

Welcome to Y12 -13 HPP Parents Information Evening 2026

This slideshow will be sent to parents tomorrow



Introduction

Mrs Forster
Assistant Head Pastoral
&
HPP Lead Teacher



Timings

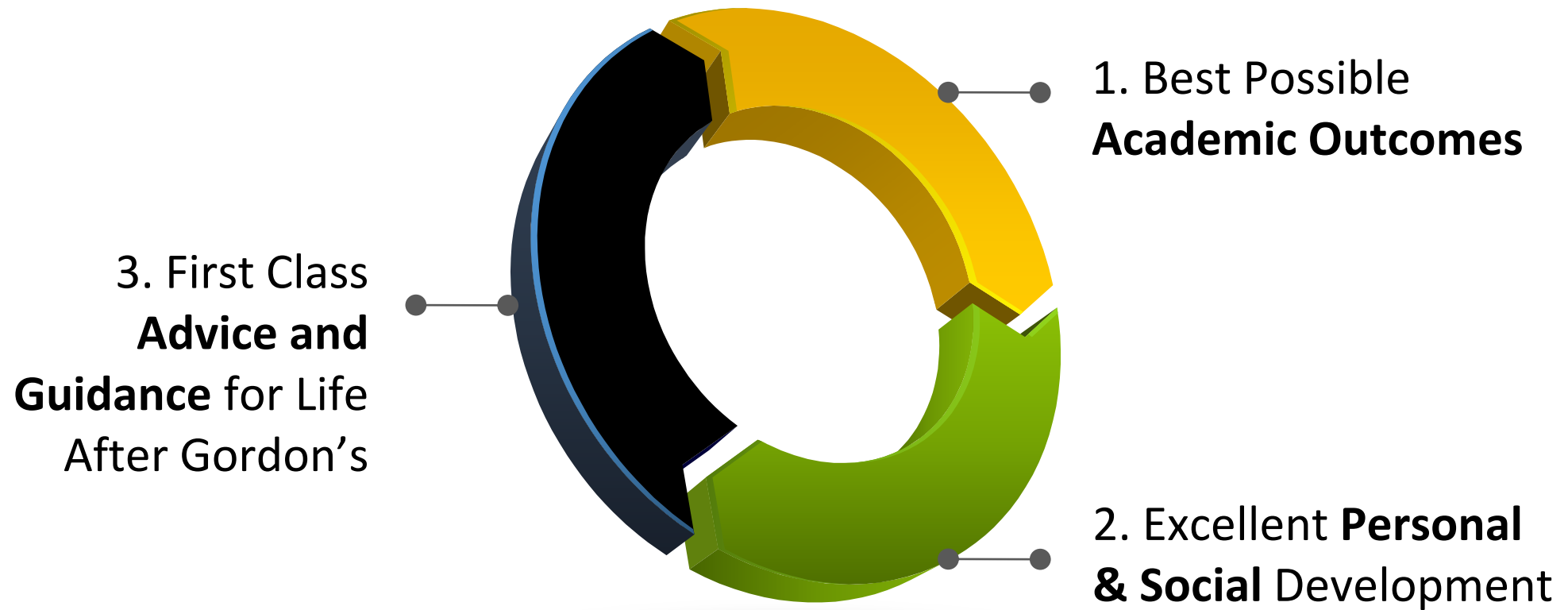
- We aim to finish by 7.15pm
- There will be an opportunity for Q&A at the end.





Passionate About Sport,
Serious About Education

Our Sixth Form Aim



Successful Gordon's Sixth Formers

Want to...

1. **Be part of a structured and disciplined academic environment** – not ripped jeans and casual...
2. **Get Involved** – more than just the best possible examinations results
3. **Give Back** – we are a School Sixth Form where sixth formers are role models.



Recent Developments





Sports Hall



3G All Weather

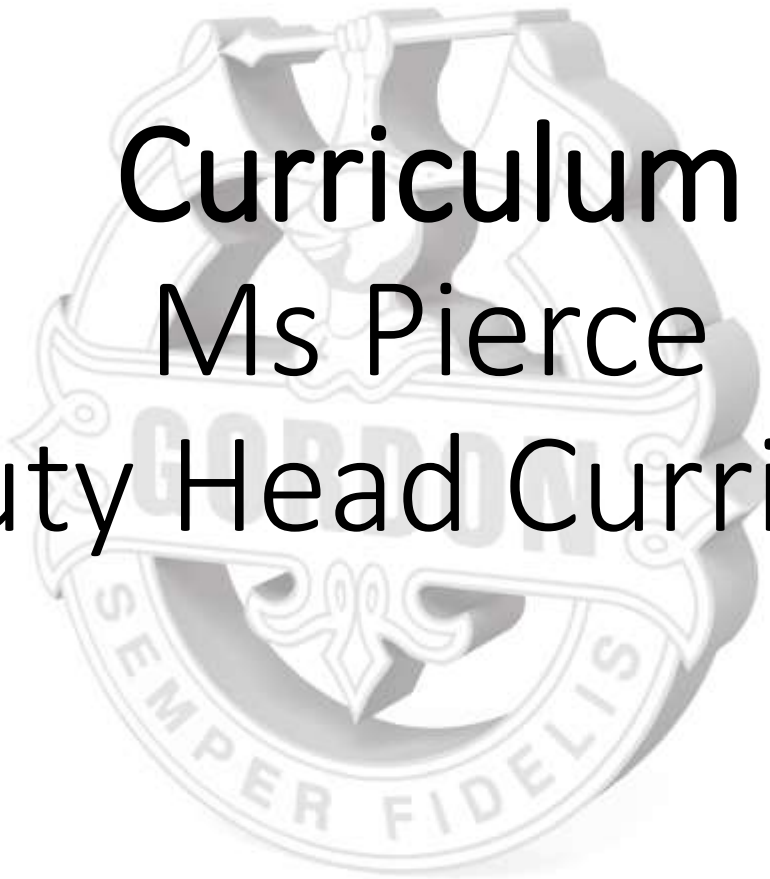


Fitness Suite



Wynter Bee Theatre





Curriculum

Ms Pierce

Deputy Head Curriculum

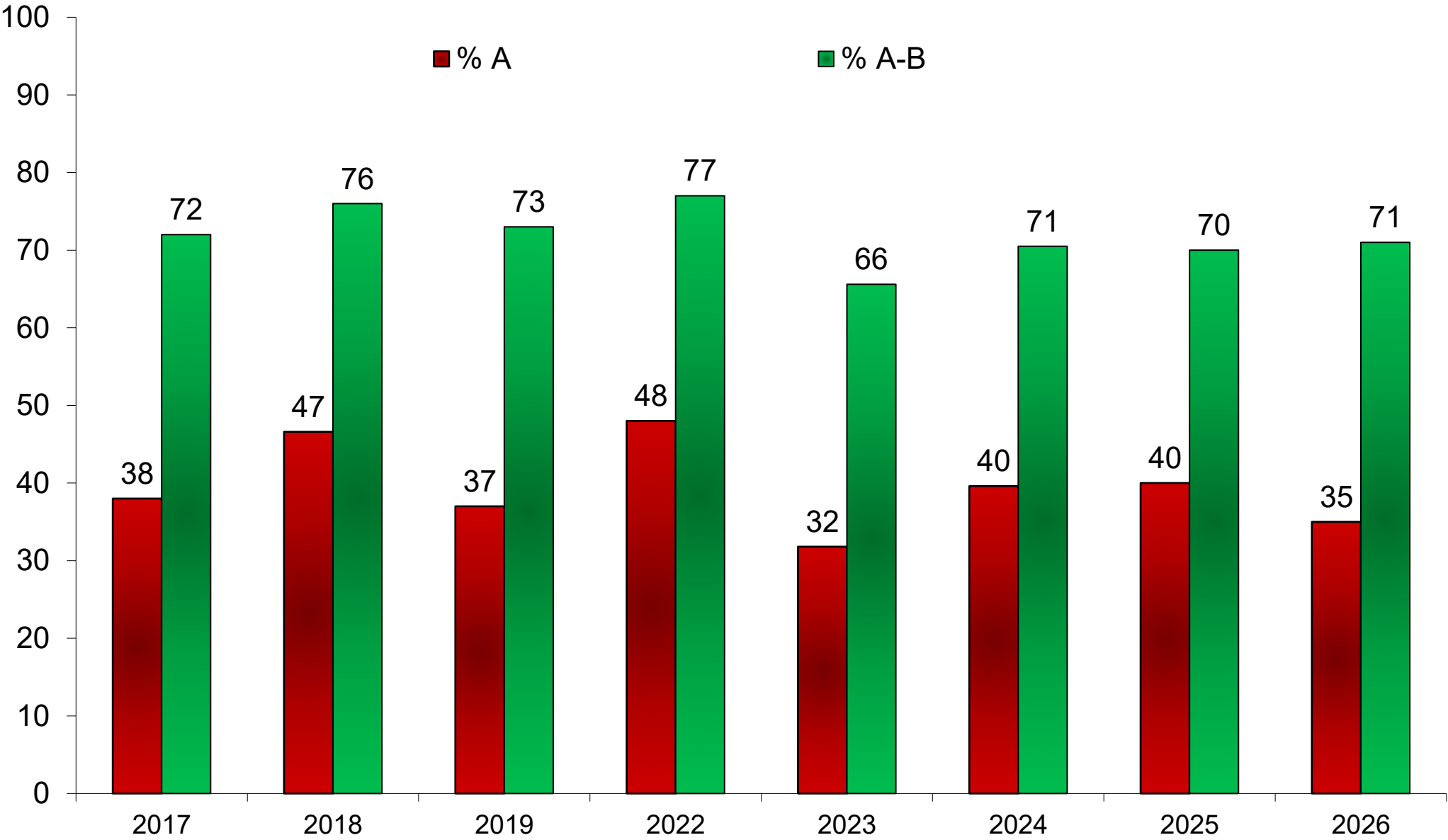


Academic Team

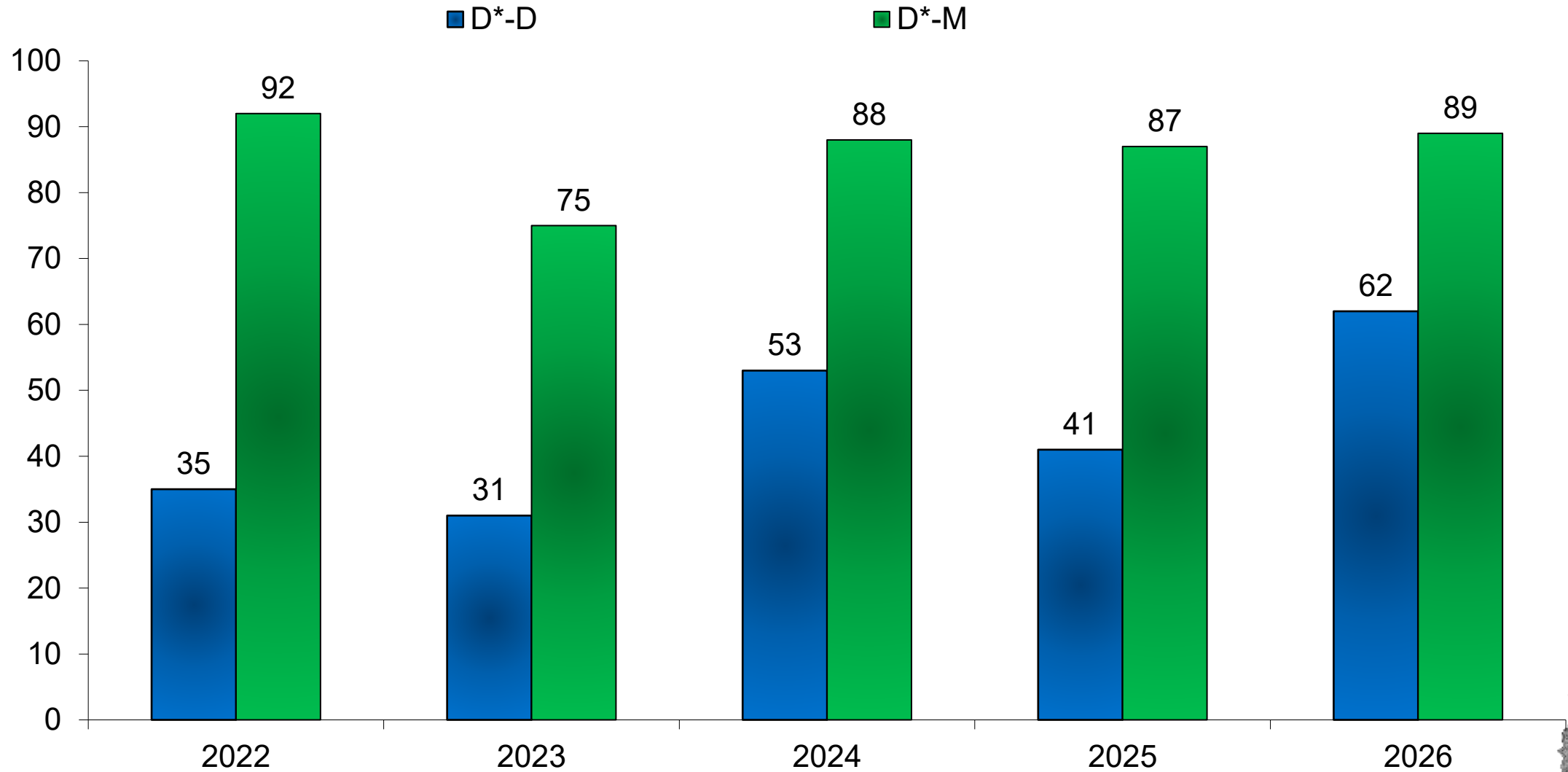
- Ms J Pierce – Deputy Head Curriculum
- Mr W Jones – Head of Sixth Form
- Mrs S Hughes – Deputy Head of Sixth Form 'Futures'
- Mr T Deane – Deputy Head of Sixth Form 'Achievement'
- Mrs G Hall – Sixth Form Student Services Manager
- Mrs E Rawlins – SENDCo
- Academic Heads of Department



A Level Results



Year 13 BTEC Results



2026 Destinations Data

Top destinations	Exeter, 27
	Nottingham, 14
	Cardiff, 10
	Loughborough, 9
	Birmingham, 8
Most popular course	Economics
	Business
	Law
	Maths

- 60% going to the Russell Group universities
- 90% going to their first-choice university
- 5 Apprenticeships
- 2 Oxbridge
- 2 medicine
- 1 dentistry
- 2 overseas

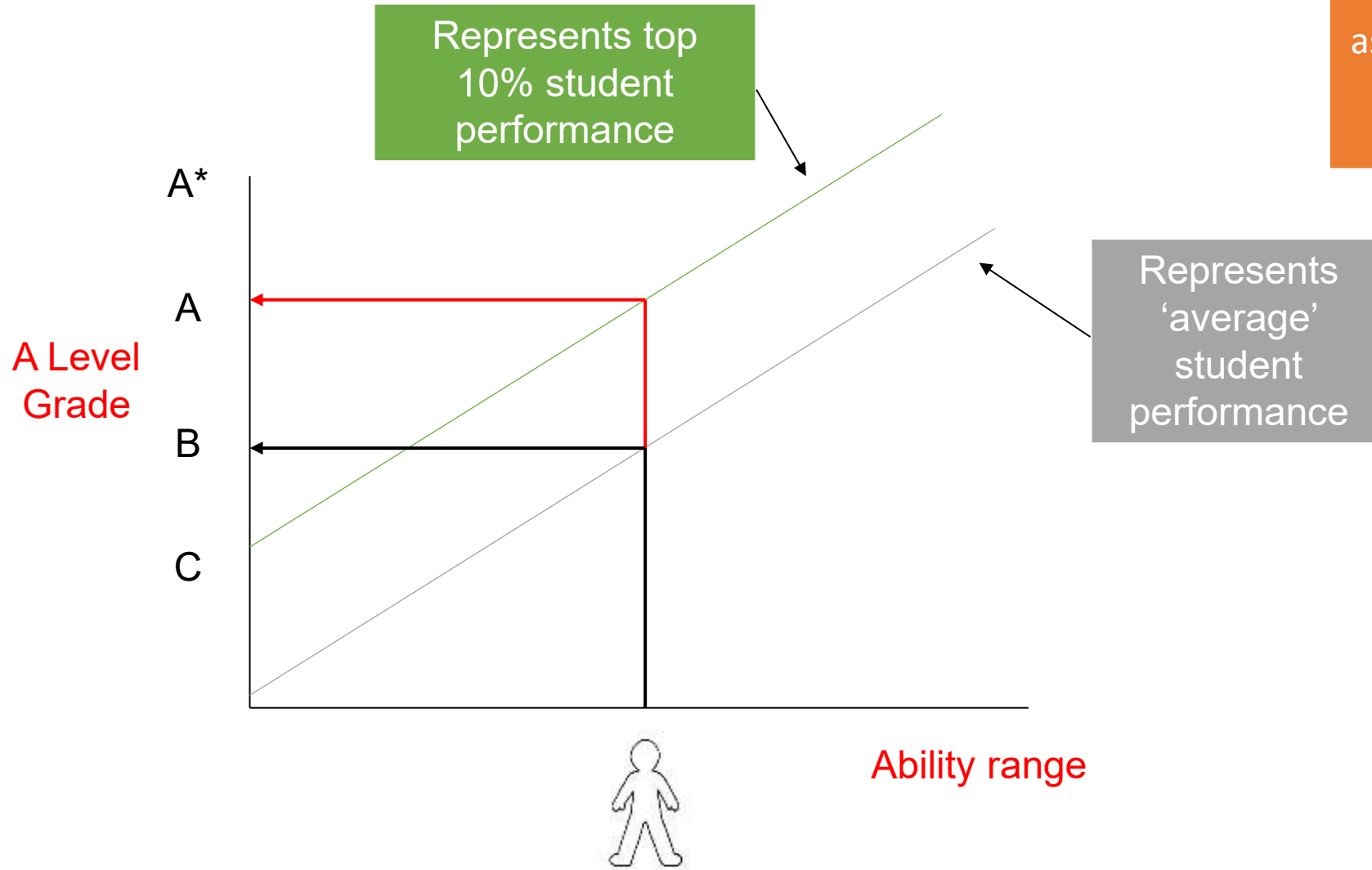


How We Achieve The Best Possible Examination Results

There is no magic dust!



1. Aiming High: 'A Grade Higher'

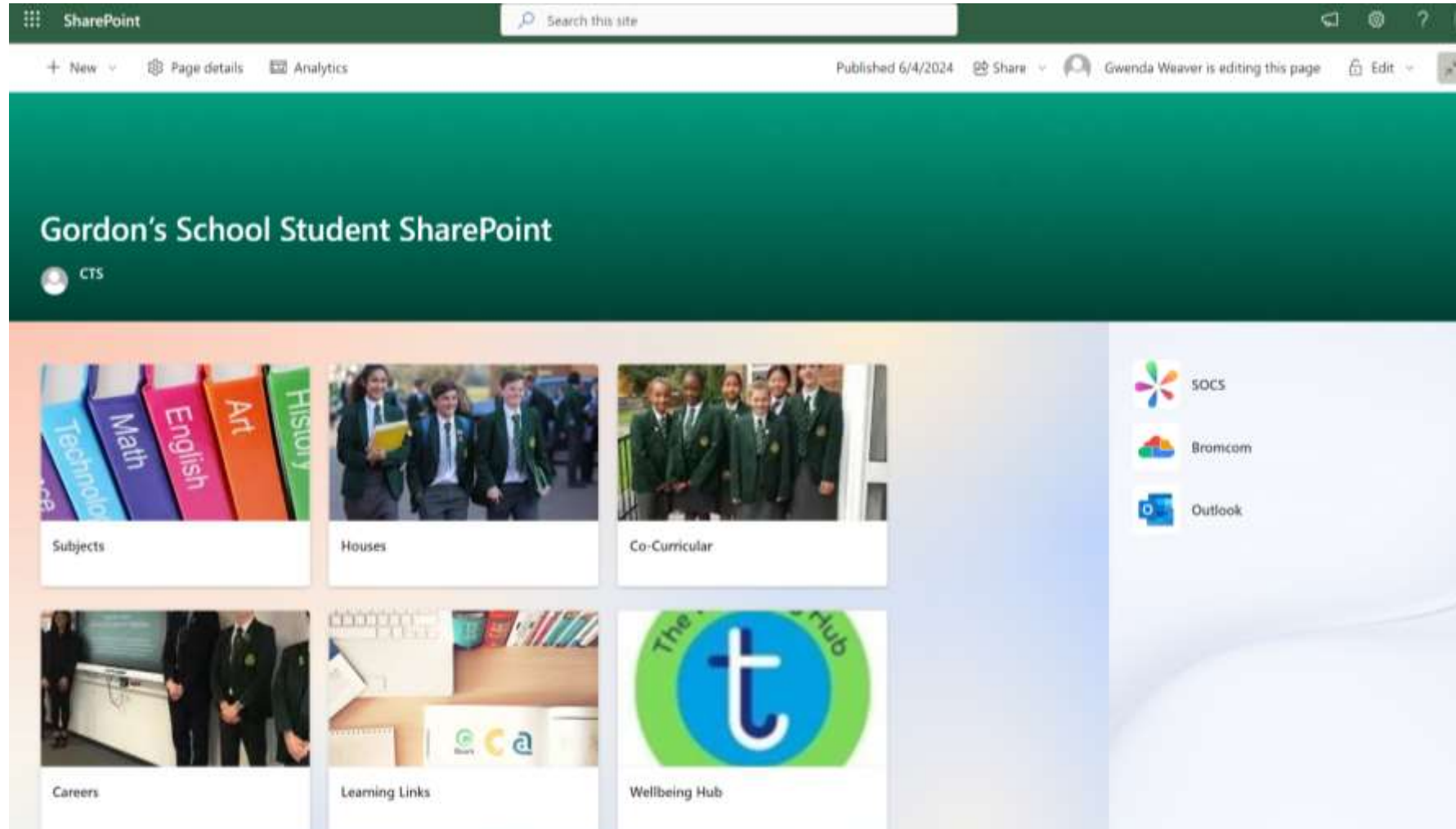


Target Grades for students at Gordon's are set within the top 10% of student attainment nationally.

Every year, approximately 51% of Gordon's students achieve these aspirational target grades in 2 out of 3 subjects. 15% of students exceed these aspirational targets.



2. Excellent Student Resources on SharePoint



3. Continuous Study Vs Revision

Information about
Study Skills at
Gordon's can be
found [here](#).

- Students have been encouraged to study, and not wait until April to 'revise'
- Using study periods (remaining onsite)
 - Completing prep
 - Studying
- There is also a general revision guide on the website [here](#).



Weekly Study Plan

During tutor time on a Monday they will:

- Set their study goals for the week
- Plan how they will use their **study periods**
- They have been told that studying is not just prep! It is something their teacher might not necessarily set for them to complete. It could be:
 - Reading ahead
 - Completing notes
 - Reviewing something they found difficult
 - Applying their knowledge with some exam questions



It could look something like this...

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday		
Time	Activity		Time	Activity		Time	Activity	
P1	Bio ch 18 flash cards		P1	PE Mr Greggor		P1	geography NEA introduction	
P2	Geography Mr Schofield		P2	Geography Miss Bedding		P2	PE	
P3	PE Law flash cards		P3	CORE PE		P3	biology ch19	
P4	PE		P4	PE Mr Greggor		P4	Geography Miss Bedding	
Lunch			Lunch			Lunch		
P5	PE Mr Gullick		P5	Biology Mr Gallagher		P5	Open Study	
P6	Biology Mr Gallagher		P6	Bio ch 18 flashcards		P6	PE exam Q	
P7	Netball		P7	Netball		P7		
P8			P8			P8		
Prep	Geog prep		Prep	geo- NEA introduction research		Prep		
Late Prep	pe- CoS, NloS, talent ID		Late Prep			Late Prep		
Key	Lessons							
	Study plan							
	Prep							

This was a typical student, who was also a Sports Scholar



4. Emphasis on Hard Work

Effort is King

Those students regularly attaining the best Effort Grades, routinely achieve higher A level results!



Bottom 20 Y13s for effort

- Average effort grade 2.61
- Average grade **C/D**

Top 20 Y13s for effort

- Average effort grade 1.27
- Average grade **A/B**



Effort Grades

- 1 = Outstanding
- 2 = Very Good
- 3 = Good but occasionally inconsistent
- 4 = Minor Cause for Concern
- 5 = Major Cause for Concern

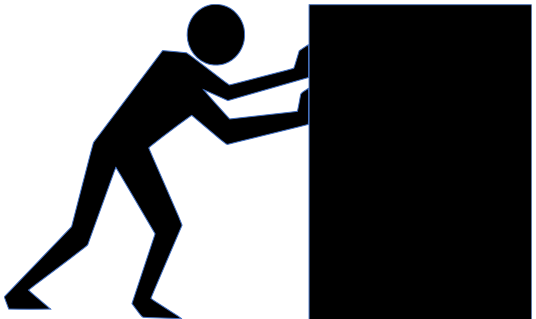
Year Group ranking. Reports will identify where in their Year Group a student sits in relation to others, based on their Effort Grade.

An individual Grade 3 need not necessarily raise significant concerns. However, students in the bottom quarter of the year are likely not trying hard enough....



5. Intervention – Supporting our students

- CSI Prep
- CSI Study
- Subject Clinics
- Push Group - aspirational
- Those with poor effort will typically be asked to attend supervised prep in the Library one or two days per week. *Students unable to do so will meet Mr Jones, Head of 6th Form*
- There is an early Effort Grade (EG) Report in the first half-term (T1-1)
- After this the first Y12s will be 'invited' to CSI Prep.
- **We ask that you support us in ensuring consistent attendance.**



Reporting Home



REPORT CARD

MATHEMATICS: A

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Reports explained...

1. **Target Grade** – is the grade that places in the top 10% nationally based on their GCSE profile. **Target grades are there to be beaten.**
2. **Working Grade** – is a 'where are they now' grades informed by key assessments in class. Working grades will invariably be below the target grade.
3. **NSA** (Next Steps Advice) are given each year and are SMART targeted help from teachers.
4. **Effort Grades**, although subjective, rarely lie. **Historically, few students in the bottom quarter of the year exceed or even match their target grades.**
5. Following the Y12 Mock Exams, an **Exam Grade** result for each subject will also be included.
6. UCAS Predicted Grade – Summer Term
7. Good **attendance is vital**. Missing lessons must be caught up. The report shows school attendance not lesson attendance.



What's inside...

	T1	T2	T3
Y12	<u>T1-1</u> • EG (+House) • EG ranking <u>T1-2</u> • WG • TG • Attendance • Behaviour • Co-Curricular contribution (incl. volunteering) • Honours Programme tracker	• EG (+House) • EG ranking • WG • TG • Attendance • Behaviour • Co-Curricular contribution (incl. volunteering) • Honours Programme tracker	• EG (+House) • EG ranking • WG • Mock Grade • TG • Attendance • Behaviour • Co-Curricular contribution (incl. volunteering) • Honours Programme tracker (UCAS PG) • NSA
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Careers & Life After Gordon's

- Careers Lead is **Mrs Augusta Kennedy**
- Email: akennedy@gordons.school
- 1:1 Career Guidance Interviews for all Y12 students
- Work experience programme to support skill development and sector awareness
- Events and talks will take place across the year
- For full information on our comprehensive programme, please go to [Gordon's Careers](#)



Y12 Work Experience

- Expectation = First 3 days of summer holidays (To minimise disruption to the curriculum)
- A wide range of [calendared events](#) for students and parents
- Student led – encouraged to research and secure their own placements supported by the school
- Careers Lead Mrs Kennedy will coordinate consent/ health and safety requirements for each placement via Unifrog platform

Key Calendar Events:

- Gordon's Careers Week - Autumn term (includes WEX Launch)
- National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week in Spring term – Lots of visiting speakers and events!
- UCAS & Festival of Skills Fairs
- Gordon's Careers Fair



Y12 Key Dates

- Settling In Effort Grade report sent home [w/b 17th October 2026](#)
- First Progress Report sent home [w/b 7th December 2026](#)
- Y12 Higher Education Launch – [Thursday 28th January 2027 \(Part 2 – Thursday 10th June 2027\)](#)
- Year 12 Academic Consultation Evening – [Tuesday 23rd March 2027](#)
- Mock Exams – [Wednesday 14th April - Friday 23rd April 2027](#)



The most popular and trusted parents' evening platform



Y13 Key Dates



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- PG & UCAS PG and BTEC Subsidiary Report – [w/b 28th Sept 2026](#)
- Progress Report, Including 'Next Steps Advice' – [w/b 14th December 2026](#)
- Y13 Mock Exams – Monday 11th January - [Friday 22nd January 2027](#)
- Higher Education Part 3 – Student Finance, Clearing and Next Steps – [w/b Thursday 28th January](#)
- Progress Report, Including Mock Exam Result – [w/b 8th February 2027](#)
- Y13 Academic Consultation Evening – [Wednesday 24th February 2027](#)
- A Level exams begin – [w/b 10th May](#)



UCAS Reminders:

Dates	Activity
11 th September	Internal deadline for personal statement – Oxbridge, Medi, Veterinary, Dentistry
1 st October	Music conservatoire deadline
9 th October	Personal Statement final draft*
15 th October	Oxbridge & Medi/Vet/Dent submission deadline at 18.00
WB 7 th December	Final week to submit UCAS form in school
13 th January 2027	UCAS equal consideration deadline



Finally – ‘Happy Students, Learn Best’



Let's:

- Keep them organised
- Keep them focused
- Stay calm
- Work together

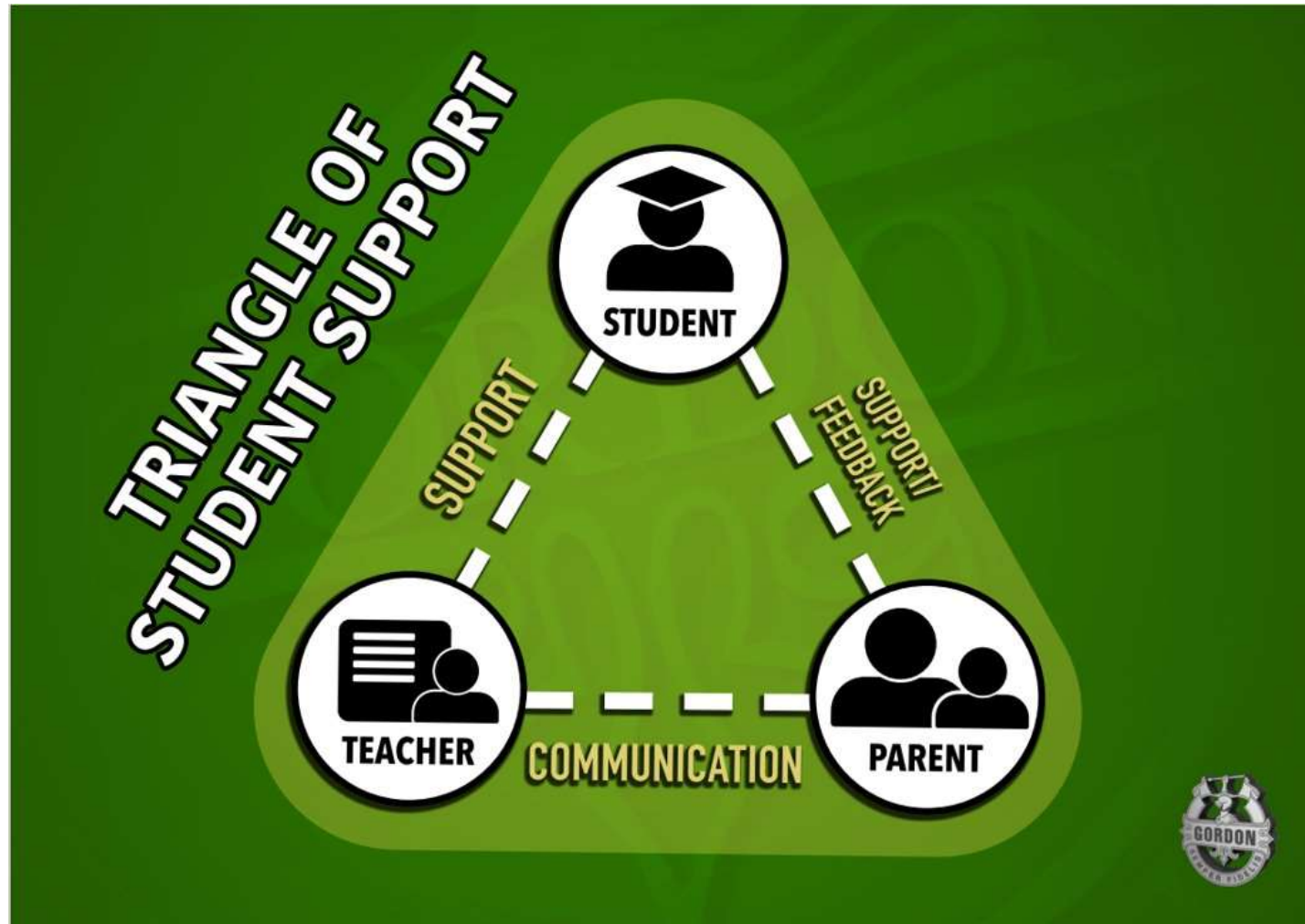


Boarding & Pastoral

Mrs Forster



The Golden Triangle



Safeguarding

- Safe environments
- Attendance & Punctuality – knowing where students are
- Mental health issues
- Drug & alcohol use
- Child on Child Abuse

EMAIL: SAFEGUARDING@GORDONS.SCHOOL

Please email any concerns that you may have about any young person.



Medical Centre

Day Students/ Homestay

- Must be medicated prior to arriving at school and stay off school if too ill.
- If students feel unwell during the day, **they should report to the School Office** rather than contacting parents directly.
- Students may have a short period of rest in the School Office before returning to lessons, or they will be sent to the School Medical Centre for assessment.
- Simple over-the-counter medications may be given (provided parental consent is in place) or parents will be called to collect the child if absolutely necessary.

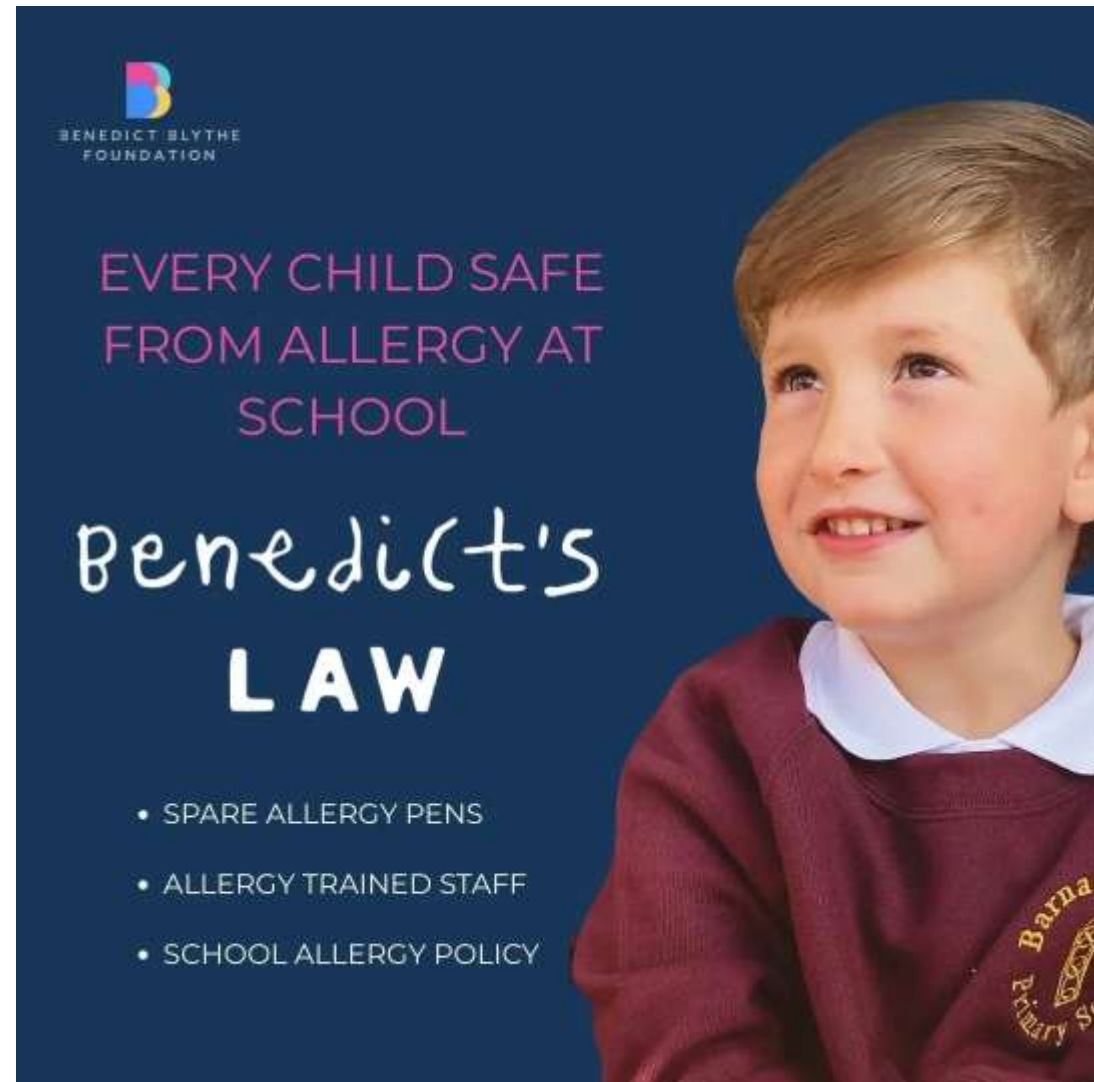
Residential Students and those with IHCPs

- As above during lesson time, except that students who are unfit to return to lessons will be looked after in the school Medical Centre.
- Outside lesson time, Residential Boarders have access to the school Medical Centre or on-call Nurse for all their medical needs.



Benedict's Law

- Please inform the Medical Centre of any existing allergies and new allergies, as soon as they appear.
- We are a 'Nut Aware' School. Please don't send nuts in as snacks.



HPP Buses

- Seatbelts
- Good behaviour is expected
- Uniform to travel to school
- Missing the bus – students will need to make their own way to school



The School Week



- **Be punctual.** Tutor time matters!
- **P1-6** are academic periods and student may not leave school until the end of P6.
- All periods are study periods (**no frees!**). Students may take breaks to grab a drink/snack from either the Dining Hall, Sports Hub Café or the village. **However, they must sign in and out.**
- Co-curricular activities take place during **P7 and P8** each day (Mon-Thurs)
- **Most successful students will stay for prep with extended prep in library until 9pm.**
- Students are not expected to miss lessons for driving lessons.



Monday – Friday	
Tutor time	8.20am – 8.40am
Period 1	8.40-9.35
Period 2	9.35-10.30
BREAK	10.30-11.00am
Period 3	11.00 – 11.55
Period 4a	11.55-12.50
Period 4b	LUNCH FOR SIXTH FORM
Period 5	1.45 – 2.40pm
Period 6	2.40 – 3.35pm
Period 7 activities	4pm - 4.55pm
Tea	5pm-6.15pm
PREP	6.15-7.30pm
PREP-Sixth Form library	7.30-9.00



The School Week

- Lessons
- Skills
- AD (Athletic Development)
- Fixtures
- Library / Dorm
- Changing Room / House
- Prep / Library (driving)

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The Tutor Programme

Years 12 & 13	Form	Assembly	House meeting	Form (1:1s)	A Week: Chapel B Week: Form
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Tutor writes the UCAS reference **and** sporting references

- Tutor period: Monitors attendance
- Discussion of NSA, Effort grades and progress across subjects.
- Organise Inter-Form competitions
- Discussion of committee meetings
- HE: UCAS/Higher Apprenticeships



Work, Rest & Play



House System



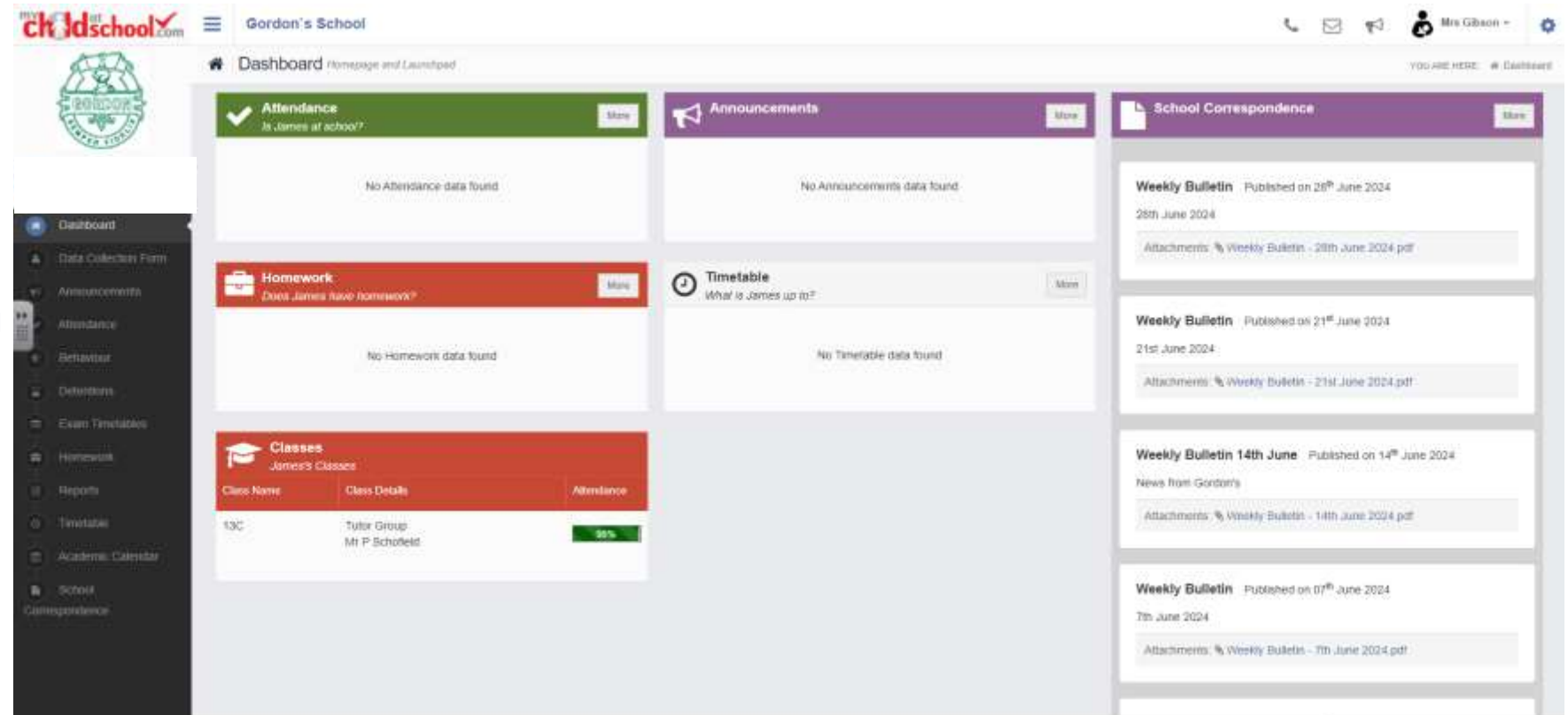
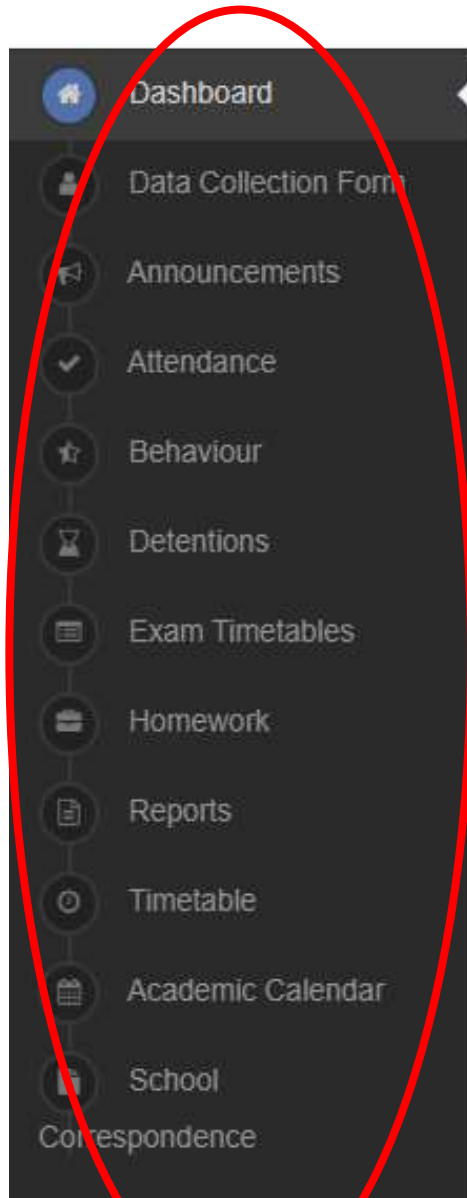
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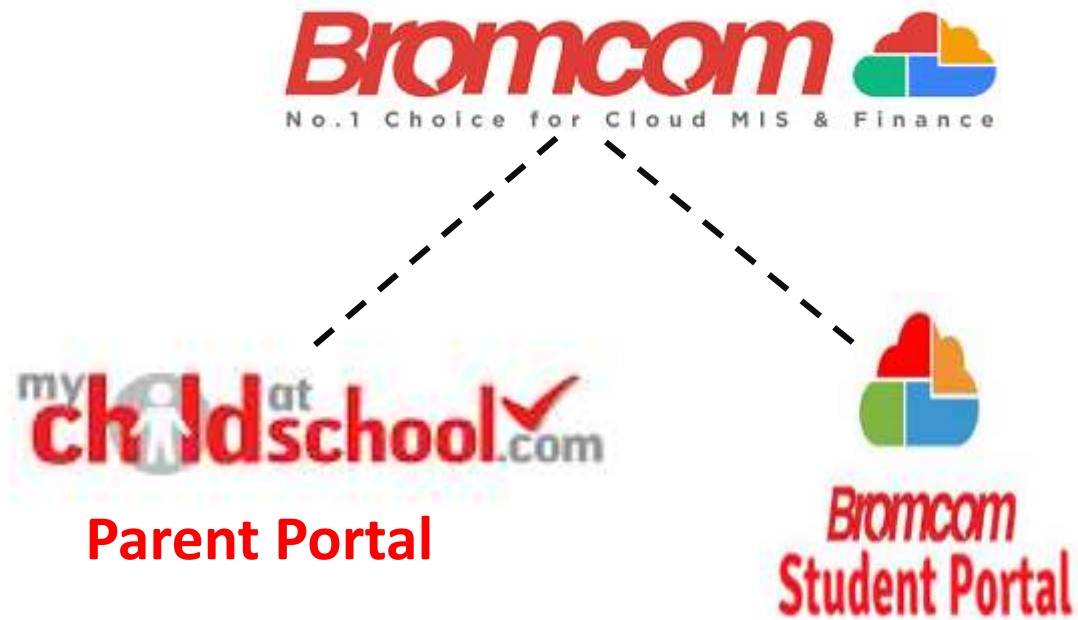
Parent Portal



My Child at School - MCAS



Communication



Gordon's School Student SharePoint



(Resources for lessons/ learning)



Fixture Lists
Saturday P7



Visiting Site

- Report to Reception and sign in
- Do not ask your child(ren) for gate codes
- Pick-up – please wait in cars
- Drop-off during the day
- Functions – straight to venue



Absence (Day Boarders)

01276 858084 - Option 1

Absence@gordons.school

- Parents must contact the school on either of the above by 08:15 to report that their child will be absent.
- Any absence notice not received will trigger an automatic request for information by 10:00 each morning.
- The reason for any absence must always be submitted so that we can code our registers according to DfE requirements.
- Please don't just write/say unwell – please give specifics e.g. tonsillitis, vomiting etc.



Uniform – 'Look the part, be the part'



Rewards & Sanctions

Behaviour		Reward
Most commendations / Top 25% effort grade	5	Certificate / Letter home (Head)
Top 10 commendations per year Y7-11	4	Letter home (DHC)
Consistently good contribution and effort	3	Postcard / email home (Dept.)
Very good effort or work	2	Volunteering Hours
Good effort or work Good effort	1	
Level		

Behaviour		Sanction
High-level offence	5	External Exclusion
Cont. poor behaviour OR single major misdemeanour	4	Immediate referral to the School Office and Internal Exclusion
Further poor behaviour OR unacceptable behaviour	3	Detention
Repeated poor behaviour	2	Bad comment & <u>option</u> to take 5 minutes
Low-level poor behaviour e.g. talking over others	1	Verbal warning
Level		



Detention

- Students have time for self-reflection.
 - They may not do prep.
 - They may not use their tablets.
 - They may read a book, if they have one.
-
- **Lunch detentions for first offences**
 - **School detentions (Fridays 4-5pm) for repeat (or more serious) offences**
 - Please support the school regarding Fridays.



School Devices

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Web Filtering + Security



senso. 
Remote Monitoring and Management



Psychoactive Substances (Drugs)

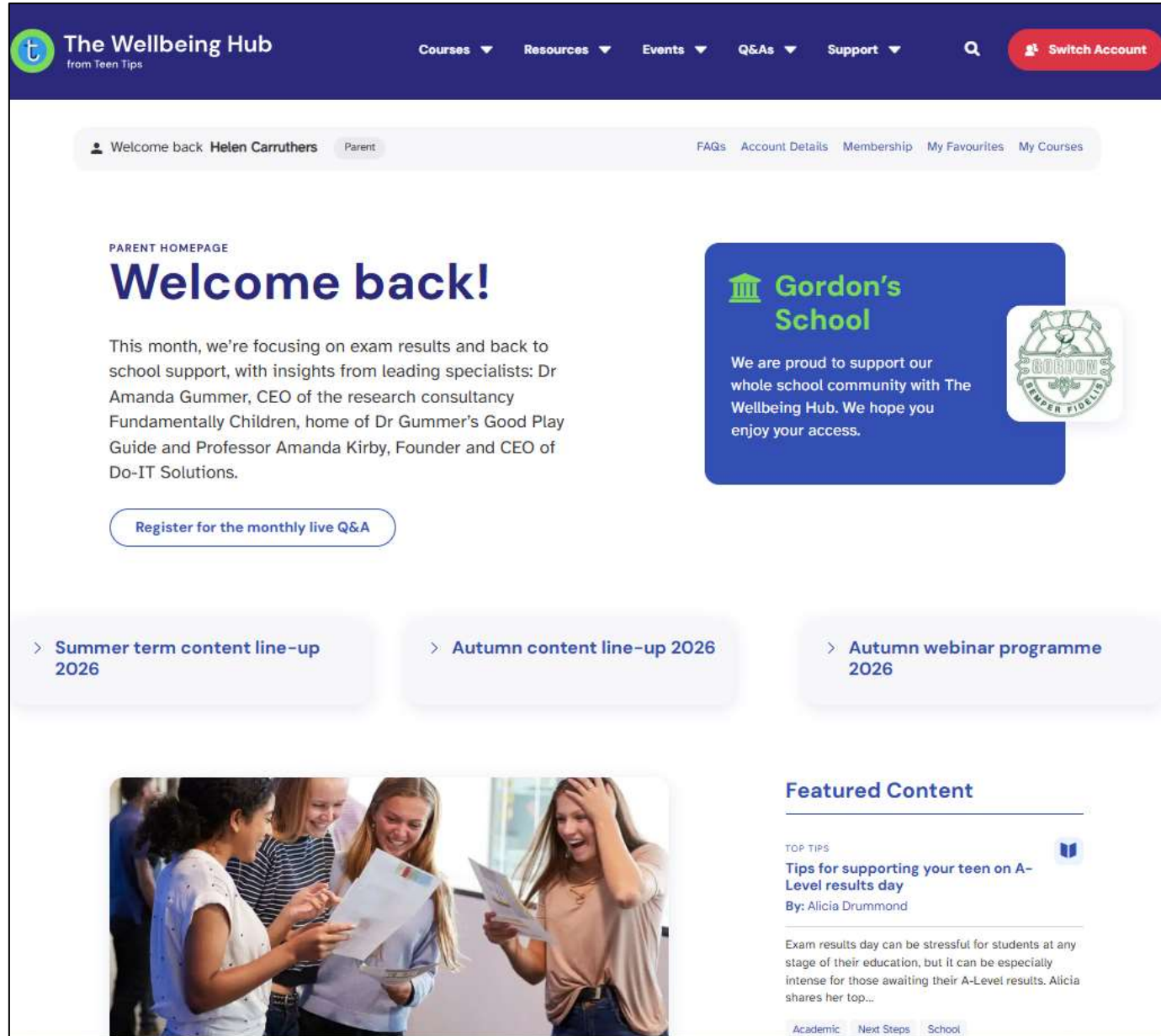
- Includes any substance used to cause a psychoactive effect
- Easily available through online apps
- Easily obtainable in West End (County Lines)
- Commonly used by students at weekend parties – often in homes
- Drugs Testing at Gordon's if we suspect students under the influence
- Random visits from sniffer dogs
- **Drugs (including THC vapes) brought onto or used on site leads to a fixed or permanent exclusion**



Wellbeing Hub

Wide-range of topics to help navigate your child's teenage years.

Free account as Gordon's Parents. Sign-up details are in the Weekly Bulletin.



The screenshot shows the 'The Wellbeing Hub' website, which is part of 'Teen Tips'. The user is logged in as 'Helen Carruthers', a 'Parent'. The main heading is 'Welcome back!'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'This month, we're focusing on exam results and back to school support, with insights from leading specialists: Dr Amanda Gummer, CEO of the research consultancy Fundamentally Children, home of Dr Gummer's Good Play Guide and Professor Amanda Kirby, Founder and CEO of Do-IT Solutions.' There is a button to 'Register for the monthly live Q&A'. To the right, a blue box features the 'Gordon's School' logo and text: 'We are proud to support our whole school community with The Wellbeing Hub. We hope you enjoy your access.' Below the main content, there are three links: '> Summer term content line-up 2026', '> Autumn content line-up 2026', and '> Autumn webinar programme 2026'. At the bottom, there is a 'Featured Content' section with a 'TOP TIPS' icon and a link to 'Tips for supporting your teen on A-Level results day' by Alicia Drummond. A small image shows four students looking at papers. The bottom right corner features the 'Gordon's School' crest.

The Wellbeing Hub
from Teen Tips

Courses ▾ Resources ▾ Events ▾ Q&As ▾ Support ▾ [Switch Account](#)

Welcome back **Helen Carruthers** Parent [FAQs](#) [Account Details](#) [Membership](#) [My Favourites](#) [My Courses](#)

PARENT HOMEPAGE

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Featured Content

TOP TIPS 

Tips for supporting your teen on A-Level results day
By: Alicia Drummond

Exam results day can be stressful for students at any stage of their education, but it can be especially intense for those awaiting their A-Level results. Alicia shares her top...

[Academic](#) [Next Steps](#) [School](#)



Co-Curricular
Mr Rowlands
Director of Co-Curricular



Opportunities beyond Rugby



Grades will get you to interview, but it's the things you do outside the classroom that will get you the job

These habits are built now.
Think about your future beyond Rugby.



Employers want **interesting** people...

World Challenge survey of over 500 of Britain's best-known employers cited the following 4 areas which make candidates stand out from the crowd...

Co-Curricular activities

Duke of Edinburgh

Volunteering & participation

Relevant work experience



Period 7...

...is our activity programme

Opening minds, developing leadership & service,
fostering well-being and delivering excellence.



A male athlete in a green and black jersey is running on a grass field, holding a green baton. He is in the foreground, looking focused. Behind him, another athlete in a red and black jersey is also running. The background shows a crowd of spectators and several colorful tents (pink, blue, orange) under a bright sky. The text "Represent your House" is overlaid on the bottom left.

Represent your
House





Duke of Edinburgh - Gold





Creative Arts





CCF

SOCFEST

DISCOVER. **CONNECT.** GET INVOLVED.

FIND YOUR
PEOPLE.
SHAPE YOUR
SCHOOL.

STUDENT SOCIETIES.

EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS. **BUILD** YOUR COMMUNITY.

- ✓ ACADEMIC
- ✓ CREATIVE
- ✓ SOCIAL
- ✓ CHARITABLE
- ✓ SPORTS
- & MORE!**



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ARTS



STEM



COMMUNITY



SPORT



CHARITY



PHOTOGRAPHY



DRAMA



LITERARY

...AND
MANY
MORE!



BE CURIOUS. BE BOLD.

GET INVOLVED. MAKE AN IMPACT.



Voluntary Service



Gordon's Honours Programme

- We also seek to additionally reward those who **work hard, behave well and give back.**
- Giving back is either
 - 50 hours' volunteering over two yearsOR
 - 50 hours' contribution to a team (Inc. 15 hours' volunteering)
- In Autumn Term of Y13 Honours students UCAS / Apprenticeship / work reference will be prefixed with "x is an honours student at Gordon's school".
- In the Summer Term of Y13 Honours students' LinkedIn profiles will be 'recommended' by Gordon's School for future use.
- Honours status is on the school report.

Punctuality. Late attendance is monitored through registration and the bottom 10% are at risk of not achieving Honours.



'Giving Back'

Role Models On and Off the Pitch



Recognising our Honours students

1. UCAS Reference

Students on track to receive their Honours i.e. contributing and participating beyond the classroom receive the following addition to their UCAS reference:

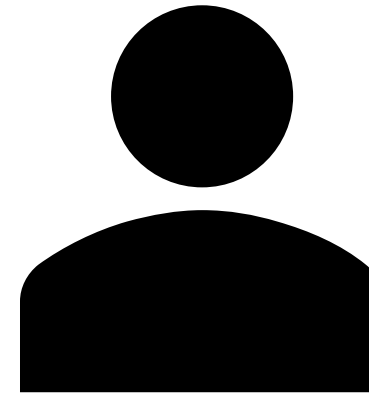
"x is a currently an Honours student at Gordon's School"

2. LinkedIn



Busy people achieve more.

‘With Sustained Commitment
not 3 good weeks in May!’



Recent High
Achievers

Hockey player – 5 terms

- ABB
- Average effort grade
- **1.67**
- **Where are they now?**
- University of Birmingham
- Business Management

Thespian - 5 terms

- A*AAB
- Average effort grade
- **2.00**
- **Where are they now?**
- Edinburgh University
- History

Rugby player - 5 terms

- 3 BTEC Distinctions
- Average effort grade
- **1.5**
- **Where are they now?**
- USA
- Sports Science



White Space – Don't use time as an excuse!

- **Parkinson's Law** - 'work expands to fill the time allotted for its completion'
 - Most white space time is lost not to sport and co-curricular.
 - Most white space time is lost to social time and social media
 - **If you really want to make a difference – look to their phone!**



5 Term Journey

Term 3 – Y13 (Exams)

Represent Gordon's in
Cricket or Athletics

Athletic Development
Rugby Skills



Athletic Development and Physio



JORDAN ROSE
HEAD OF ATHLETIC
DEVELOPMENT



ROHAN MOON
ATHLETIC
DEVELOPMENT COACH



MAC DANIEL
PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Miss D



Athletic Development and Physio

More shared with
parents through admissions

£158/term Comprehensive
package



September 2025



Password is published in the Weekly Bulletin

Fixtures & Results

Add a block fixture		Add a fixture				
Time Date	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Editor	
17:00 Wed 02 Sep 26	Home	 Moulton College Boys-U18A	Canc -		Editor	
14:30 Wed 16 Sep 26	Home	 Cardinal Newman, Sussex	Won 53 - 15	Pre-Season	Editor	
15:00 Wed 16 Sep 26	Away	 South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) Boys-U18A	Post -		Editor	
13:30 Wed 23 Sep 26	Home	 Beechen Cliff School Boys-U18A	tbc -	 RFU ACE League	Editor	
14:45 Wed 30 Sep 26	Home	 Exeter College Boys-U18A	tbc -	 RFU ACE League	Editor	
14:00 Wed 07 Oct 26	Home	 Truro and Penwith College Boys-U18A	tbc -	 RFU ACE League	Editor	
14:00 Wed 14 Oct 26	Away	 Hartpury University and Hartpury College Boys-U18A	tbc -		Editor	



School Representation Policy

GORDON'S SCHOOL

SCHOOL REPRESENTATION AND COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES POLICY

The core principle that guides everything we do is **Putting Students First**.

1. Definition

School representation includes sports fixtures and events, public performances and appearances, non-compulsory school trips, performances in creative arts, or any occasion when a student could be associated directly with the school.

2. The School's Commitment

- Ensure students are safe.
- Provide the resources, opportunities and time for students to discover and develop their talents and interests.
- Ensure students are engaged, appropriately challenged and know how to improve.

3. A Student's Commitment

- A. Regular high attendance and an attitude to learn and improve
- B. Bring the correct equipment and kit
- C. Commit to representing the school, if selected and give 100%.



Final Word

Mrs Forster



Balance

- Modern ideas



Traditional values

- Academic



Non-academic

- Challenge

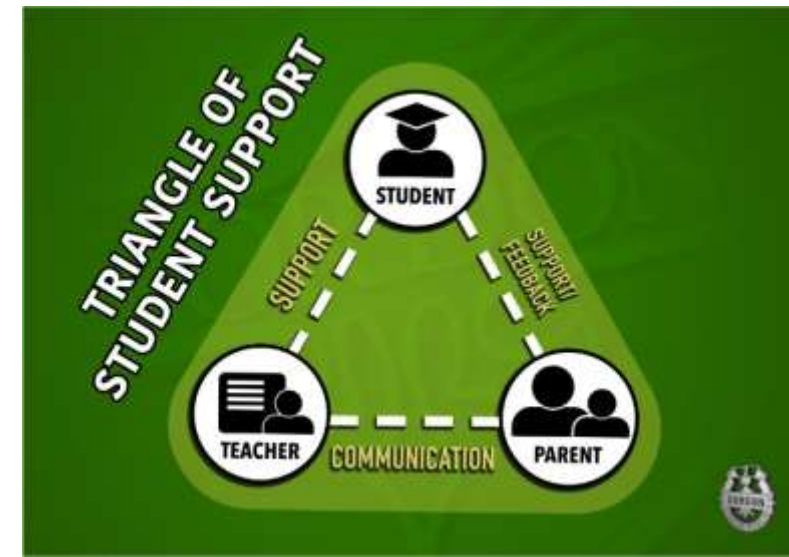


Support



"Happy Parents, Happy Kids"

- Research consistently concludes that the **absence of over-protective parenting** =
 1. Lower anxiety / depression,
 2. Higher social engagement
 3. Greater ability to solve problems and
 4. More succeed in exams
- Finally, if we disagree, it is invariably best that students don't know.



Contacting Us

- Concerns. In the first instance
 - Pastoral concerns to Houses
 - Academic concerns to
 - Subject specific to Head of Department
 - General to Head of Year



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Thank you

Safe journey home



Parents of BTEC Students, please remain seated for an additional presentation



BTEC Qualifications

Ms Pierce



Pearson Edexcel BTEC National Level 3 Qualifications

Understanding BTEC qualifications, assessment and
progression routes



What are BTEC Nationals?

- Level 3 vocational qualifications equivalent in size to **one or more A Levels**.
- Designed around applied learning and real-world contexts, for example producing a marketing campaign for British Airways.
- They are made up of units, combining knowledge with applied tasks and/or external assessment.
- Students are assessed against defined criteria and performance standards.
- Recognised by universities, employers and apprenticeship providers.



How are students assessed?

- **Internal** assessment: assignments are set and marked by Gordon's staff, with Pearson quality assurance and moderation, as per all coursework/NEA subjects.
- **External** assessment: Pearson set and mark exams.
- Students therefore need both good subject knowledge and the ability to produce evidence to a required standard.
- Assessment schedules can be spread across the programme rather than concentrated entirely at the end, meaning students are **assessed throughout the BTEC qualification**.



How are the grades calculated?

- Unit outcomes contribute towards the overall qualification grade.
- The grades awarded are Pass (P), Merit (M) and Distinction (D); some external assessments also use Near Pass (N) and Unclassified (U).
- Overall grades are calculated from unit performance and the qualification's rules/points thresholds.
- Overall grades also include Distinction*.
- The exact grade calculation varies by qualification – further details later in the presentation.



Progression opportunities

- Higher Education including university degree programmes.
- Higher and Degree Apprenticeships.
- Employment with sector-specific knowledge and skills.
- Further specialist training and professional qualifications



BTEC Vs A level

- A' levels: usually more exam-centred and academically/theoretically focused.
- BTEC Nationals: typically more applied, with a mixture of assignments and externally set work.
- Neither is 'better', the right route depends on the student's strengths, interests and next steps.
- Some students combine BTEC and A' levels



BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business:

BTEC Grade	A' level equivalent	UCAS points
Distinction *	A*	56
Distinction	A	48
Merit	C	32
Pass	E	16



BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport:

BTEC Grade	A' level equivalent	UCAS points
Distinction * Distinction*	A* A*	112
Distinction* Distinction	A* A	104
Distinction Distinction	A A	96
Distinction Merit	B B	80
Merit Merit	C C	64
Merit Pass	C E	48
Pass Pass	E E	32



Skills students develop

- Independent research
- Project management
- Presentation and communication skills
- Meeting deadlines
- Analytical and problem-solving skills
- Professional behaviours

These skills are valued by both universities and employers.



Plagiarism and use of AI

Plagiarism and unapproved use of AI can put the student's BTEC qualification at risk. **The student's coursework must be 100% their own work:**

- They cannot copy and paste work from websites, books, classmates or other students
- They cannot submit AI-generated work as if they wrote it themselves
- They cannot pay someone else to complete their coursework.
- If information or ideas are used from other sources, they must acknowledge their sources correctly.
- AI tools may be useful for learning or checking their understanding, but they must not replace their own work or thinking.

What could happen?

- If work is found to be plagiarised, falsely presented as their own, or produced using AI in a way that breaches the assessment rules, it may be treated as malpractice.
- This can result in coursework being rejected, a fail for an assessment, or potentially failing the BTEC qualification entirely.

The golden rule

- **If students didn't write it, they must not submit it as their own.**
- Their coursework should show their knowledge, their skills and their understanding.

They must protect their qualification — do their own work.



How parents can support success

- Encourage good attendance and organisation.
- Encourage a steady routine and monitor assignment deadlines and revision plans – avoid leaving assignments until the deadline.
- Discuss progress regularly – help your child track assessment dates, briefs and feedback.
- Encourage them to use teacher feedback to improve their coursework.



BTEC National Extended Certificate in Business

Key Information



BTEC National Extended Certificate in Business

Equivalent to one A' level

Units studied:

- Unit 1: Exploring Business (internal coursework)
- Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign (external exam)
- Unit 3: Personal & Business Finance (external exam)
- Unit 8: Recruitment and Selection (internal coursework)

Career opportunities: Business degrees, apprenticeships, management, finance, marketing and entrepreneurship.



BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE BUSINESS

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

September 2026 – July 2027

Year 12: 12D/BB

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT	ASSESSMENT	TIME PERIOD	FIRST SUBMISSION DEADLINE / MOCK EXAM	RESUBMISSION DEADLINE / EXAM DATE	ASSESSOR
3	Personal & Business Finance	External Exam	Sept 2026 – May 2027	April 2027	13 th May 2027	Pearson
Unit 3 re-sit opportunities in January and May 2028						
8	Recruitment and Selection Process LA A	Internal Coursework	Jan 2027 – February 2027	26 th February 2027	26 th April 2027	JAG & SLE
8	Recruitment and Selection Process LA B & C	Internal Coursework	February 2027 – May 2027	17 th May 2027	21 st June 2027	JAG& SLE
1	Exploring Business: LA E	Internal Coursework	May 2027 – July 2027	30 th June 2027	27 th September 2027	NAB



BTEC National in Business: Grade Calculation

Year	Unit	Unit Name	Assessment Type	Assessment Date	Maximum points available	% of qualification	Points Achieved	Grade Achieved
12	3	Personal and Business Finance	External Exam	May 2026	32	33	<<>>	<<>>
12	8	The Recruitment and Selection Process	Internal Coursework	March – May 2026	16	17	<<>>	<<>>
13	2	Developing a Marketing Campaign	External Exam	January 2027	24	25	<<>>	<<>>
13	1	Exploring Business	Internal Coursework	March – May 2027	24	25	<<>>	<<>>

Overall Grade	Points Threshold
Pass	36
Merit	52
Distinction	74
Distinction*	90



BTEC National in Business

Grade Calculation Example

Year	Unit	Unit Name	Assessment Type	Assessment Date	Maximum points available	Points Achieved	Grade Achieved
12	3	Personal and Business Finance	External Exam	May 2026	32	32	D
12	8	The Recruitment and Selection Process	Internal Coursework	March – May 2026	16	6	P
13	2	Developing a Marketing Campaign	External Exam	January 2027	24	24	D
13	1	Exploring Business	Internal Coursework	March – May 2027	24	15	M
TOTAL POINTS			77	GRADE ACHIEVED		DISTINCTION	

Overall Grade	Points Threshold
Pass	36
Merit	52
Distinction	74
Distinction*	90



BTEC Business – Re-sit opportunities

The students have opportunities to improve their exam grades

UNIT	FIRST SITTING	RESIT 1	RESIT 2
Unit 3: Personal & Business Finance	13th May 2027	January 2028	May 2028
Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign	January 2028	May 2028	N/A

- If a student does not achieve their Target Grade, **they will be expected to re-sit** the assessment.
- Gordon's School will pay the examination entry fee for the re-sit.
- If the student is entered for a re-sit but does not attend the examination, the cost of the examination entry will be passed on to parents/carers.
- Students must not waste this re-sit opportunity – it could make a **significant** difference to their overall final BTEC qualification grade.



BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport

Key Information



BTEC National Diploma in Sport

Equivalent to two A' levels

Units studied:

Year 12:

- Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology
- Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming
- Unit 3: Professional Development in the Sports Industry (internal coursework)
- Unit 4: Sports Leadership (internal coursework)
- Unit 5 Application of Fitness Testing (internal coursework)

Year 13:

- Unit 6: Sports Psychology (internal coursework)
- Unit 17: Sports Injury Management(internal coursework)
- Unit 22: Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry
- Unit 23: Skill Acquisition in Sport (internal coursework)

Career opportunities: Sport science, physiotherapy, coaching, teaching, sports management and apprenticeships.



BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA SPORT - ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

September 2026 – July 2027

Year 12

UNIT NUMBER	UNIT	ASSESSMENT	TIME PERIOD	FIRST SUBMISSION DEADLINE / MOCK EXAM	RESUBMISSION DEADLINE / EXAM DATE	ASSESSOR
1	Anatomy and Physiology	External Exam	Sept 2026-May 2027	April 2027	May 2027 (TBC)	AMM & MGO
2	Fitness, Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being	External Exam	Sep 2026-Jan 2027	November 2026	Pre-release material- 8 th December Exam date: 6 th January 2027	MSI
Unit 1 & 2 re-sit opportunities in January and May 2028						
5	Understand the principles of fitness testing and explore fitness tests for different components of fitness	Learning Aim A Coursework	January 2027	18 th January 2027	15th March 2027	MSI
		Learning Aim B Coursework	Jan-Feb 2027	22 nd February 2027	15th March 2027	
		Learning Aim C Coursework	Feb-March 2027	8th March 2027	26th April 2026	
4	Sports Leadership	Learning Aim A Coursework	Feb-March 2027	24 th March 2027	10th May 2027	MGO
		Learning Aim B Coursework	March-April 2027	19th April 2027	10th May 2027	MSI
		Learning Aim C Coursework	April-June 2027	7th June 2027	28th June 2027	MGO
3	Professional Development in Sports Industry	Learning Aim A Coursework	April 2027	4 th May 2027	14th June 2027	MSI
		Learning Aim B Coursework	May 2027	28 th May 2027	14th June 2027	
		Learning Aim C and D Coursework	June 2027	25 th June 2027	5th July 2027	AMM & MGO



BTEC Diploma in Sport Grade Calculation

Year 13 Autumn Term 2026 – BTEC Sport Diploma Report

Name: Jo Bloggs House: Balmoral Tutor Group: 13I

Year	Unit	Unit Name	Assessment Type	Assessment Date	Maximum points available	Points Achieved	Grade Achieved
12	1	Anatomy and Physiology	External Exam	May 2026	32	25	M
12	2	Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-Being	External Exam	January 2026	32	32	D
12	3	Professional Development in the Sports Industry	Internal Coursework	April – June 2026	16	16	D
12	4	Sports Leadership	Internal Coursework	January – June 2026	16	6	P
12	5	Application of Fitness Testing	Internal Coursework	January – April 2026	16	10	M
13	22	Investigating Business in Sport and the leisure Industry	External Exam	January 2027	24		
13	6	Sports Psychology	Internal Coursework	September 2026 – January 2027	16		
13	23	Skills Acquisition in sport	Internal Coursework	January – May 2027	24		
13	17	Sports Injury Management	Internal Coursework	January – May 2027	16		

Summary	
Current total points achieved	89
Current total points available	112
Current Percentage	79%
Current Working Grade	DD
Target Grade	D*D
Points required for Target Grade	73

Overall Grade	Points Threshold
U	0
Pass-Pass	72
Merit-Pass	88
Merit-Merit	104
Distinction-Merit	124
Distinction-Distinction	144
Distinction*-Distinction	162
Distinction*- Distinction*	180



BTEC Sport – Re-sit opportunities

The students have opportunities to improve their exam grades

UNIT	FIRST SITTING	RESIT 1	RESIT 2
Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology	May 2027	January 2028	May 2028
Unit 2: Fitness, Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being	<i>Pre-release Material 8th December 6th January 2027*</i>	May 2027	January 2028
Unit 22: Investigating Business in Sport	January 2028	May 2028	N/A

* This is an Inset day, not a regular school day

- If a student does not achieve their Target Grade, **they will be expected to re-sit** the assessment.
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- If the student is entered for a re-sit but does not attend the examination, the cost of the examination entry will be passed on to parents/carers.
- Students must not waste this re-sit opportunity – it could make a **significant** difference to their overall final BTEC qualification grade.



Key messages

- BTEC Nationals are respected Level 3 qualifications.
- They combine academic knowledge with practical application.
- They provide progression to university, apprenticeships and employment.
- Success comes from consistent effort throughout the course:
 - **Coursework feedback matters**
Students must carefully read and act on teacher feedback following their first submission. Feedback should be used to make meaningful improvements to their resubmission.
 - **Deadlines are imperative**
Students must meet all coursework deadlines. Leaving work until the last minute can seriously affect the quality of their work and their ability to respond to feedback.
 - **Resubmissions are an opportunity**
Where a student is given the opportunity to resubmit, they should use it positively to improve their work and demonstrate greater understanding.



Key messages

Success comes from consistent effort throughout the course:

- **Re-sit examinations must be attended**

Students who are entered for a re-sit are expected to attend the examination. Missing an exam wastes an important opportunity to improve their grade and may result in the examination entry cost being passed to parents/carers where applicable.

- **No plagiarism or inappropriate AI use**

Students must submit their own work. They must not copy from other students, websites or other sources, or submit AI-generated work as their own. Such work may be treated as malpractice and could put their BTEC qualification at risk.

How parents & carers can help

- Encourage your child to **start coursework early**.
- Ask them what **feedback** they have received and how they are acting on it.
- Help them establish routines for **meeting deadlines**.
- Ensure they understand the importance of **attending all examinations and re-sits**.
- Encourage them to ask their teacher for help if they are unsure about an assessment.

Our shared goal: students taking responsibility for their learning, meeting expectations and achieving the best possible BTEC outcome.



Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DISE)

- School gets 6 places allocated by Sport England and RFU
- School allocates students on range of criteria (timetable, post 18 plans, homestay)
- Qualification essentially documents what all students receive in the HPP programme
- There is no rugby advantage to being on DISE
- Qualification worth 64 UCAS points
- 19 Units with a range of video highlights, written booklets, verbal Q&A, presentations and observations.
- All coursework, no exam. Submitted around Easter Year 13. Pass or Fail (All have passed so far!!)



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Thank you



Safe journey home

