

Information Evening for New Parents

Welcome

Please take a seat

The evening will start shortly with a welcome from the Head followed by a performance by the Concert Band















Our Aim

For our students to lead happy, fulfilled lives and be good citizens

Our education philosophy is...

...that this is best achieved when students...



Aim high and exceed expectations



Lead healthy lifestyles



Make a positive contribution to the lives of others



Headline Results











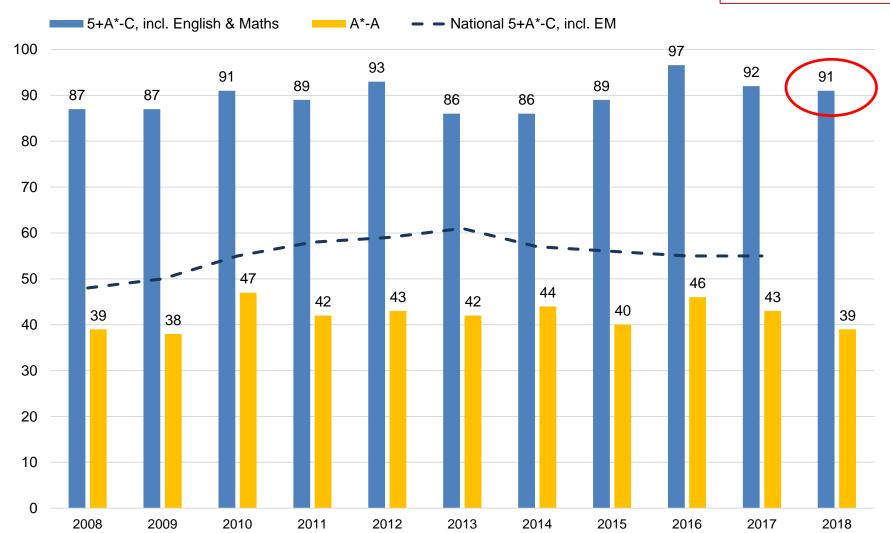






GCSE Results

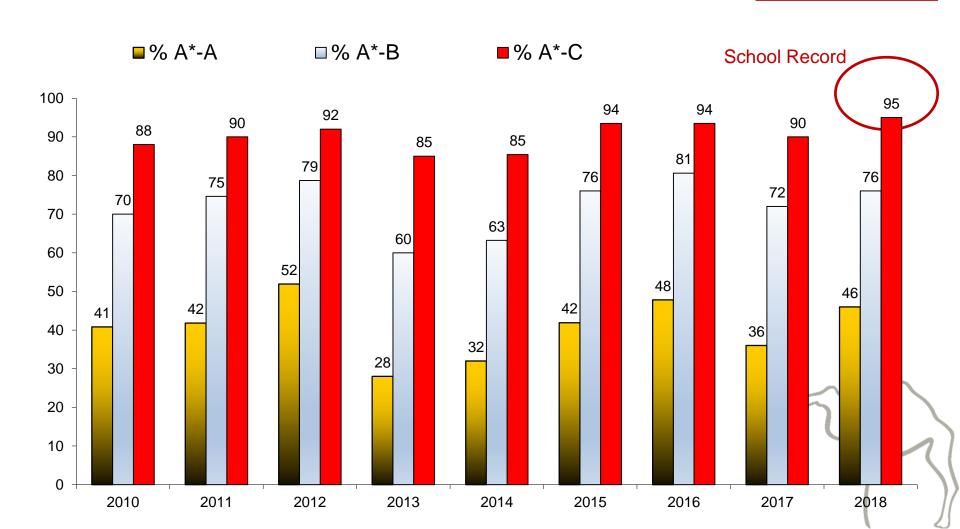
Top 5% for progress





A Level Results

Top 1% for progress

















Success...

- ...is no accident... we are what we repeatedly do
- ...good habits are vital
- As is adversity...
- ...there is nothing heroic about effortless success or never making a mistake.
- Success takes character!



CHARACTER

Your actions today shape who you will become. Who will you be?







COURTESY

Showing politeness and thinking of others before yourself.

INTEGRITY

Being honest and doing the right thing, whether or not anyone is watching.

DILIGENCE

Always working to the best possible standard, taking care in even smallest details.

ENTHUSIASM

Approaching everything with a positive attitude, and enjoying what you do.

RESILIENCE

Keeping going, even when it is difficult. Recovering when things go wrong.



Developments





Nile Maths Block 2018





Sports Hall 2019



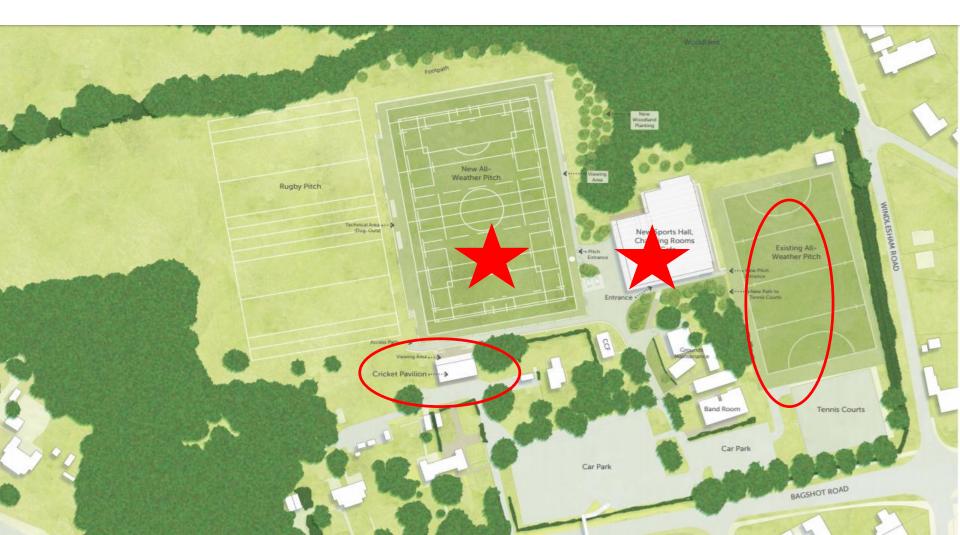


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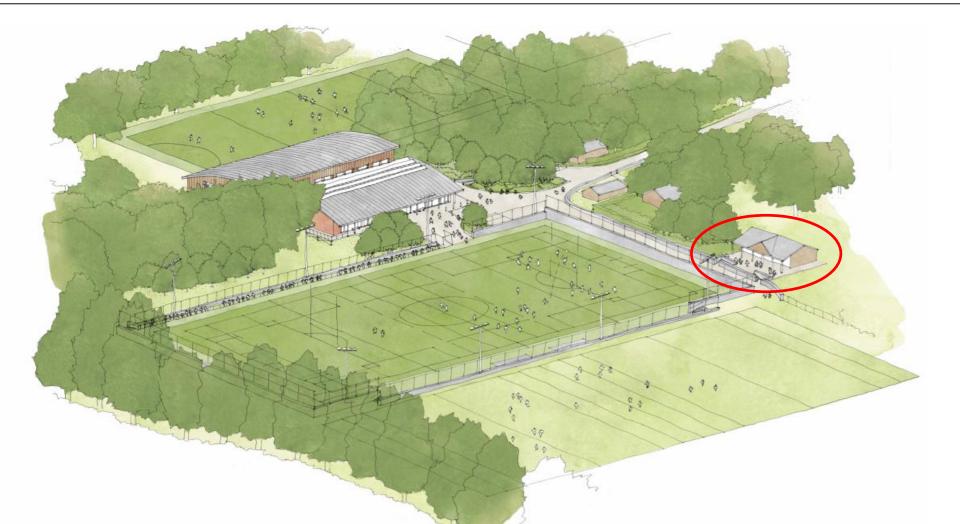


Location





Aerial View





Library refurbishment

Librarian's desk positioned to view mezzanine & ground floor shelving

Meeting Room 165 linear metres of bookshelves @ 1.7m high, or 132 linear metres of bookshelves @ 1.44m high seats approx 71 people (including mezzanine) Librarian -Snug Area Alternative Layout - Lecture Seats approx 42 people IT Desks Group Desks Book Stack below Mezzanine



Other developments

- Year 7 residential House 2019
- Black box theatre 2020 (current gym)
- Dance studio 2020 (one of the current drama studios)

























































SATURDAY MORNING
PERFORMING ARTS
STUDENTS
'I'M IN LOVE WITH A
MONSTER!'













Choir Rehearsals Tuesday Iunchtimes



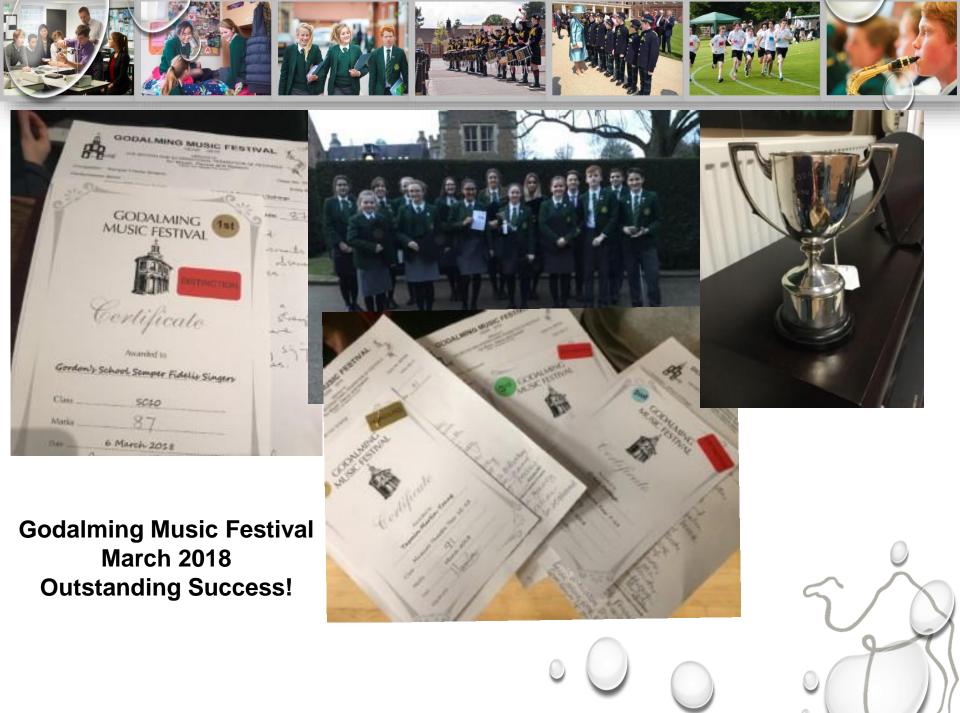








String Group Rehearsal, Thursday 8am





Semper Fidelis Singers, Lunchtime Concert. St. Mary at Hill, London.







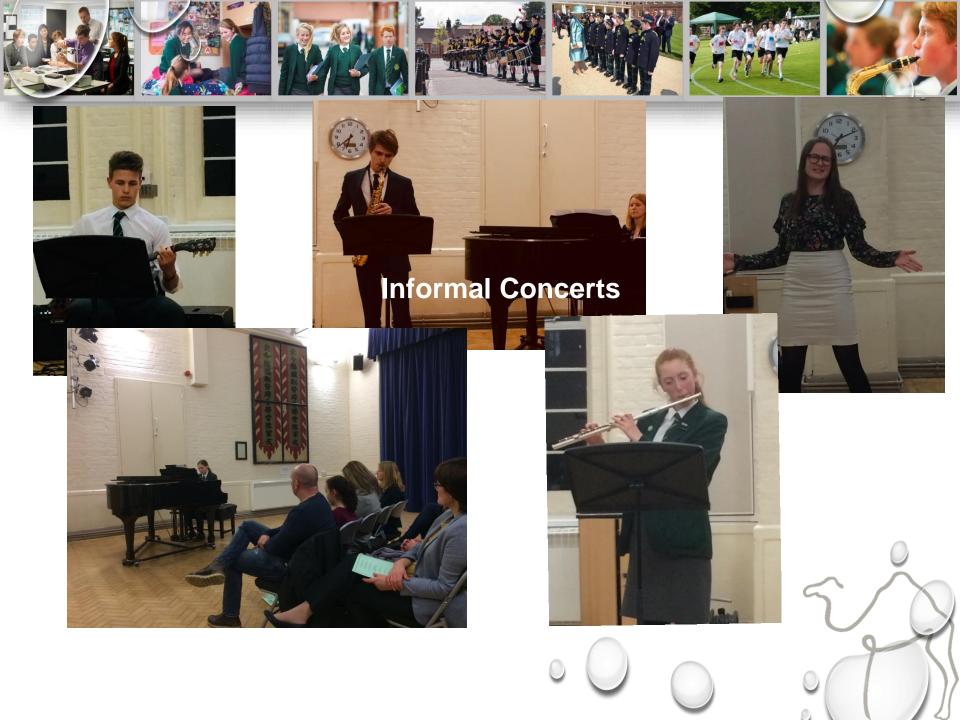






Our newly
launched Jazz
Ensemble with
West End Musical
Director, Steve
Hill





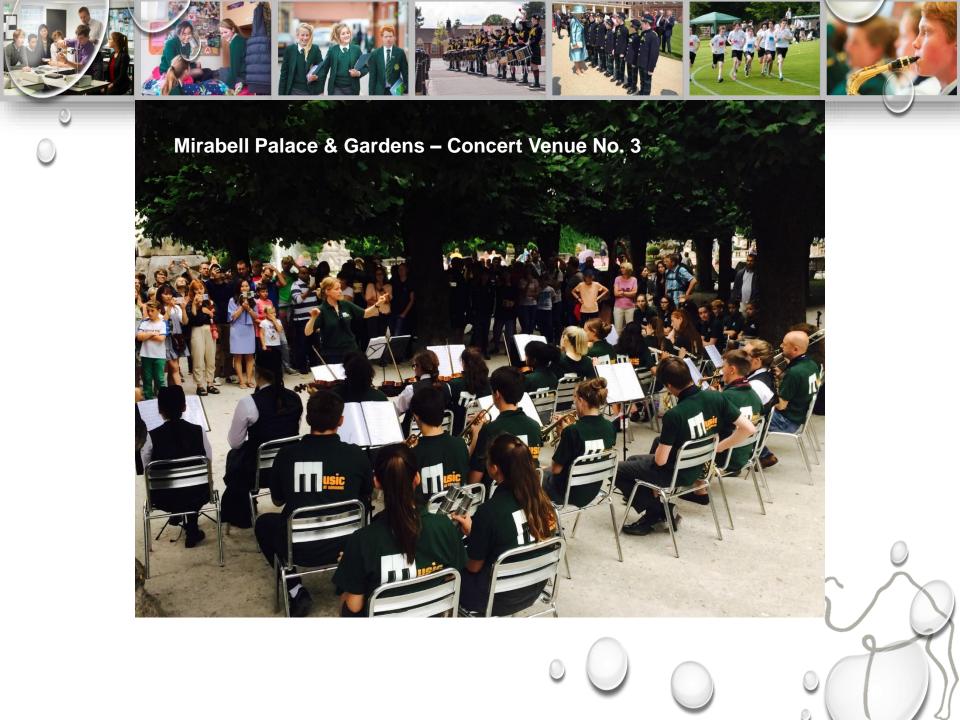






Salzburg Tour – Concert No. 2









Pipes and Drums, Pass off Parade, Pirbright. July 2018

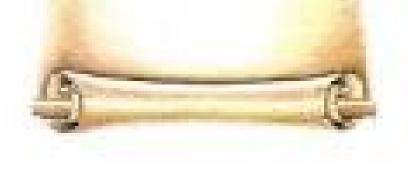








The Curriculum Mr Reeve Deputy Head (Curriculum)







Academic Team

- Mr C Lewis Head of Key Stage 3
- Ms J Pierce Assistant Head (Curriculum)
- Mr A Reeve Deputy Head (Curriculum)

- Heads of Departments
- Ms V Phillips SENDCo
- Mrs T McKenzie Academic Performance Tutor



Reformed GCSE

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	Α*
8	А
7	А
6	В
5	C
4	<u>C</u>
3	D
2	Е
	F
1	G
U	U





Reformed GCSE – 9 to 1

- Grade 9 is beyond an A*
- Grade 5 is a strong pass
- Grade 4 is a standard pass





Reformed GCSE

- All subjects are now reformed meaning greater:
- Challenge
- Decision Making
- Critical Thinking

 GCSE's are more challenging and prepare students more thoroughly for A Level and other pathways



A.C.E Lessons

What you should expect from all lessons at Gordon's...

- Assessment for Learning the feedback loop
- Challenge
- Engagement





Pedagogy and Practice Guiding principles

- 1. There is no one way to teach good and outstanding lessons, as long as students are **engaged**, **challenged** and **know how to improve**.
- Happy children learn best.
- 3. Staff are teachers of children rather than subjects.
- 4. All teaching should develop in students the requisite knowledge, skills, attributes and behaviours (character) for them to achieve well across any discipline.
- 5. There are no shortcuts; hard work <u>and</u> the courage to make and learn from mistakes are the key ingredient in success.



New GCSE grading system

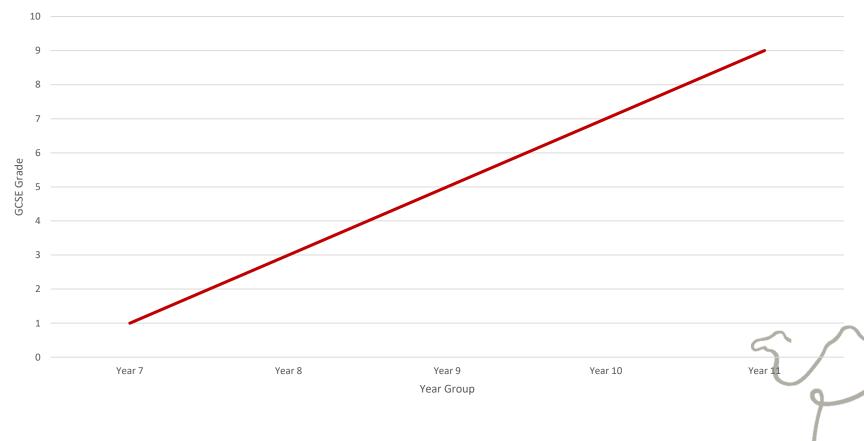
- 3 Flightpaths showing progression of attainment throughout Key Stage 3 and 4
- Students within every subject will still be targeted to reach grades in the top 10% nationally at the end of Year 11, with typically just over 50% of students doing so.
- Linear
- Shallow
- Irregular





Linear

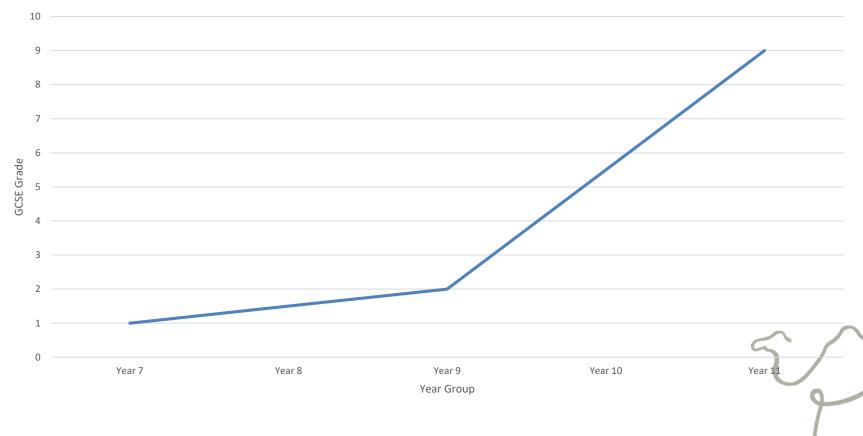
Linear Flightpath





Shallow

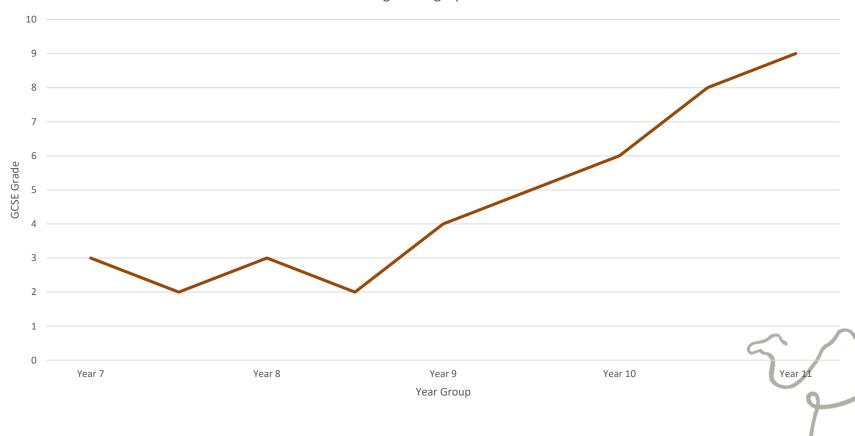
Shallow Flightpath





Irregular

Irregular Flightpath















What to expect

- High quality teaching and learning
- A committed teaching staff
- Regular 'next steps' advice in lessons
- Regular Assessments
- Half-termly (termly in Y7-9) reports home
- Quality Audits
- ✓ Students' books/ folders audited
- ✓ Lesson observations
- ✓ Listening to student voice





Support from home

- ✓ Keep in touch with school
- ✓ It is better to have an open and constructive conversation with school earlier
- ✓ Check exercise books for quality of work and marking.
- ✓ Regularly discuss school and specific subjects.
- ✓ Encourage prep attendance and discourage over-reliance on IT



Support from home

- ✓ Promote the importance of literacy.
- ✓ Encourage 30 minutes of private reading each day
- ✓ Ensure that revision begins early
- ✓ Look over the wall from time to time and discuss GCSES / career aspirations including University and / or employment.





From a student's perspective

- There are no 'short cuts' in life
- Students who achieve great grades consistently over time:
 - work hard (average effort grade below 2.0)
 - have high attendance
 - prioritise their studies
 - stay for prep until 7.30pm
 - spend the right amount of time on prep
 - are resilient









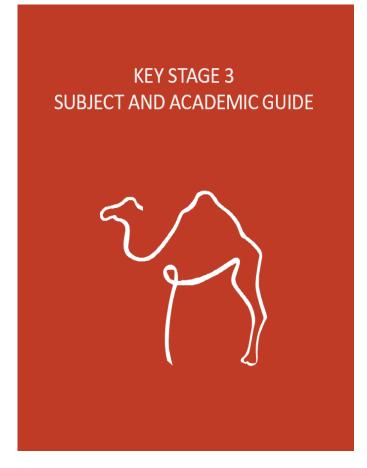


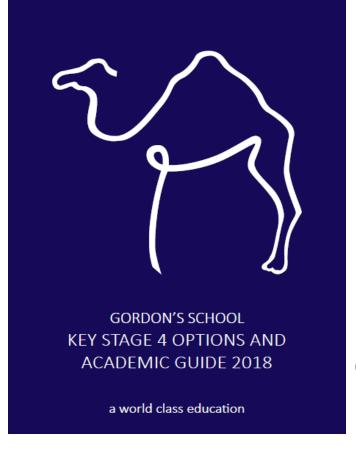






The Curriculum









The Curriculum

- Broad Curriculum in KS3 and KS4
- 6 lessons a day 30 a week
- KS3 is an opportunity to discover new interests and enjoy a broad yet challenging curriculum
- KS4 selecting 3 option choices

















Year 7 Curriculum – 30 periods per week

English	4
Maths	4
Science	4
Languages	4
Technology	2
Geography	2
History	2
ICT	1
RE	1
Music	1
Art & Design	1
Drama	1
PSHE	1
Games	2





Homework

- Supervised Prep runs 6pm to 7.30pm (Mon Thurs)
- Prep runs on Friday 6pm 7pm
- Homework timetable is provided and communicated home
- Timings below refer to when prep is set, typically 2 subjects per day

Year Group	Time			
Key Stage 3	30 minutes per subject per day			
Key Stage 4	45 minutes per subject per day			
Key Stage 5	Yr. 12 - 6 hours per subject per week Yr. 13 – 8 hours per subject per week			



Setting Philosophy

Fluid and Competitive

Maths

English

Science

Languages

For all set changes, parents will be informed via a letter home.



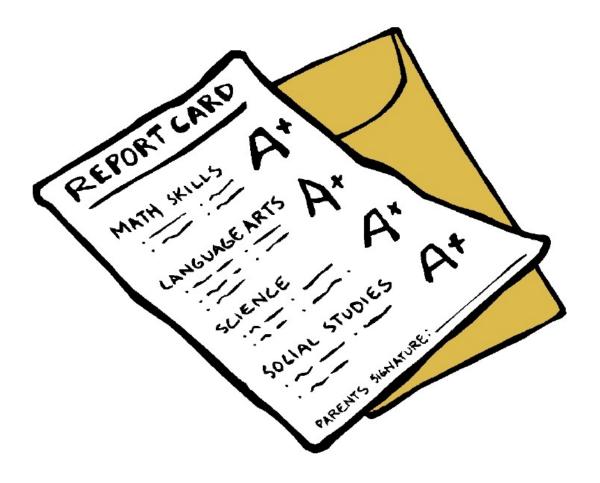
MFL selection

Year 7

- Students initially put into sets based on language aptitude test.
- Students then complete a half term of each language
- February half term
 - Students select their preferred language
- Setting, if necessary, based on 6 week performance
- Constant monitoring of student performance



Reporting home





Assessment, Recording & Reporting (ARR)

- Gordon's ARR Philosophy
 - Little & Often
 - Conversation is better than written dialogue
 - Teacher's judgement is valued
- Three reports per year providing increasingly comprehensive information
 - EG
 - EG & Progress Indicator
 - EG, Progress Indicator & WG (-1 up to 9+)
 - Pastoral comments included in the End of Year Report (Tutor, HoH & Personal Statement)













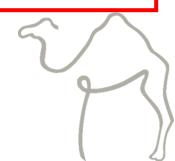


Effort Grades

- 1 = Outstanding
- 2 = Very Good
- 3 = Good but occasionally inconsistent
- 4 = Cause for concern
- 5 = Unacceptable

Typical Year Group Effort grade profile

- Top 25% = Below 1.5
- Middle 50% = 1.5 to 2.0
- Bottom 25% = Above 2.0





Effort is king

- Bottom 20 Y11s for effort last year
- Average effort grade 2.47
- Mostly Bs with some Cs

- Top 20 Y11s
- Average effort grade 1.3
- Mostly A*s and As

















Reporting effort grades

Inside back cover – exercise books

Reporting key learning competencies

Competencies are complex and crucial qualities of successful learners. Teachers may find the following table useful in considering how character strengths might be related to key competencies in lessons:

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Character	Key learning competencies	Good performance standard				
Courtesy	1) Group work	Willingness to work well with others. Able to be tolerant of the views of others and actively listen.				
Integrity	Independent study	Willingness to take responsibility for own learning e.g. to follow the 4Bs (brain, book, buddy, boss).				
Integrity	3) Reflection	Willingness to reflect honestly on progress, the humility to act on advice and feedback.				
Diligence	4) Attention to detail	Thorough completion of work. Conscientious. Pride taken in work e.g. date, title, underlining, capitals.				
Diligence	5) Prep	Completing prep on time and to the best of one's ability.				
Diligence	6) Organisation	Responsibly organise self, including correct equipment brought to lessons and being punctual.				
Enthusiasm	7) Contribution	Willingness / confidence to volunteer in lessons, to become involved in discussions / tasks, to take risks.				
Enthusiasm	8) Commitment	Dedication and reliability. Continuously seeking to improve. Eager for knowledge, asking searching questions and willing to take risks.				
Resilience	9) Focus	Willingness to concentrate on tasks, to avoid distractions and get to work without undue procrastination.				
Resilience	10) Determination	Drive to succeed. Willingness to deal with setbacks, cope with pressure and challenging work.				















Reporting key skills – Next Steps Inside back cover – exercise books

Communication, numeracy or thinking skill	Explanation
Communication	Includes written and oral communication. The capacity to spell and punctuate successfully, using good sentence structure and well-developed vocabulary. The ability to articulate clearly and appropriately.
Numeracy	The ability to use and understand statistics and basic maths clearly and appropriately.
Remember	Recalling information. E.g. Identify the main characters in 'Macbeth'
Understand	Explaining ideas or concepts. <i>E.g. Why does Lady Macbeth respond in that way?</i>
Apply	Using information in another familiar situation. E.g. Can you predict how the Lady Macbeth will react when?
Analyse	Breaking information into parts to explore understandings and relationships. E.g. How does Shakespeare present Lady Macbeth at this point?
Evaluate	Justifying a decision. E.g. Explore the way Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth across the play as a whole.
Create	Creating a new product or point of view. E.g. Compare Shakespeare's presentation of women in 'Macbeth' and one other play.

Teachers provide feedback via #















Example report



Gordon's School

Year 11 - 2nd Half of Spring Term 2018 - Student Progress Report

Name: Amy Smith

Form: 11WI House: WINDSOR Form Tutor: Miss K. Jones

		1st Half of Autumn Term 2017			2nd Half of Autumn Term 2017					1st Half of Spring Term 2018				2nd Half of Spring Term 2018			
Set	Subject	Effort Grade	Target Grade	Working Grade		Effort Grade	Target Grade	Working Grade	Mock Exam Grade		Effort Grade	Target Grade	Working Grade		Effort Grade	Target Grade	Working Grade
1/6	English Language	2	8	5		1	8	6	6	_	1	8	7		1	8	8
1/6	English Literature	3	8	6	- 201	2	8	6	6	2017	2	8	7	2018	1	8	8
2/6	Mathematics	1	8	5	e.m.	2	8	6	6	Holiday	2	8	6	Ē	2	8	7
1/6	Biology	2	7	5	Haff	1	7	5	5		2	7	6	Half Term	1	7	6
1/6	Chemistry	1	8	6	umn	1	8	6	6	Christmas	3	8	7	Spring h	1	8	7
1/6	Physics	1	9	6	Aut	2	9	7	7	ş	1	9	8	Sp	2	9	8
M	Business Studies GCSE	3	8	6		2	8	6	6		1	8	7		2	8	8
M	History	2	8	6		2	8	5	5		1	8	6		1	8	6
M	Modern Foreign Languages – French	1	8	6		1	8	6	7		1	8	6		2	8	6
M	Psychology	3	7	5		3	7	5	5		1	7	6		1	7	6
Average	e Effort Grade		1.90				1.	70				1.50				1.40	

Mr A.P. Reeve

Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum) Signature:

Date: 23 March 2018



Key Dates

- Year 7 Parents' Evening Wednesday 8th May 2019
- Year 8 Parents' Evening Wednesday 28th November 2018
- First Progress Report sent home w/b 12th November 2018





GCSE Options

More information in the Spring Term

Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening

Thursday 24th January

Keep students' minds focused on 'now'





Mr Pavis – Deputy Head (Pastoral)

















The School Day

CHAPEL/ASSEMBLY/TUTOR

PERIOD 1

PERIOD 2

BREAK

PERIOD 3

PERIOD 4

LUNCH

PERIOD 5

PERIOD 6

PERIOD 7

TEA

8.20am - 8.40am

8.40am - 9.35am

9.35am - 10.30am

10.30am - 10.50am

10.50am - 11.45am

11.45am - 12.40pm

12.40pm - 1.45pm

1.45pm - 2.40pm

2.40pm - 3.35pm

3.55pm - 4.55pm

5.00pm





		Week's schedule							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
Year 7	TUTOR	Chapel	Assembly	TUTOR	House Meeting				
Year 8	TUTOR	Chapel	TUTOR	House Meeting					
Year 9	Assembly	TUTOR	Chapel	TUTOR	House Meeting				
Year 10	TUTOR	Assembly	Chapel	TUTOR	House Meeting				
Year 11	TUTOR	House Meeting	TUTOR	Chapel	Assembly				















Pastoral Structure



CHINA

- 12/13CH
- 11CH
- 9/10CH



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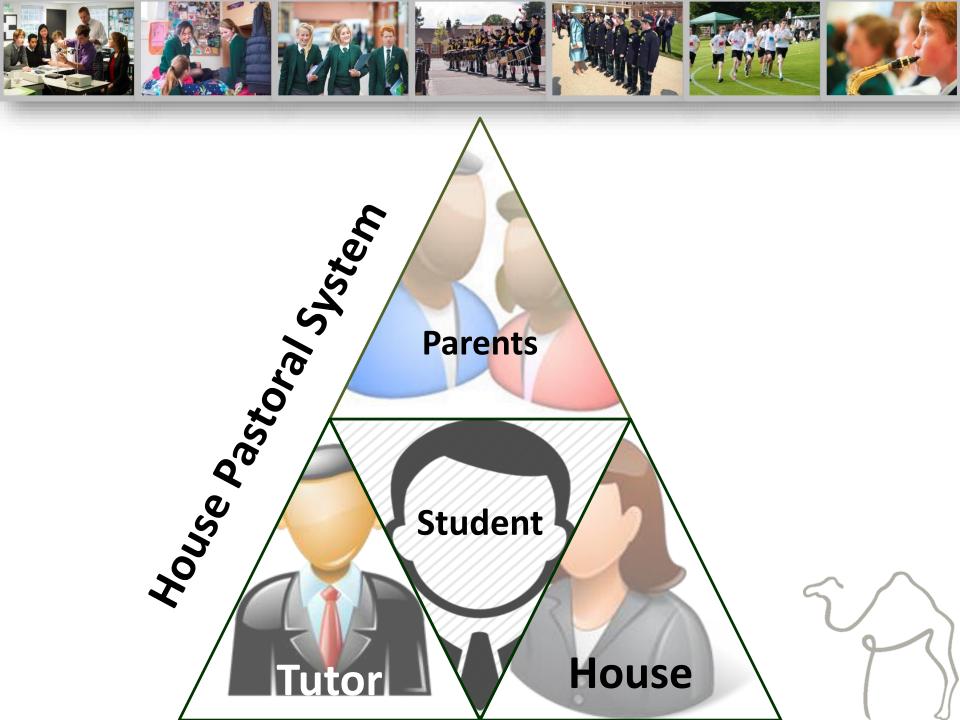
- 12/13KH
 - 11KH
 - 9/10KH



- 12/13BA • 11BA
 - 9/10BA

8A	8B	8C	8D
7A	7 B	7 C	7 D







Diaries

(Green & Yellow)

- Prep (according to prep timetable)
- Teacher comments (+ or -)
- Honours Programme stamps
- Signed weekly by parents, or Houseparents in the case of Full Boarders
- Signed off weekly by House staff

















Schoolcomms



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WEEKLY SCHOOLCOMMS BULLETIN



Friday 16th September 2016

Absences

To notify the school of any unplanned absences, please call 01276 858084 #option1 or email absence@gordons.surrey.sch.uk

Please do not use the Schoolcomms App for any pupil absence messages.

Key Dates

Y11 DofE Bronze Practice

Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th September 2016 (Mytchett)

New Parent Drinks

Sunday 18th September 2016 (Rec)

School Parade & Service

Sunday 18th September 2016

GSPA Merchandise Sale

Sunday 18th September 2016

Y7-Y10 New Parents' Information Evening

Word from the Head

Thank you to all the parents who managed to attend this week's parents' information evenings, I hope you found them useful. I'm hoping to meet the new parents on Monday evening in the gym at 6pm. Next week we are hosting the SBF Sports' Festival and I wish all the competitors the best of luck, I hope that some of you are able to come along and support Gordon's. I also wish the best of luck to ex-student Hannah Russell who is competing at the Rio Paralympics. Hannah won gold in the pool on Wednesday night and is competing again today and tomorrow. I hope that her commitment and subsequent success will spur on our students in their chosen sport.

1. SBF Sports' Festival 2016

We are pleased to confirm that on Thursday 22nd September, Gordon's will host the 3rd biennial state boarding schools' sports festival. Please <u>click here</u> to view the programme. Parents are welcome to attend, matches start at 10.00am and the presentation of trophies is from 3.30pm.

















E-safety

- School Network (datapoint & wifi)
 - School Internet Filters
 - School monitoring & alerts
- Home Network (router & wifi)
 - Parental Controls / Settings



"You're right. I should go outside and play. Buy me a laptop, and I will."

- Mobile Network (3G/4G & public networks)
 - ourpact.com
 - Connect on social media





Mobile Devices

















Social Media of greatest concern







IT Developments





Psychoactive Substances (Drugs)

- Includes any substance used to cause a psychoactive effect
- Easily available through Snapchat and Instagram
- Easily obtainable in West End (County Lines)
- Commonly used by Y8-11 students at weekend parties – often in homes
- Drugs Testing at Gordon's



Anti-Bullying



- Understanding Context
- Understanding Cause
- Understanding Conduct (Behaviour)
- Understanding Consequence





Safeguarding

- Policies on the School's website
- Staff Code of Conduct to be sent to all parents on Wednesday 19th September
- Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Pavis
- Deputy DSLs Mrs Forster, Mr King, Mrs Unsworth





Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mr R Pavis



Mrs S Forster



Mrs J Unsworth



Mr P King























Parades & Blues

- September Parade
- October Harvest Parade
- November Remembrance Parade
- Whitehall (January)
- Guildford (January)
- February Parade
- March Parade
- June Patron's Parade
- Annual (June)







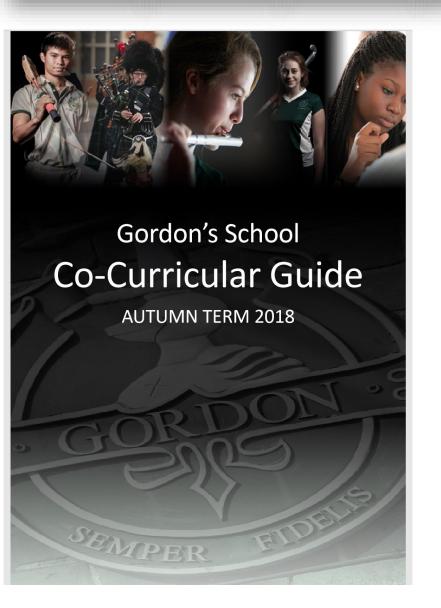












- School representation
- P7 & Saturday Activities
- Friday Marching
- Parades
- Mental health & well-being





Good to Great Opportunities























Behaviour

Reward

Outstanding contribution to school life



Colours, Honours, Annual Prizes

Full page of Academic stamps (KS3)



Certificate / letter home (Head)

Effort grade average in top 25%



Commendation Letter (Head)

Excellent contribution and effort



Postcard sent home (HoD / HoH)

Good contribution and effort



Good Comment or Stamp in Diary

Helpful, attentive and polite



Verbal Praise

Level















Awards

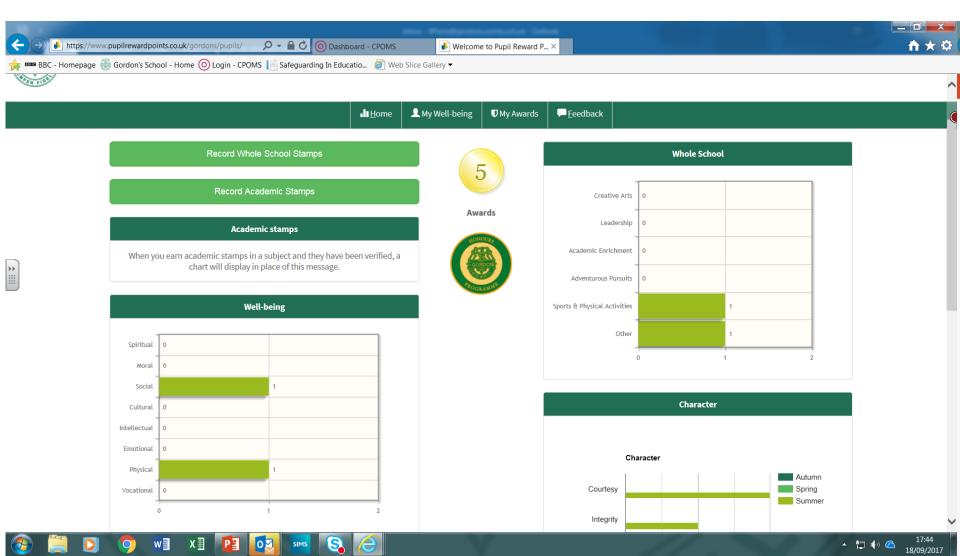
Level	Years Involved	Half Honours	Full Honours	
Bronze	7	100 stamps	Top 5 highest scorers	
Silver	8 & 9	100 stamps	Top 5 highest scorers	

Recognition

Level	Half Honours	Full Honours	Annual Prize
Bronze	Badge	Stripe	Top scorer
Silver	Badge	Tie + Stripe	Top scorer per year
Gold	Badge	Tie + Stripe	Top scorer per year
Platinum	Badge	Certificate†	Top scorer



Pupil Rewards page

















Behaviour

Sanction

Refusal to comply with any of the sanctions

6

Immediate referral to the School Office

Continued disruption

5

Department or School Detention

Repeated or increased disruption



Remove from room for 5 minutes

Repeated or increased disruption



Sides

Repeated disruption



Bad comment in diary

Talking / low-level disruption



Verbal reprimand or warning

Level







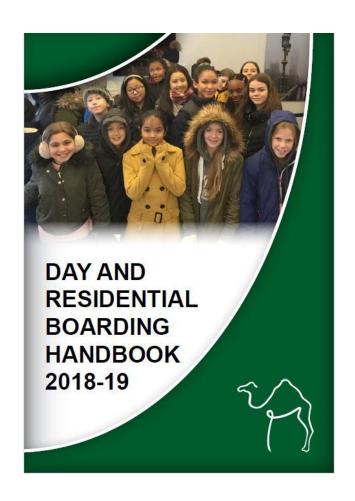








Handbook















Peter Rigby

Chairman





Association of Parent & Guardians

- Positive relationships with Staff & Parents
- Facilitate Social events for fund raising
- New Parents welcome
 - Meet monthly
 - Contribute as little as 1 hour a year!
- Support local business
 - Supply, Sponsorship
- Information on events & Bid donations
- Raised over £100,000 in 5 years





















Key Events coming soon

- AGM (Oct 6th)
 - Band Room
- Quiz Night (Nov 23rd)
 - Rec
- Christmas Fair (Dec 1st)
 - Parade Square, Rec, Dining Hall & Gym
- Whitehall, Gordon's Supper January 2019
- Check our Newsletter for all event information
- Sign up for Gift Aid
 - https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GSPAGiftAidDeclaration/





















Gordon's School Parents' Association (formerly Gordon's School Association)



Gordon's School Parents Association

Gordon's School Purents' Association (GSPA)

The Gardon's School Parents' Where have we made a difference? Association (SSPA) is an Association of parentalguerdians with the dust purpose of firinging together purents for social functions and raising funds for the benefit of the students of Sandon's School. Every parent automatically becomes a member of the 05PA when journing the school. As ... * C1.500 for an Electronic keyboard for the Church a committee, we meet morehly to ... (205 for Bicycle Racks for the bike club. review, plan and facilitate a variety of. . . • £3,000 towards new Stengarry Blues Uniform hats. social and fundraising activities. It you would like to get involved with the ... C500 for an electronic drum let in Khartoum. G5PA or attend any of our meetings. ... £4,300 towards Y11 From & Y12 leavers dinner. please email chairligsa-uk.net.

2016/17 has been another good year for fund raising and socialising. We had the largest ever attendance of any avent over held by the GSPA with 166 parents attending out Summer Party or the Priori Marques in July. This event cleaned a profit of \$2,702 which is up a fardastic 362% on the previous

Once again, a huge thank you to all. parants who have supported us with their time, denations and altendance at our social events is raise money we cannot do it without your support.

Pater Righy Chairman

Selow is a small selection of where funds have been

- £500 to each House, GCF, SofE and the Pipes and Drums band IEE,5001
- . £950 for a Hindfutness Program

- . £450 for a picnic table in Balmorai

- . £1,000 towards CDF/Navy Safety Rife
- . £2,200 for an electronic scareboard for Neithall





GSPA Event Diary 2017/18



Friday 24th Navember 2017 7.20pm until 11.30pm

A very popular and a fun evening hold at the school with a bar laid on to help lubricate your grey matter. Enter so a team ar-individually but book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

BSPA ABM Saturday 7th October 2017 10 Disen until 11 Others

Hald in the Recreation Hall as always, we hope to see as many parents and guardians attend as possible. The GSPA is a great way to meet other parents and became involved in the running and planning of events. If you have any questions about joining the GSPA, please email: chairfôgsa-uk.net.

Christmas Fair Saturday 2nd December 2017 12am - 2am

Our largest fund-raiser, if you would like a. stall at the Christmas Fair or you are able to donate any prizes for the Baltle or Silent Auction, please contact; chairffgsa-uk.net. This year will see a return of the popular dodgems in the Parade Square!

Whitehall Coaches Saturday 20th January 2018 9.25am departure from Parade Square

Whitehall Parade is a unique event where each year during Memorial weekend a solection of students march from Whitehall in London to the memorial statue for General Gordon. This is a highly prestigious event where the GSPA provide readside marshelling and coach transpart to and from Whitehall in London.

Gordon's Support Saturday 27th January 2018 Zpm-12 midnight

Gordon's Supper is a hugely popular event. where you can enjoy our very own Burns Supper with a Gerdon's twist. Tickets will be available in October 2017 for this not-to-bemissed event. Last year was a self-out so book your place early!

Blues Photos Sunday 18th March 2018. 20 minute sessions between 8.45am -

This is your appartunity to have your children professionally photographed in a studio-lit environment wearing their Blues uniform. Family and sibling photographs are albe evailable.

Fun Day Saturday 9th June 2018 Time: directly after Parade

Fun Day is a much-loved event by Gordon's. pupils, facilitated by the SSPA. We arrange a variety of inflatable outdoor activities such as a giant bouncy castle, Jousting Poles, Moltdesen challenge, woter slide, Water-Duck Tank, coconut sky, BBQ, Beer and Pieren's bent and much more.

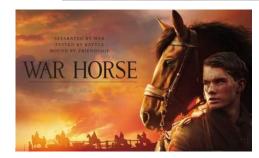
Saturday 7th July 2018 Time: 7pm to Midnight

The GSPM Summer Dance is a party night held in the Marque used for Prom Night Last year was a self-out event and now well established on the Gordon's Social Calendar, Guesta are welcomed with a Pimms reception followed by dinner, a like band, bar and dencing until midnight Tis a great night out. Reservations open in April. pre-order via summerdancelògisa-uk net.























































Thank You See you in the dining hall for drinks after a final word from Mr Moss

















Balance

- Modern ideas
- Challenge
- Academic
- Affability



CHARACTER

Your actions today shape who you will become. Who will you be?







COURTESY

Showing politeness and thinking of others before yourself.

INTEGRITY

Being honest and doing the right thing, whether or not anyone is watching.

DILIGENCE

Always working to the best possible standard, taking care in even smallest details.

ENTHUSIASM

Approaching everything with a positive attitude, and enjoying what you do.

RESILIENCE

Keeping going, even when it is difficult. Recovering when things go wrong. Traditional values

Support

Non-academic

Intensity





