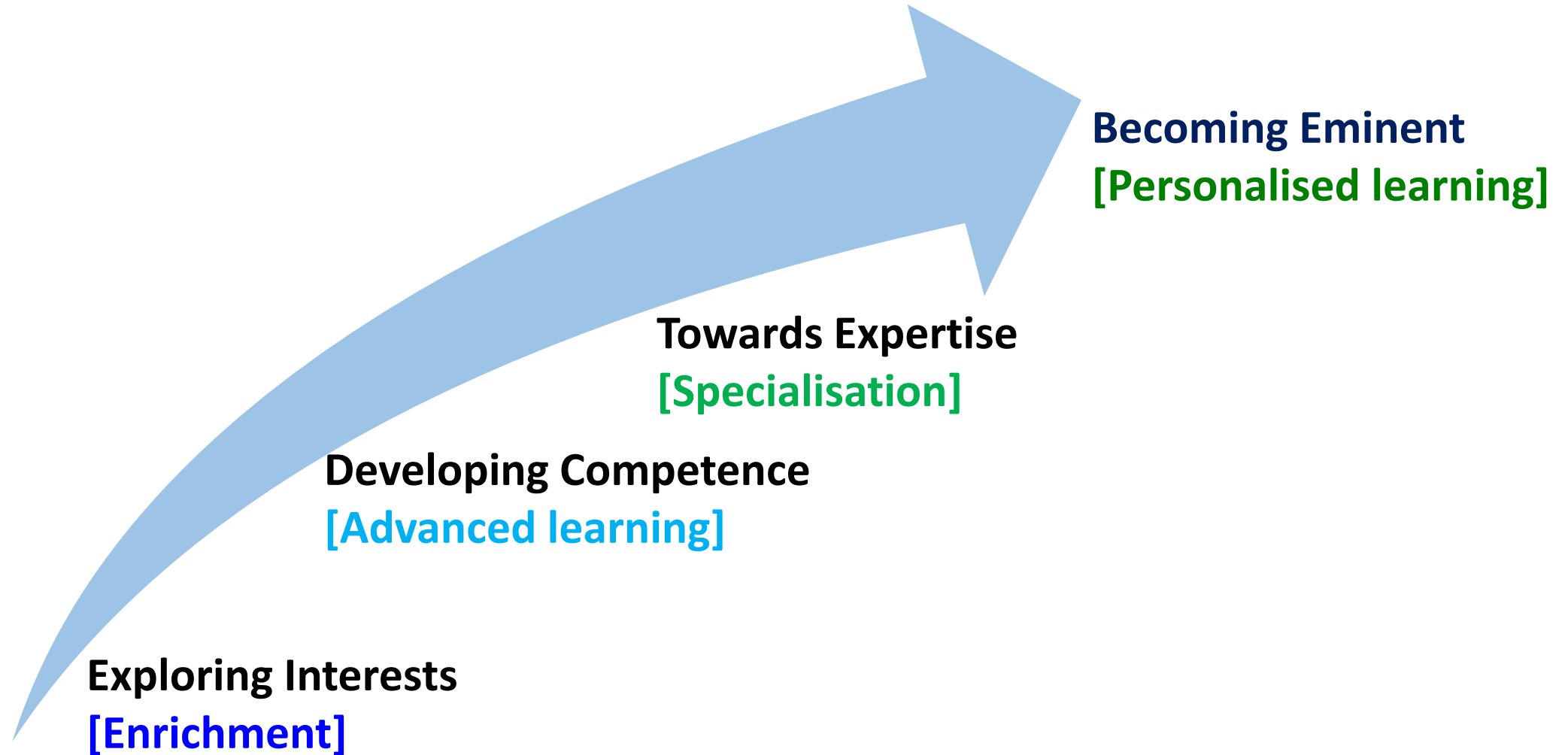
- Taiji

Leadership Training

- Forest therapy experience

- Leadership workshop

- Training camp

- Orientation

Curriculum Development – The Talent Development Model

Becoming Eminent
[Personalised learning]

Towards Expertise
[Specialisation]

Developing Competence
[Advanced learning]

Exploring Interests
[Enrichment]

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Venues for Classes

1   **Shatin Campus**

2   **8 GE Satellite Centres**

3   **University Campus**

4 **Designated Lab/Studio**

Consultation & Assessment Centre

Free Hotline Consultation

Fee-charging Counseling Services

Fee-charging Assessment Services

Recruiting Members
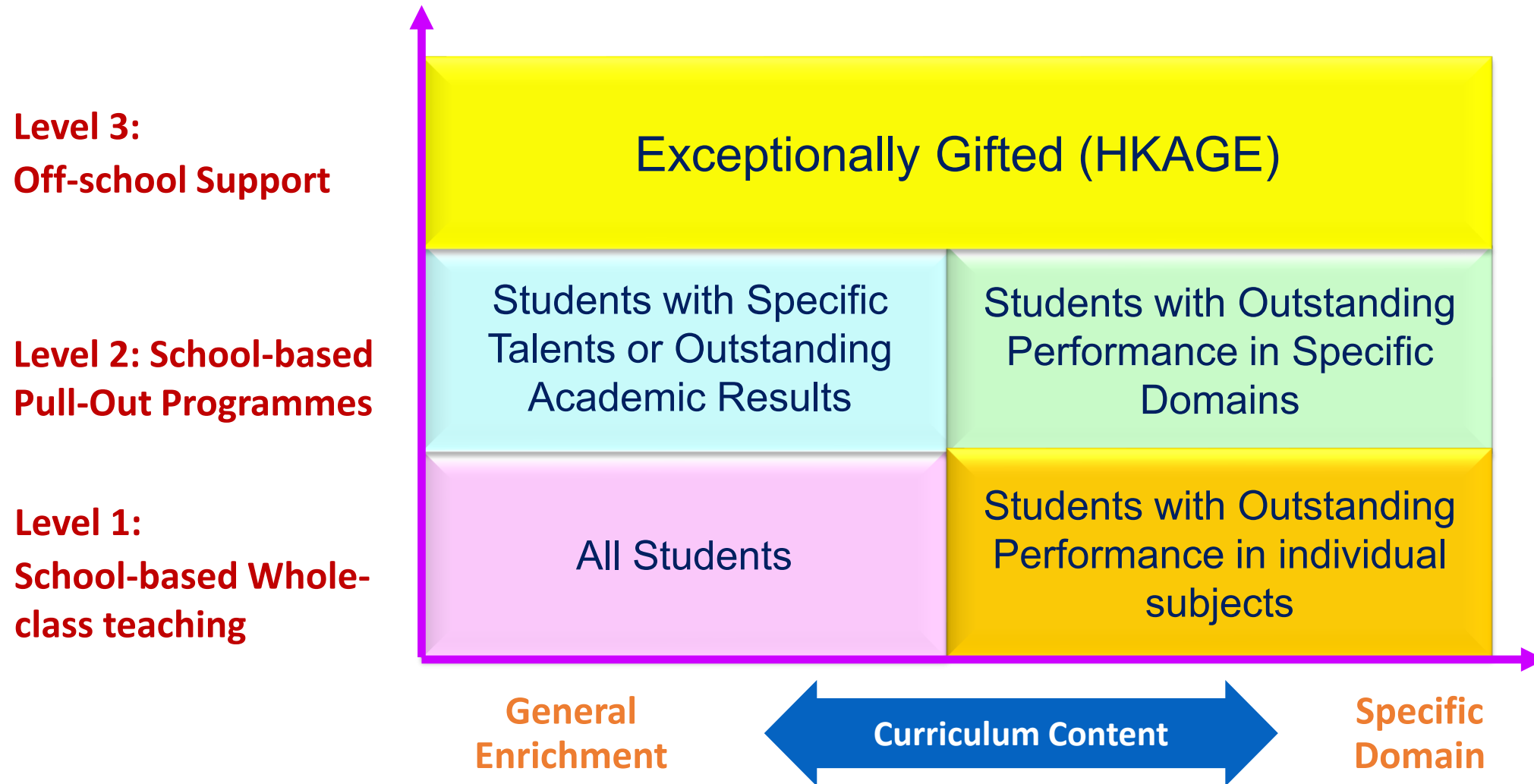# Identification & Selection

Objectively Nominate Students

Multiple Channels   **Multiple Perspectives**

Multiple Criteria

The Three-tier Implementation Model

Level 3:
Off-school Support

Level 2: School-based
Pull-Out Programmes

Level 1:
School-based Whole-class 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

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Common characteristics of gifted students

1. **Curiosity** – love to raise questions
2. **Diverse** – in interests
3. **Mature** – in thoughts
4. **Persistence** – long attention span
5. **Spontaneity** – spontaneous reaction
6. **Strong** – in memory
7. **Vivacious** – flexible and energetic
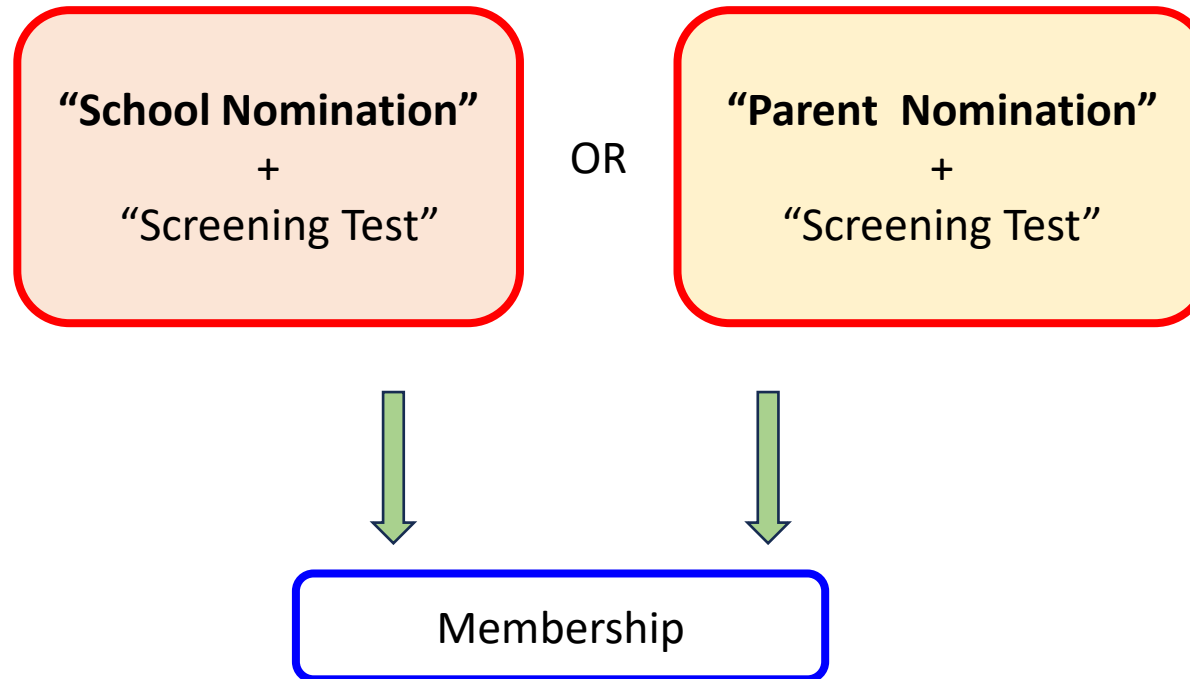8. **Knowledgeable** – strong knowledge base

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Our members

come from all across Hong Kong

possess different talents

a shared ambition to achieve greater success

Admission Channels

| **"School Nomination"**
+
"Screening Test" | OR | **"Parent Nomination"**
+
"Screening Test" |

Membership

The New "Screening Test"

- Roll out on a designated online platform

- Can be taken from any location within Hong Kong

- Candidates are required to use their own desktop computers or laptops, equipped with a webcam and stable internet access.

- Schools are advised to render necessary support for nominated students as appropriate.

  - Primary: 90 mins
  - Junior Secondary (S1-S3): 120 mins
  - Senior Secondary (S4-S5): 135 mins

The New "Screening Test"

Purposes:

1. Holistic Identification:
   - ▶ To identify gifted students more comprehensively beyond academic performance

2. Multi-Dimensional Assessment:
   - ▶ To assess different attributes of students

3. Streamlined Process:
   - ▶ To simplify the whole process

"School Nomination" and "Parent Nomination" - Application Procedures

Application for the "Screening Test"

Participate in the "Screening Test"

Nov – Dec	Dec – Jan	Feb – Mar	May
1	**2**	**3**	**4**
■ "School Nomination"	■ "Parent Nomination"	■ Students participate in the "Screening Test"	■ Accepted students register as members
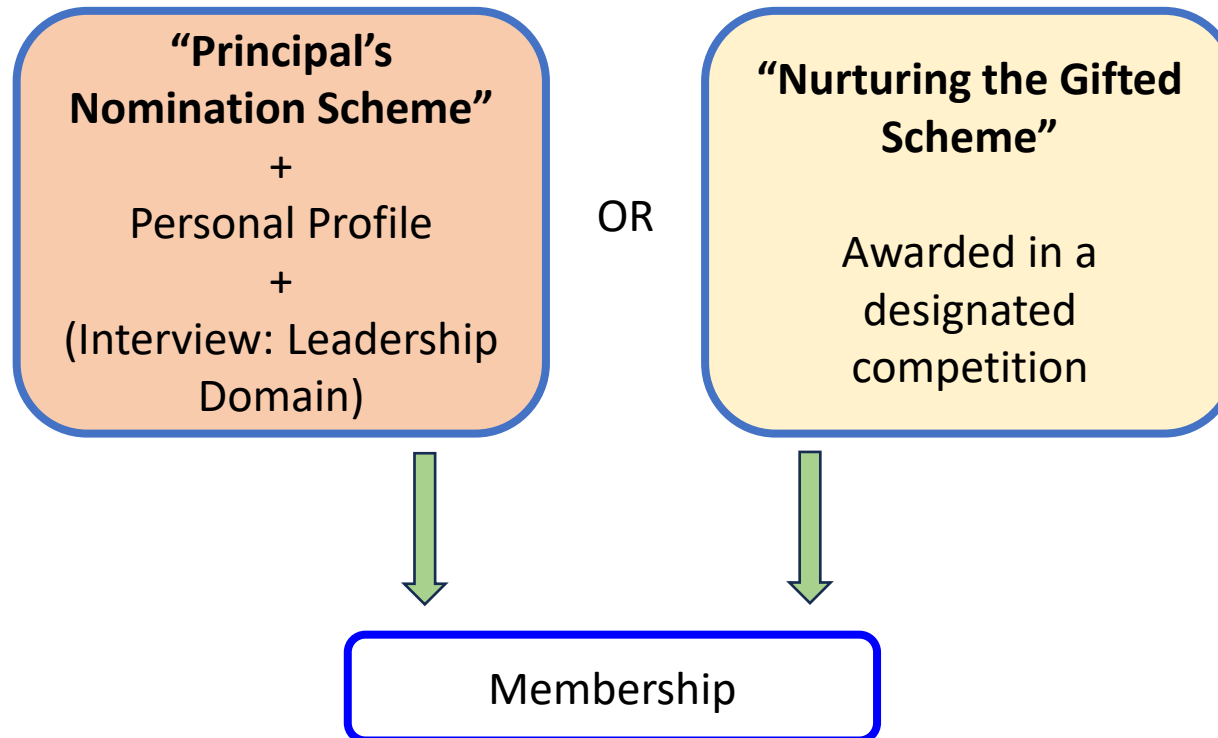
Renzulli's Three-Ring Conception

2025/26
Application for the new "Screening Test" and
"Principal's Nomination Scheme"

Timeline

Date	Event
Application for "Screening Test" and "Principal's Nomination" through "School Nomination"	
2 Oct 2025	Briefing session 1 Introducing the nomination channels of the HKAGE
25 Nov 2025	Briefing session 2 Introducing the details of applying for the new "Screening Test" and "Principal's Nomination"
26 Nov 2025 to 16 Dec 2025	Application/arrangement for the "Screening Test" and "Principal's Nomination"
Jan 2026	Submission of students' personal profiles for "Principal's Nomination"
Feb to Mar 2026	Students participate in the "Screening Test"

Timeline

Date	Implementation
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

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Target Participants

- The HKAGE provides services to student members aged 10 to 18 who are currently studying in schools in Hong Kong.

- Students are required to meet the minimum age of 10 on or before 30 September 2026 to apply for the "Screening Test".

- Secondary students in their final year are not eligible, as their membership would commence close to their graduation.

"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 will be invited to submit their personal profiles for assessment.

Quota Limitation

- Each school can nominate **up to 10 students** per school year for the "Screening Test". (Applications under "Parent Nomination" and "Principal's Nomination" are not included in this count)

- For "Parent Nomination," parents and students must ensure that all required information is fully completed on the application form before submission. Any incomplete submissions will render the application ineligible for consideration.

Other Important Notes

1. The "Screening Test" is conducted on a designated online platform and can be taken from any location within Hong Kong. Candidates are required to use their own desktop computers or laptops, equipped with a webcam and stable internet access. Schools are advised to render necessary support for nominated students as appropriate.

2. Students can apply once per school year, either through "School Nomination" or "Parent Nomination".

Other Important Notes

3. Students who have applied for the "Screening Test" via "School Nomination" cannot apply for another "Screening Test" via "Parent Nomination". The HKAGE will only consider the **"School Nomination".**

4. Students already enrolled in the "Screening Test" cannot participate in the "Principal's Nomination" in the same school year.

Other Important Notes

5. To change application channels, students must notify the HKAGE via email to withdraw their original application and submit a new one.

6. Applicants must provide accurate and valid email addresses. All application changes, including withdrawals, must be submitted via email.

If students and parents do not receive application results or login details after the new "Screening Test" begins, please contact the HKAGE at sss@hkage.org.hk immediately.

Other Important Notes

7. The HKAGE may request supporting documents at any time or contact your child's school to verify their enrolment. Providing false information will result in the immediate cancellation of the application, and the parent or guardian may be held criminally liable.

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.

School Coordinator

- In late October, a letter will be 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".

"Principal's Nomination Scheme"
Submit Students' Personal Profiles via
Online Nomination Platform

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

- 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.

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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 #

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Questions and Answers

Frequently Asked Questions