

GORDON'S SCHOOL



SPORT AND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



SPORT

From September 2020 a dedicated sports hall and all-weather pitch will provide Gordon's sportsmen & women with a sports hub in which to practise and play an increased range of sports while improving the facilities for existing ones. Sports Scholars will have full access to these new facilities. Sport Scholarships are offered to students demonstrating excellence and potential in their nominated sports. Students follow a carefully balanced multi-sport programme and this is reflected in the scholarship process. In addition to sport specific assessments, we also monitor students' physical competency.

As a minimum, candidates are expected to be of county standard (or potential) or above in their chosen sports.

What we expect from a Sports Scholar:

Successful candidates will fully engage in sport and our Good to Great athlete training programme at Gordon's School and:

- Aspire and work towards representing the school, their county and even their country.
- Show passion, pride and sportsmanship in all that they do.
- Have a genuine desire to contribute to the sporting life of the school.
- Assist with coaching and officiating at Key Stage 3 sporting events.
- Assist with the organisation and running of Inter-House sports competitions.
- Work to achieve the highest possible standards in their own performance.
- Perform regularly in major school fixtures and attend regular and extra training/preseason training sessions.
- Must set a visible example, as a Sports Scholar, to other athletes and the wider school, be punctual, dress appropriately in all training sessions/matches and exhibit positive behaviour in all aspects of Gordon's School life.

Scholarships are reviewed annually and their continuance is dependent upon attitude, conduct, participation and progress.

As a Sports Scholar you will enjoy:

- A sport specific personal mentor.
 - Guidance with goal setting, reviewing and performance analysis.
 - Strength and conditioning coaching.
 - Preferential access to sports psychology lectures/seminars.
 - Nutritional guidance and advice.
 - Access to physiotherapy and support with injury rehabilitation.
 - Preparation for the next step of your sporting life.
 - Access to external coaches and expertise through the Good to Great Programme.
 - Representing the school at a competitive and challenging level.
 - An enhanced sense of transferable leadership qualities and the opportunities to put your leadership skills into practice.
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Assessment

- The suitable candidates will be invited to an assessment day. This will involve:
 - Skill and technical knowledge demonstration in their chosen sport
 - Fitness testing in a variety of components
 - Interview with either the Head Teacher or a Deputy Head and the Director of Sport expected to talk convincingly about their commitment to sport and their enthusiasms
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How to apply:

Please see website for further details and to complete our online Scholarship application form www.gordons.school

MUSIC

Music is integral to Gordon's School and the Music department offers a wealth of opportunities for students to develop their skills and to enjoy participating as fully as possible in the musical activities on offer. The scholarship will run throughout the two years of Sixth Form, subject to good behaviour, an annual review, and sustained commitment to Gordon's Music Department.

As a minimum, candidates are expected to have grade 7 standard or above in music. While many applicants for Music Scholarships will intend pursuing an academic music course, this is not a condition of being awarded a scholarship; neither is having taken music GCSE although successful applicants will be likely to have a theoretical musical knowledge commensurate with GCSE and performing abilities that exceed it.

The school, with its well-equipped Music Department, offers abundant opportunities for music-making, both instrumental and vocal, and the award winners will be expected to contribute in the depth to the musical life of the school.

What we expect from a Music Scholar:

- Attendance at all relevant ensembles (depending on instrument/voice)
- Leading their house in Inter-House music competition
- Major school concerts
- Assisting in running of lunchtime concerts
- Peer coaching (to help go towards 20 hours compulsory volunteering hours)

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As a Music Scholar you will enjoy:

- A personal mentor to support your time in Sixth Form.
 - Being part of the Good to Great programme.
 - Opportunity to perform at prestigious events.
 - Preparation for the next step of your musical career.
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Assessment:

- A 20 minute period of preparation is allocated before the audition. 5 minutes of this is for a timed preparation of the quick-study piece and 15minutes for preparation of the chosen music with a Gordon's School accompanist (sheet music must be sent to the music department 2 weeks ahead of the audition date). We do insist that all candidates work and perform with one of our own staff in order to assess how they work in such a situation.
 - Candidates are asked to perform two contrasting pieces (if only one instrument) or if more than one instrument is being performed then one piece on each instrument.
 - All candidates (instrumentalists & vocalists) will be given a piece to sight read (for their first instrument) before they enter the audition.
 - Candidates will then be invited to discuss their repertoire. The discussion might include the matters of structure, texture, techniques, origins and background, including matters of style/performance practice and any performance instructions given by the composer. Soloists will be expected, therefore to have a full appreciation of their accompaniments. The candidate's ability to talk about music coherently and use appropriate terminology is regarded as equal importance to the quality of their performance.
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KEY SPORTS STAFF

Chris Davies – Head of Rugby

Mr Davies is currently studying his Level 4 in Rugby coaching. He has spent a number of years overseas in a variety of roles such as a Director of Rugby, Head Coach and Skills and Analyst Coach. He was part of the 4-year journey for the Hong Kong Rugby Union's Elite Rugby Programme for their campaign to the RWC 2019. He then moved to Fiji to work with the Fiji 7s Men's team, where he was part of the coaching staff on the HSBC World Sevens Series, Commonwealth Games and the Rugby World Cup 7s.

Paul King – Head of Football

Having graduated from St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill with a Sport Science and Geography degree, Paul went on to gain his PGCE in Secondary Education. Paul was a member of Ipswich Town's Junior Academy from Under 10 to Under 16, whilst at the same time representing his County, Suffolk. Paul stopped football for a while to pursue a career in cricket, but came back to football at the later stage of his university career to play for the First XI and won BUSA titles. Since leaving university Paul has gone on to play football in the local Surrey and Hampshire leagues, and can still be seen playing today. Paul started Gordon's in 2002.

Gareth Hall – 1st Team Football Manger

Having attended Fullbrook School, Gareth started his football career as an apprentice at Chelsea and made his first team debut against Wimbledon. He made a total of 198 League appearances during his time at the club. Gareth was a member of the Chelsea team that won the 1990 Full Members Cup at Wembley Stadium. Gareth moved to Sunderland in 1996, and then joined Swindon Town in 1998. Gareth won 9 international caps for Wales, first being selected for the senior side in 1988, in a 2–1 friendly defeat to Yugoslavia. Gareth started at Gordon's in 2009.

Nicole Humphrys – Head of Netball

A University of Bath sports science dual career graduate, Nicole combines netball coaching with playing. Her teaching career includes spells at The Royal High School Bath and Sevenoaks School. She is a level 2 coach and has led netball camps for England Netball, Team Bath and Surrey Storm and coached Team Bath Tigers. Nicole's junior career started at Mavericks Youth and England U19/U21. Her senior playing career includes Vitality Netball Superleague squads for Team Bath, Severn Stars and Surrey Storm.

David Mathews – Head of Hockey

Studied Sports Science and Geography at Brunel University. Qualified Teacher Status was achieved at Christ Church Canterbury whilst working at Kent College School. Taught PE, Games and Geography in schools in Kent at King's Canterbury, Kent College, Canterbury and Sutton Valence, Maidstone, before moving to Gordon's in 2017.

Master in charge of Hockey and Golf at Kent College and Sutton Valence for 16 years. A level 2 coach and has been Head Coach at Holcombe, Canterbury and Richmond for the Men's 1st XI's over the past four seasons. He was player/ assistant coach at Holcombe and Canterbury for seven years.

David's International hockey career started at England U18 level and he then accumulated over 150 caps at U21 level and for the senior sides for England and Great Britain. He made his debut for England and Great Britain in 1995 at the age of 18. His senior playing career includes Premier League hockey.

Ian Jones – Head of Strength and Conditioning

Having graduated University with a first class honours sport science degree, Ian has a high passion for S&C and Sport Psychology. In his early career, Ian was involved with Southampton FC academy, being part of their squad when they reached the youth cup final, and went on to captain his country, representing Wales from u15-u19 level. As a Youth S&C Specialist Coach, Ian has experience of working with Team GB, Portsmouth FC and Southampton FC, as well as multiple semi-professional clubs.