

Welcome to Huygens

Information for all students in groups 7 and 8

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Welcome to Huygens Lyceum as versatile as you are!

Moving from primary school to secondary school can feel exciting and a little scary. There is a new building, new subjects, new classmates and perhaps a hundred questions in your mind. How will you find your way around? Will you make friends quickly? What are the teachers like?

At Huygens, you do not have to find out everything on your own. From your first day, we make sure you feel welcome. You will have space to discover what you are good at, what you enjoy and who you want to become. Of course, you will learn a lot, but there is also plenty of time for fun, new experiences and lasting memories.

In this brochure, we show you why so many students quickly feel at home at our school. Enjoy reading!

Brugklas

Everything you need to know about your first year in secondary school



This is who we are

You are welcome here just as you are. It is important to us that you can be yourself and that you feel noticed. We want to know you: what excites you, what your talents are, and where you may need some extra help.

Starting your first year of secondary school

You start in the brugklas (Year 1 of Dutch secondary school). Your primary school's recommendation determines which first-year class you can choose when you register.

- **Havo:** You can choose this level if your primary school has recommended havo. You will have lessons at havo level.
- **Atheneum/havo.** You can choose this level if your primary school has recommended havo/vwo or vwo. You will have lessons at vwo level. After the first year, you continue to year 2 havo or atheneum.
- **Gymnasium:** You can choose this level if your primary school has recommended vwo. You will have lessons at vwo level and one extra subject: Latin. After the first year, you can choose year 2 of gymnasium (where you will also learn Greek) or atheneum.

"When I started in the first year, I found it quite exciting, but that feeling went away quickly. You learn new subjects and have different teachers, which makes school varied. My mentors helped us find our way around the school. I also made new friends quickly, which made the lessons more fun. Now I feel more and more at home at school."

Jules, Year 1 atheneum/havo

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DE BRUGKLAS OP HET HUYGENS



Did you know?

our school is named after a Dutch scientist? His name was Christiaan Huygens (1629-1695).

Abdulkarim uit 1 havo



A warm welcome

We pay a lot of attention to making your start at school a good one. During the introduction days, you quickly get to know your classmates, mentors and the school building. In fact, we already know a little about you before you start. We have read your registration information, talked with you and your parents or carers, and received information from your primary school.

Your mentors help you make the transition to Huygens. You can ask them all your practical questions about school. They also teach you how to study effectively.

After a few weeks, you go on a school camp. At camp, you take part in fun activities where you work together a lot. Maybe new friendships will begin around the campfire!

A school building with many possibilities

Our school building is easy to find your way around and a pleasant place to be. The bright central hall is the heart of the school: a nice place to spend your break. You can work in the music studios, do experiments in modern science labs, exercise in the sports halls with a climbing wall, or work together on challenging projects in our inspiring project rooms.

Laptop and books

You use your own laptop to look up information, work together on a project or work online independently. You also use textbooks, workbooks and notebooks. During breaks, your laptop stays closed. That is the time to talk to others or play a game.



Huygens Learning

What makes our school special is our way of teaching and learning: Huygens Learning. Huygens Learning has three key elements: VIP, VAK and VERDER. Below we explain what they mean.



VIP

You go to school to learn and you can only accomplish that if you're comfortable in your own skin. Who you are and how you feel are important. That's why we want to get to know you. Your mentor plays a key role in this process. Each first-year class has two mentors, whom you will see every day during the first period in the VIP class. The mentors are there to help you discover your talents, what interests you and what you find important. This stimulates your personal growth! During the VIP lessons you also learn how to plan your homework and you receive tips on how to study effectively. You continue with VIP lessons in Years 2 and 3.



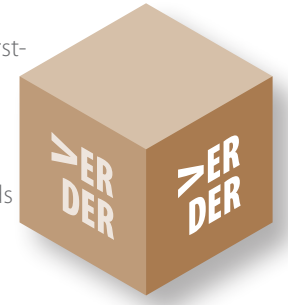
VAK

We offer quality education that is both challenging and inspiring. Besides textbooks we use short films, presentations, field trips and hands-on learning. You will attend VAK classes such as Dutch, French, Mathematics, Arts and Science. Lessons are offered at the level that suits you. We have separate first-year classes for havo (higher general secondary education), atheneum/havo (A-levels/havo combination) and gymnasium (grammar school). These levels are explained further on. At Huygens Lyceum, you will be in the right place from day one, which will help you feel at home quickly and get the most out of yourself.



VERDER

In VERDER projects, you work together with students from other first-year classes. There is always a project that suits you. For example, you can choose something sporty or creative, build something, investigate a question or do something for someone outside the school. With your project group, you make a plan and work towards a final result. It is not only educational; it is also a lot of fun!



Do you find a subject difficult? Then you can take extra lessons.

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DE VIP MENTORLES

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VERDER PROJECTEN



Havo

At havo, we look beyond grades. By paying attention to you and your interests, we work together on your future. Is havo right for you?

"I expected it to be very difficult, but it turned out better than expected. I also really like the fact that teachers help you when you find something difficult, so that afterwards you understand it."

Aarya, Year 1 havo

Personal attention

At havo, you are not just a student: people see you and listen to you. That is why we build a good relationship with your mentor, teachers and classmates. When you feel comfortable, you learn better. Your mentor plays an important role: they guide you closely and help you develop study skills. When you feel known and understood, we can achieve great results together.

Successful at havo

You are responsible for how you learn, and we help you with this. Our teachers use short explanations, clear learning goals and active lessons. We believe in the power of repetition: regular practice and enough time to process what you have learned. This helps you remember the subject matter better and succeed at havo.

Your future after havo

Havo (higher general secondary education) is a five-year programme. After passing your final exams, you can continue to higher professional education (hbo). You can also decide to continue to Year 5 vwo. After Year 3 havo, you can also move to mbo level 4 vocational education. In short, havo gives you many options.

Atheneum

At atheneum, we build knowledge and understanding. You learn to make connections, think critically and use your knowledge in new situations.



Following your interests

At atheneum, you get many opportunities to develop yourself. Your mentor can help you with this if you want. Are you independent and motivated to learn more? In the upper years, you can choose extra subjects, complete subjects more quickly or earn a certificate in English, German or French.

Would you rather look for a challenge somewhere else? That is possible too! Huygens offers committed students many opportunities to take an active role in school.

Your future after vwo

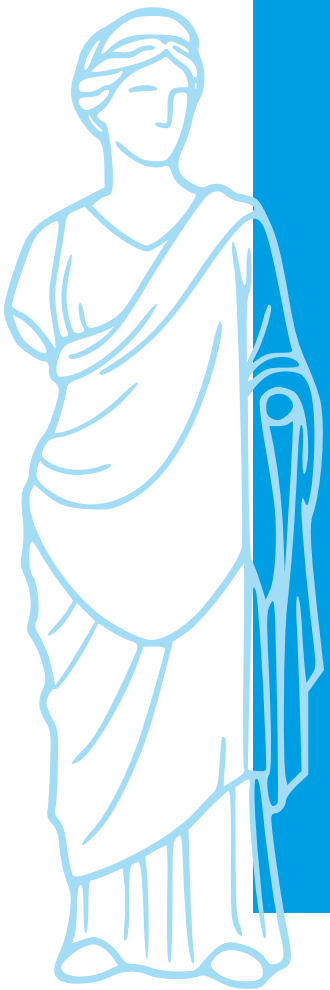
Atheneum and gymnasium together form vwo (pre-university education). This takes six years and prepares you for university or higher professional education (hbo).

Tip for new students

"Do your homework when the teacher gives it to you."

Job, Year 1 atheneum/havo

Gymnasium



Do you want an extra challenge? Are you independent and curious? Would you like to learn more about the culture of the ancient Greeks and Romans and how it still influences modern society?
Then gymnasium could be a good choice for you!
At gymnasium, you study the same subjects as atheneum students, but you also learn Latin and Greek.



"The first year at Huygens is educational and fun. Most teachers let you work together a lot and do assignments. With the gymnasium classes, you go on an excursion to Xanten. That is cool, because you can see houses and buildings from Roman times there."

Lisa, Year 1 gymnasium

Latin

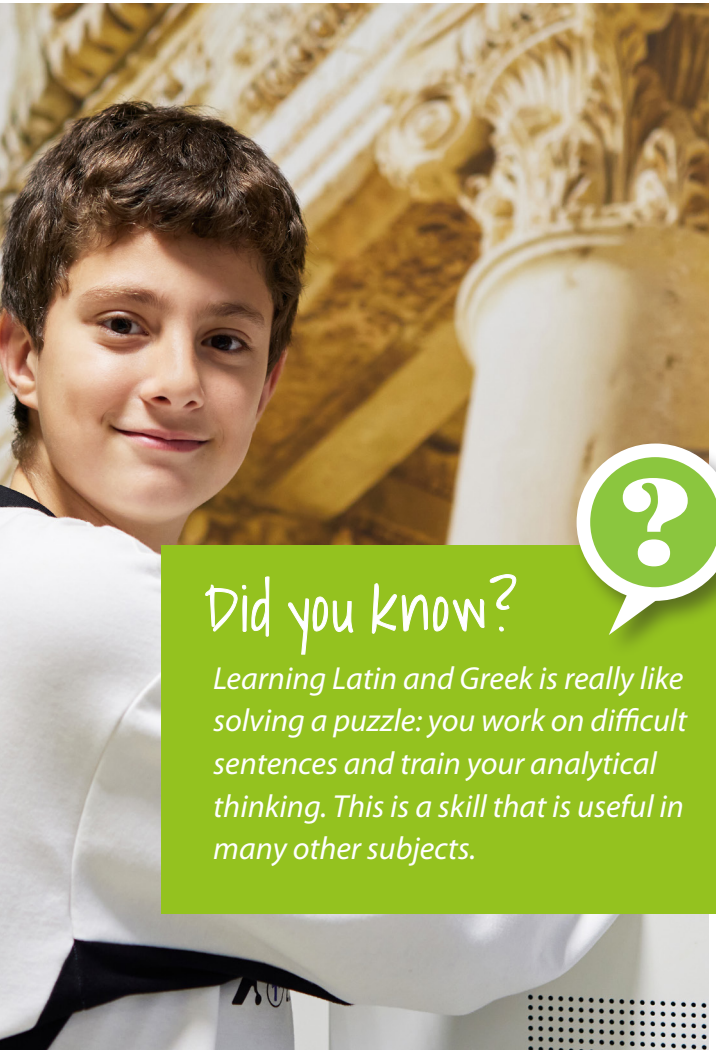
From the first year onwards, you learn the language of the ancient Romans. Many Dutch words come from Latin. It is interesting to make connections between this ancient language and modern Dutch. You also learn to read and understand texts written by the ancient Romans in the original language. To do this, you also need to know enough about Roman culture. You learn about this in Latin lessons too.

Greek

From Year 2 onwards, you also learn the language of the ancient Greeks. First, you learn to write and pronounce the Greek letters. After only two weeks, you can read all the Greek letters! There is also a lot of attention to ancient Greek culture. This helps you understand texts from that time, including exciting mythological stories. You also discover what traces the Greeks have left in our modern society.

*"Non scholae, sed vitae discimus" **





Did you know?

Learning Latin and Greek is really like solving a puzzle: you work on difficult sentences and train your analytical thinking. This is a skill that is useful in many other subjects.

Challenging subjects

Why learn languages that were spoken more than 2,000 years ago? Because they are surprisingly enjoyable and you learn a great deal from them. Learning Latin and Greek is like solving a puzzle: you work out how to translate a sentence correctly. You learn grammar, but you also learn about the history and culture of these languages. The texts you translate are based on exciting stories about gods and heroes. You are challenged and learn how to solve difficult problems.

Gymnasium activities

We organise special activities for gymnasium students, such as a quiz, excursions and theatre visits. In the upper years, you travel to Rome or Greece. The buildings and works of art you have learned about come to life during this fantastic study trip.

Huygens outside the classroom

A school is, of course, a place where you learn. But honestly, many of your best memories are made outside the classroom. That is why there is always something happening at Huygens.









"I really enjoyed the first-year camp. We played an evening game, sat around the campfire and had a disco evening. We also had a fun school quiz where one class competed against another."

Student, Year 1
atheneum/havo

Do you enjoy being active?

Every year, we organise a sports day. There are different sporting challenges, such as canoeing, water-skiing or games on the outdoor sports field. You can also choose a sporty VERDER project!

Are you adventurous?

Then the excursions, camps and trips abroad may be perfect for you. Together with other students, you discover new cities and cultures and have experiences you will not soon forget.

Do you love music or performing?

During the Huygens Fest, students take the spotlight and can show what they can do. If you play a musical instrument, you can join the school orchestra or the school band. In the theatre group, you can perform on stage or play an essential role behind the scenes.



Do you enjoy spending time with others?

During our celebrations, students and staff come together to experience special moments. From holidays to other special events, we make each activity pleasant and enjoyable. School parties are a great time to relax together, have fun and make good memories.

Would you like to meet new people?

There are many groups and activities in the school that you can join. Whether you are creative, a thinker or a social person, there is always a group that matches your interests. You can discover new talents, help others or take an active role in school.

Registration and admission



Can you already imagine yourself walking around Huygens? Then you will probably want to know how to register. The central registration week is from 25 to 31 March. You can register if you have suitable school advice from your primary school.

In the Eindhoven region, we use the LDOS system. During registration week, you submit your preferred schools online through LDOS. You put the school you would most like to attend as your first choice. You can do this from home.

After the results of the lottery have been announced, you will receive an invitation for a welcome meeting at our school.

Would you like to know more or do you have questions? Please contact us at: naarhethuygens@huygenslyceum.nl

Information about registration, including the most recent brochure from the regional partnership organisation, can be found on our website.





Support and talent development

Support at Huygens

Sometimes you need a little more help at school. Together with you and your parents or carers, we look at what support suits you best. You can arrange a meeting with one of our three support coordinators to discuss this.

Do you have a diagnosis or official statement that sometimes makes school a little more difficult? Then you can receive help from a support worker or a remedial teacher.

During mentor lessons, we pay attention to mental resilience. If you need extra help as well, you can, when necessary, speak to our school psychologist or take part in social skills training.

Talent development at Huygens

Denkkracht is our programme for students who can handle an extra challenge. You choose a project that you are enthusiastic about. You may work on it during lessons if your teacher agrees. This means you have some influence over your own timetable.

For the project you want to do, you write your own proposal. You complete the project within one year. You work alone or with other students and are guided by trained teachers. At the end, you present your project to parents or carers, teachers and other students during a presentation evening.

Do you enjoy languages and can you do more than the regular lessons? Then you can earn an extra certificate in English, German or French.



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ONDERSTEUNING OP HET HUYGENS LYCEUM

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DENKKRACHT

** Latin: "We do not learn for school, but for life."*

Will we see you at Huygens?

Curious to find out more? Then it's time to discover our school and experience the atmosphere!
We look forward to meeting you during one of our activities.

GUIDED TOUR

Wednesday afternoon
30 September 2026

MINI-LESSONS AND GUIDED TOUR

11 November
afternoon or evening

23 November
afternoon or evening

26 February
afternoon

OPEN DAY

Saturday 16 januari 2027
from 10:00 - 13:00 hrs

Can't wait and want to explore our building? Scan the QR code for a virtual tour.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

11 & 23 November 2026

Register for activities:

See you soon at Huygens!

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