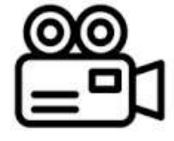
Welcome to Y8-9 Parents' Information Evening 2025





Welcome to Y8-9 Parents' Information Evening 2025

This slideshow is being recorded



Study Skills in 2025



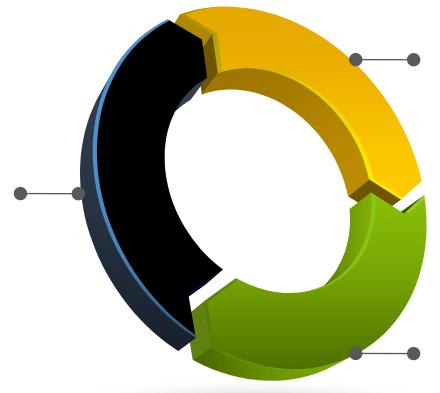
Timings

- We aim to finish at 7.30pm
- Opportunity for Q&A at the end.



Our ABC- A Thorough Preparation for Life

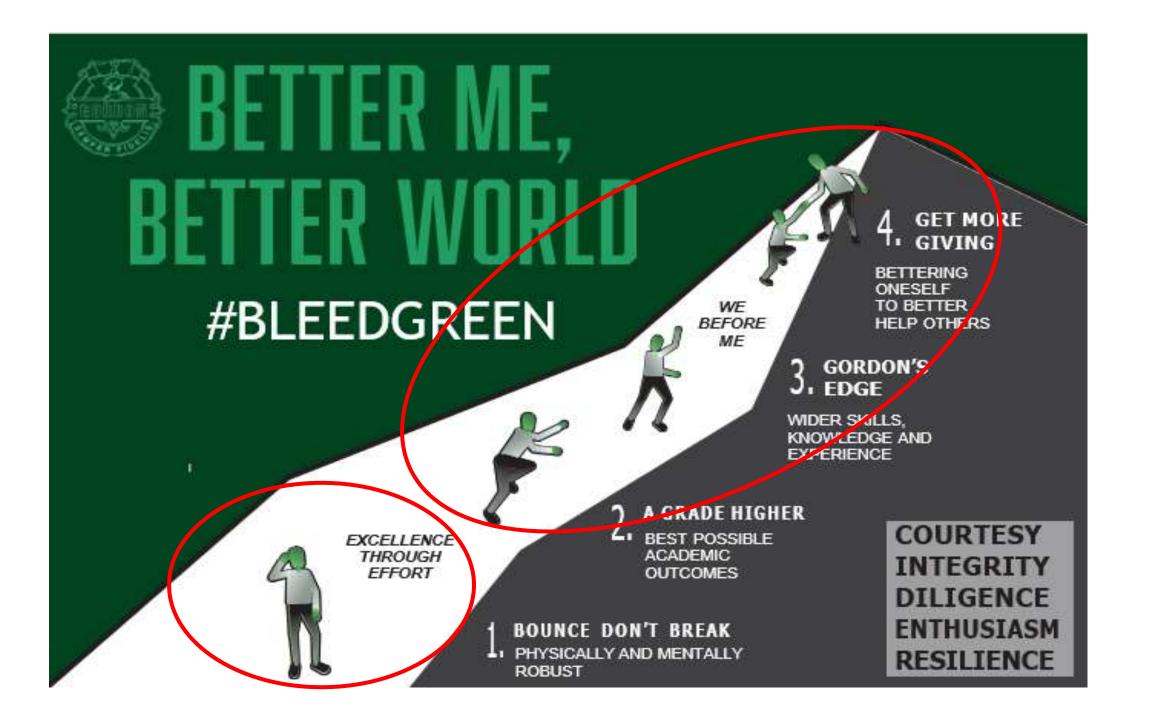
3. Outstanding
Personal Development
through Co-Curricular
opportunities beyond
the classroom



1. The Best Possible Academic Outcomes

2. Excellent SocialDevelopment throughBoarding & Pastoral Care







Major Developments











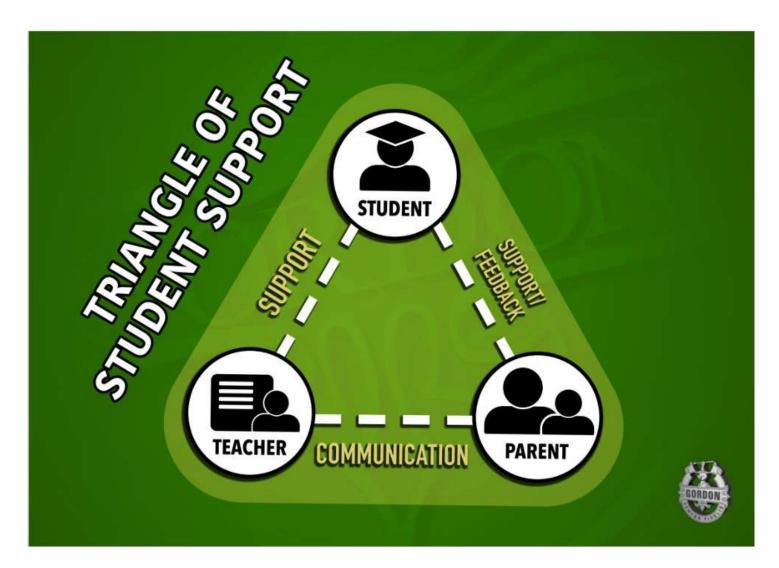


Boarding & Pastoral

Ms Carruthers Deputy Head (Pastoral)



The Golden Triangle





Parent section of the website





Medical Centre

Day Students

- If students feel unwell, they should report to the School Office.
- 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.



Safeguarding

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



Safeguarding

EMAIL: SAFEGUARDING@GORDONS.SCHOOL

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



Miss Gill: Designated Safeguarding Lead
Miss Gill takes <u>lead responsibility</u> for safeguarding
and child protection



Mr Cherry: Senior Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Gate Timings & Safeguarding

	Open	Close	Open	Close
Monday - Thursday	07.45	08.15	17.35	17.55
7.00 prep pick up			18:50	19:10
7.30 Prep pick-up			19.20	19.40
Friday	07.45	08.15	17.00	17.30
7.00 Prep pick-up			18.50	19.10
Saturday	Opening times vary to coincide with fixtures			
Sunday			19.00	21.00

Evening Arrangements for Day Boarders



Day Boarders are not allowed back onto the school site after 7.30pm weekdays or after 12.00pm on Saturday unless they are attending a staff-supervised activity.



Prep will continue to be available for all Day Boarders to attend on a Friday between 6.00pm - 7.00pm, immediately after tea.



Other Pick-Up Arrangements



Exeats and Half-Term – from 3.35 pm.



End of Term – from **12.00pm**.



Visiting Site

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





Drop Off and Pick Ups





Absence (Day Boarders)

01276 858084

Absence@gordons.school

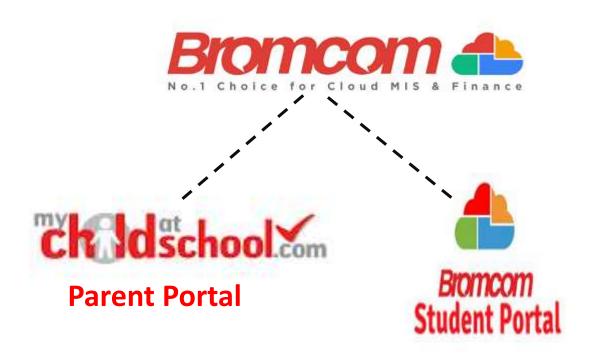
- Parents must contact the school on either of the above by 08:15 to report that their child will be absent.
- Any absence notice not received will trigger an automatic request for information by 10.00 each morning.
- The reason for any absence must always be submitted so that we can code our registers according to DfE requirements.

For Saturday fixtures complete the absence form sent out each week in the Friday Weekly Bulletin.





Communication

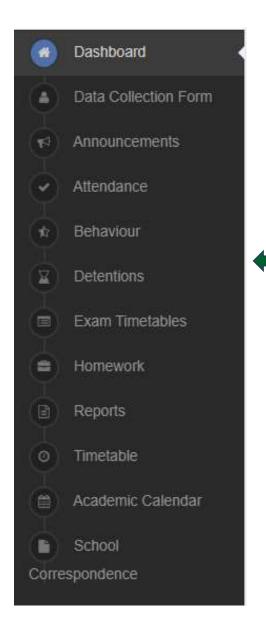


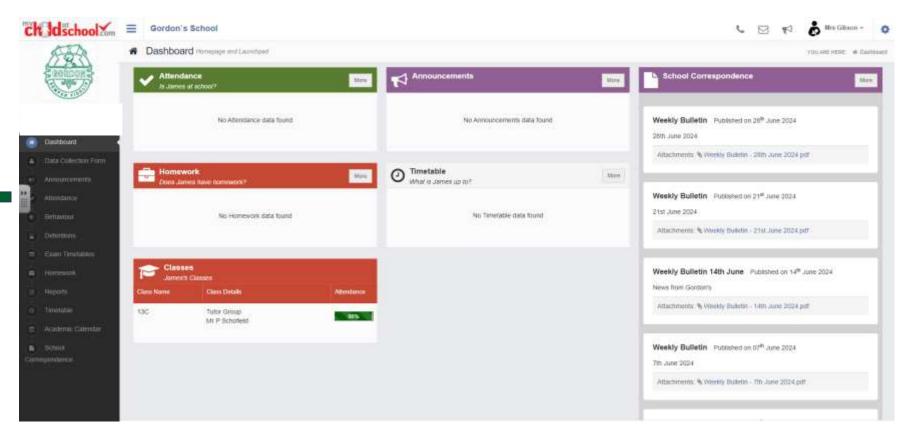


Fixture Lists Saturday P7



My Child at School – MCAS (app recommended)







Prep Attendance

- Keep checking your child's timetable on MCAS.
- Inform the House <u>before 6pm</u> if your child will be absent or if they will need to leave at 7pm
- Absence from prep will be followed up daily with an email by 6.30pm.

Prep 1	Prep 1	Prep 1	Prep 1	Prep 1
Gordon's School	Gordon's School	Gordon's School	Gordon's School	Gordon's School
Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep
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Mr S Depoix	Mr M Boote	Mrs A Sinclair Ju	Mrs J Warner	Mrs N Webb

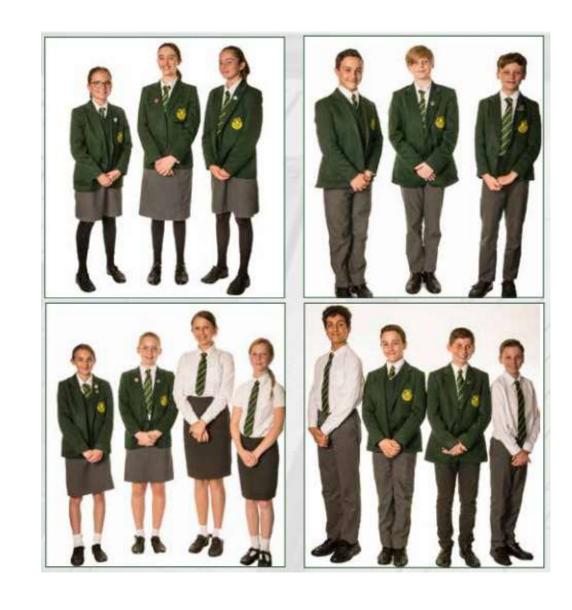


Uniform & Appearance

"If you can't do the little things right, you'll never be able to do the big things right"

Admiral McRaven

- Ties, shirts and blazers
- Skirts & Trousers
- Polishable shoes
- Use of PE tops
- Hair and piercings





School Day

- 7.45-8.15: Arrival to houses
- 8.20-8.40: Chapel, Assembly, Form, House Meeting
- 8.40-9.35: Period 1
- 9.35-10.30: Period 2
- 10.30-11.00: BREAK
- 11.00-11.55: Period 3
- 11.55-12.50: Period 4a / LUNCH (Y7-10)
- 12.50-13.45: Period 4b / LUNCH (Y11-13)
- 13.45-14.40: Period 5
- 14.40-15.35: Period 6
- 16.00-17.00: Period 7
- 17.00 18.15: Period 8 / Tea
- 18.15 19.30: Prep





Rewards & Sanctions



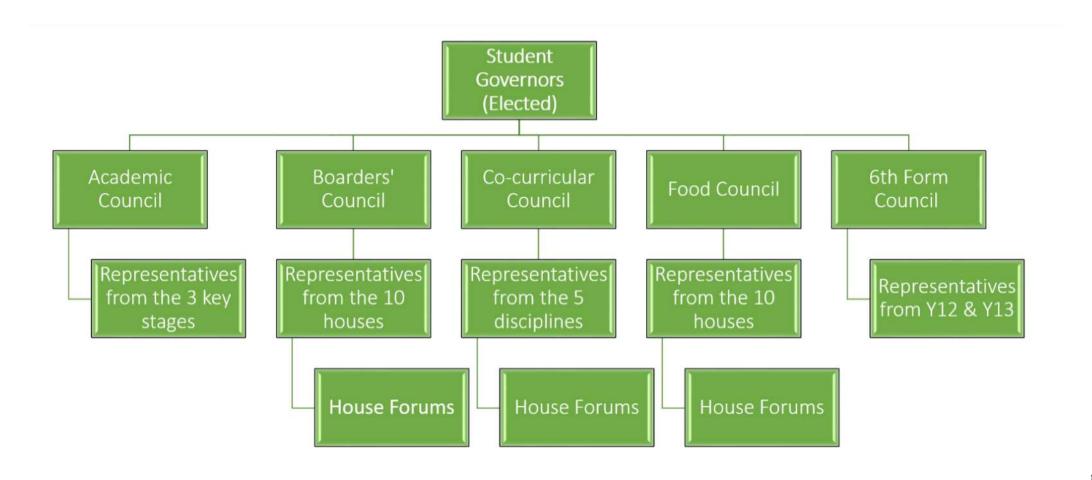


Detention

- Detention aims to be a deterrent
 - Time for silent reflection
 - No work or technology
 - May read a book
- Lunch detentions and School detentions (Fridays 5-6pm) take priority.



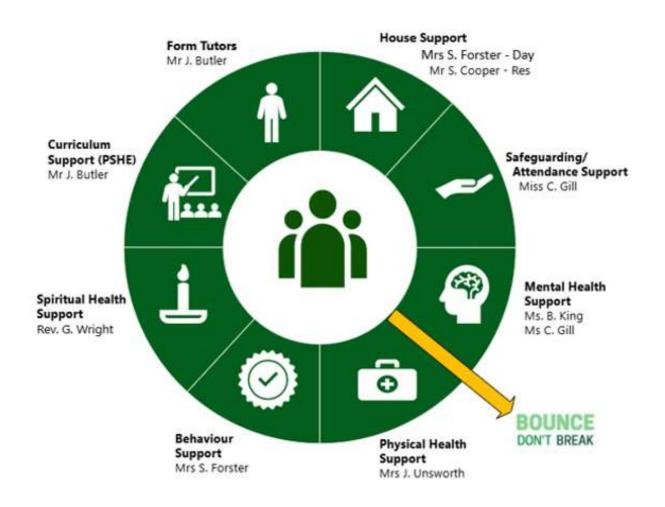
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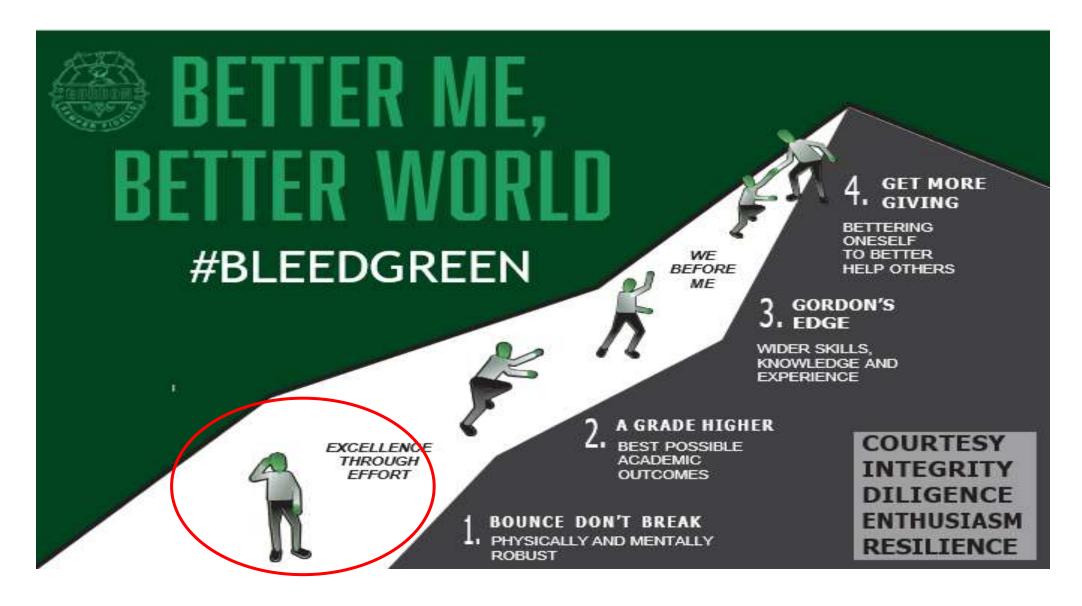
Overview of Pastoral Support

Overview of Student Welfare and Pastoral Support





Student journey





Teenage Brain

Revolutionary overhaul, which happens in Y8, 9 & 10

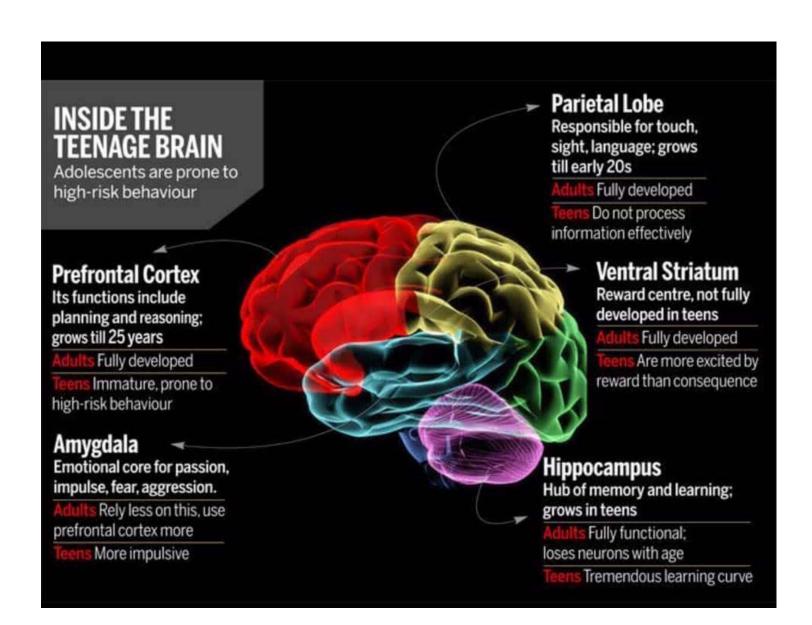
Teenagers become engaged in new skills

Group planning

Identity within the group

Compromise

Negotiation



Psychoactive Substances (Drugs / Vapes)

- Includes any substance used to cause a psychoactive effect
- Easily available through online aps
- Easily obtainable in West End (County Lines)
- Commonly used by Y8-11 students at weekend parties often in homes
- Drugs Testing at Gordon's if we suspect students under the influence
- Drugs brought onto or used on site leads to a fixed or permanent exclusion
- Random visits from sniffer dogs
- THC and Spice vapes



Online Safety – The 4 Cs

	Content Receiving mass produced content	Contact Participating in (adult initiated) online activity	Conduct (Perpetrator or victim in peer-to-peer exchange	Commercialism (Child as a consumer)
Aggressive	Violent/ gory content	Harassment, stalking	Bullying, hostile peer activity	Identity theft, fraud, phishing scams, gambling
Sexual	Pornographic content	Grooming, sexual abuse or exploitation	Sexual harassment, 'sexting'	Sextortion, sexual exploitation
Values	Racism/ pornography/ hateful content/ disinformation	Ideological persuasion	Potentially harmful user-generated content	Embedded marketing, bias, persuasive design



Mobile devices for Y7-11 students



- No students in Years 7-11 are allowed mobile phones in the school day.
- It is therefore helpful for students not to bring them into school at all.
- If they are brought in, they should be handed in to House offices each morning.
- All communications between school and home should be through the Houses using either the landline or the House mobile numbers.



Social Media

What Social Media Can Trigger in Teens:



Low self-esteem



Constant comparison



Feeling excluded



Poor sleep



Social withdrawal

It's more than a bad day. These effects are real — and they add up fast.

But It's Not All Bad

When used mindfully, social media can...



Help teens connect with support



Connect with opportunities



Build community (especially for those who feel left out in real life)

It's all about balance, boundaries, and honest conversations.





Friendship Issues

• Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.







Bullying







Anti-Bullying at Gordon's

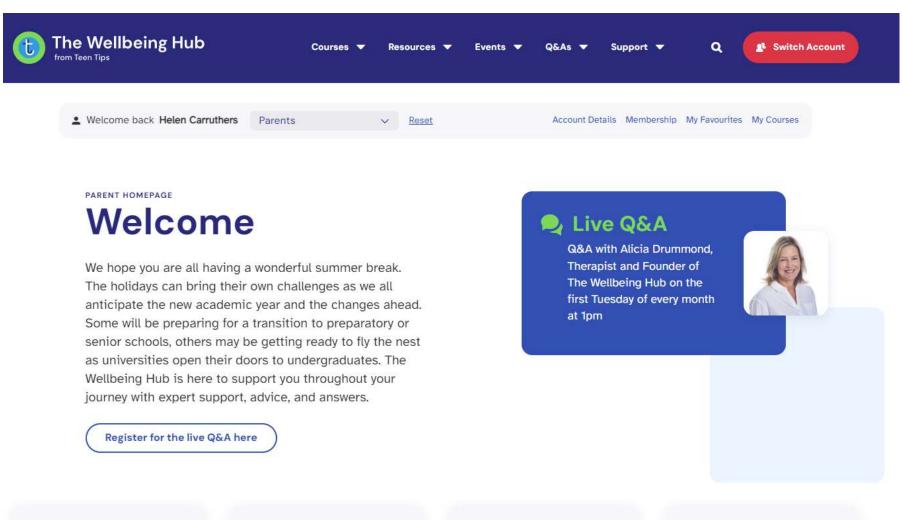


Recent Inclusion Survey with comparison to other Surrey schools:

- Feel a sense of belonging to the school and in school
 - o 80% v 62%
- Feel confident to report inappropriate language or behaviour?
 - o **79%** v 58%
- Believe EDI is appropriately covered by the school?
 - 92% v 79%
- Believe school is an increasingly inclusive place to be?
 - o 77% v 63%



Wellbeing Hub



> Summer Term Content Line-up > Autumn Term Content Line-up > Monthly Themes 2023

> Autumn Term Webinar Programme



The Curriculum Ms Pierce Deputy Head (Curriculum)



Academic Team

- Ms J Pierce—Deputy Head (Curriculum)
- Mr J Greggor Head of Lower School (Y7-9)
- Mr B Gallagher Head of Upper School (Y10-11)
- Mr W Jones Head of Sixth Form (Y12-13)
- Mrs B King Head of Inclusion
- SENCo
- Academic Heads of Department



Curriculum Allocations

KEY STAGE 3	LESSONS	%
English	10	16.67
Maths	10	16.67
Science	9	15
Languages	6	10
History	3	5
Geography	3	5
Computing	2	3.33
RE	2	3.33
Art	2	3.33
Design and Technology	2	3.33
Food Technology	1	1.67
Drama	2	3.33
Music	2	3.3
Games	4	6.67
PSHE	2	3.33
Total	60 (per fortnight)	100%



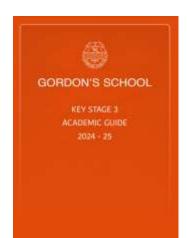
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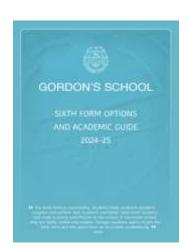
			Citizenship and British Values	Staying Safe On+Offline
Relationships and Sex Education	Health, Wellbeing and Self Science	Life Beyond School & Careers	Learning to Learn	

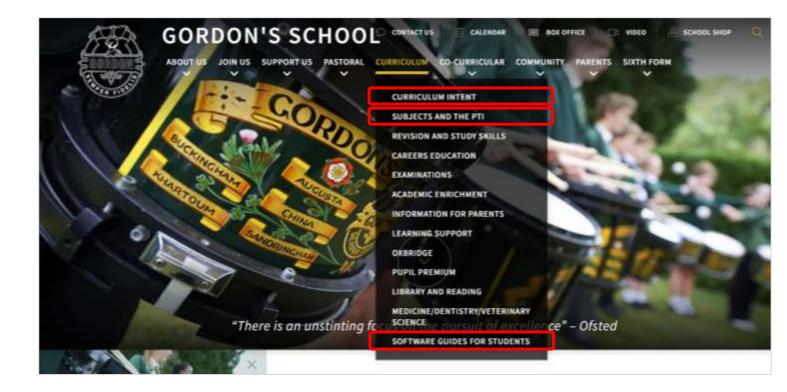


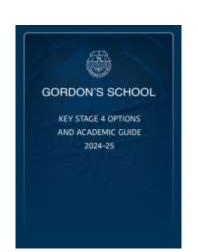
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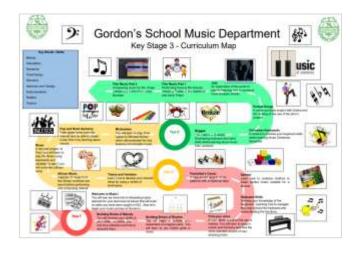
- Broad and balanced
- 6 lessons a day 60 a fortnight
- KS3 is an opportunity to discover new interests and enjoy learning
- KS4 students select 3 option choices
 - Numerous choices including Religious Studies and BTEC Enterprise















Assessment, Recording & Reporting (ARR)

Gordon's ARR Philosophy

- Little & Often
- Conversation is better than written dialogue
- Teacher's judgement is valued



What's Inside?

	Y7	Y8	Υ9
Term 1	EG only	 EG + / - indicator WG Termly & Annual TG 	 EG + / - indicator WG Termly & Annual TG
Term 2	 EG +/- indicator WG Termly & Annual TG 	 EG + / - indicator WG Termly & Annual TG 	 EG + / - indicator WG Termly & Annual TG
Term 3	 EG +/- indicator WG Termly & Annual TG 	 EG + / - indicator WG Termly & Annual TG 	 EG + / - indicator WG Termly & Annual TG

Also

- Academic recognition:
 - Effort Grade information
 - Academic Commendations
- Attendance
- House Information (Comment & EG)
- Behaviour
 - Good Comments
 - Behaviour Points
- Co-curricular



KS3 Attainment Grades Explained

- 1. At Key Stage 3, progress is measured using a **KS3 Attainment Grade** (based on a data generated flightpath)
- 2. These grades begin at 1* and generally don't exceed 6 by the end of Y9, incorporating an additional + and either side of each grade to allow for more accurate positioning of student performance; for example, a student may achieve a 3-, 3 or 3+.

 *A Grade 'B' indicates that a student is currently working towards Grade 1.
- 3. However, KS3 Attainment Grades <u>are not a GCSE equivalent</u> because KS3 content is different to GCSE content. Therefore, if a student got a KS3 Grade 5, this does not necessarily mean they could get a GCSE Grade 5 at that point in time.
- 4. Only in Y10, after their Yellis test, do students receive a GCSE TG and GCSE WGs thereafter.





- KS3 Attainment Grades are linked to specific subject Grade Descriptors which highlight skills and knowledge.
- Students will undertake Key Assessments, usually once per term at KS3, which will be graded using these descriptors.
- Parents should see progress in student attainment, usually at a rate of <u>roughly</u> 1 sub-level per term.
- Subjects will differ in the rate of progress across the year, however, with some making steady progress across the whole year, others potentially making a slow start and speeding up towards the end, and some moving up and down depending on topics.



Set and mixed attainment classes

Setting is fluid and competitive and based on attainment data

Year 8 & 9

Maths

- Sets 1 2 = one half of the year
- Sets 3 5 = the other half

Science

- Mixed attainment within the 2 halves of the year group
- Students can move between sets, but only within their half of the year group

English

• Completely mixed attainment until Y9, after which students are set by attainment

Parents will be informed via a letter home of any set changes



Promoting Hard Work – Effort is King

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

Those students regularly attaining the best Effort Grades, routinely achieve higher GCSE and A level results.

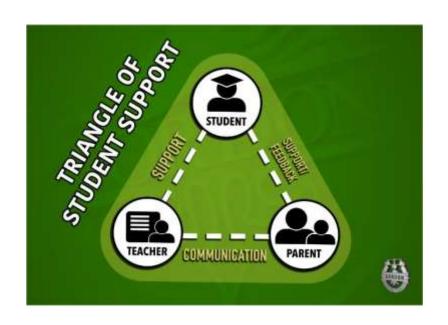
Reports will also identify how students compare to the rest of their Year Group for Effort. This is reported in 'quartiles' e.g. The Year Group average Effort Grade is X, Student Y is in the 1^{st} Quartile, meaning they are in the top 25% of students in their Year Group for Effort.

Please note:

- 1. A Grade 3 is not necessarily a sign of concern, a Grade 4 is.
- 2. Students with low Effort Grades are likely not trying hard enough
- 3. Heads of Key Stage do intervene when they have concerns.



What can you do at home?





Support from home

- 1. Check exercise books for quality of work and marking.
- 2. Ensure that feedback has been acted upon.
- 3. Regularly discuss school and specific subjects.
- 4. Ensure students stay for Prep.
- 5. Encourage academic wider reading.
- 6. Encourage reading for pleasure at home too (30 minutes).



Key Dates



Y9 GCSE Options

We have two Options Events for Year 9:

- 1. Year 9 Options Information Evening is an in-person event Monday 19th January 2026, 6-7.30pm
- 2. Year 9 Academic Consultation Evening is an <u>online</u> event Tuesday 20th January 2025, 5.30-8pm

Try to keep students' minds focused on 'now' but do start to discuss where their interests might lie in the future.



Year 9 Core Exams

- Exams take place Monday 20th April and continue until Friday 24th April 2026.
- Exams will take place in a formal setting to help prepare students for the rigors of GCSE exams.
- Will be used to inform GCSE setting decisions, but not in isolation.
- Non-core subjects will continue their usual round of in-class Key Assessments.
- Students should plan their revision around any other school based or external commitments



Additional Key Dates

- KS3 Study Skills workshops:
 - Year 8 Wednesday 1st October
 - Year 9 Friday 3rd October
- Year 8 Academic Consultation Evening Tuesday 25th November 2025, 5.30-8pm
- First KS3 Progress Report sent home w/b 17th November 2025





Careers

- Careers Lead is Mrs Augusta Kennedy
- Email: careers@gordons.school
- Events and talks for all year groups will take place across the year
- For full information on our comprehensive programme, please go to:

www.gordons.school/careers





Co-Curricular Mr Rowlands Director of Co-Curricular





Period 7... ...is our activity programme

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





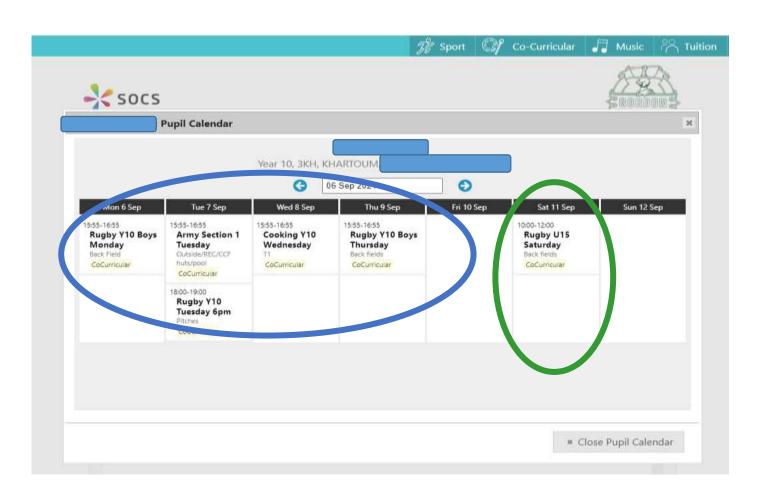
PERIOD 7 + Sat.

- Y8-9 compulsory P7
 - 1 x Creative art e.g. public speaking
 - 1x Academic Enrichment
 - 2 x Sport
 - 1 x Drill
- Saturdays
 - Physical activity or fixture

Representing the school matters.

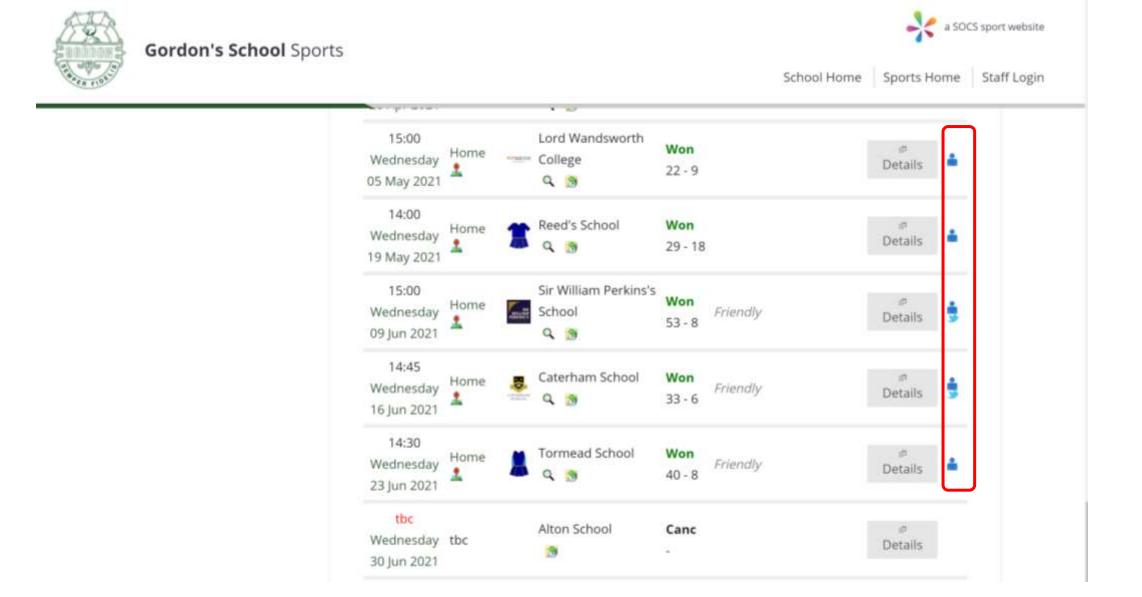
Period 7 & Saturday Morning – How it works...

Students must check Bromcom & SOCS information



- Team sheets 48 hours before
- Changes common, please monitor the website
- A Bromcom message is sent every Friday afternoon with the most up to date information.
- Fixture lists can be found on the school's sport website.

Password is published in the Weekly Bulletin



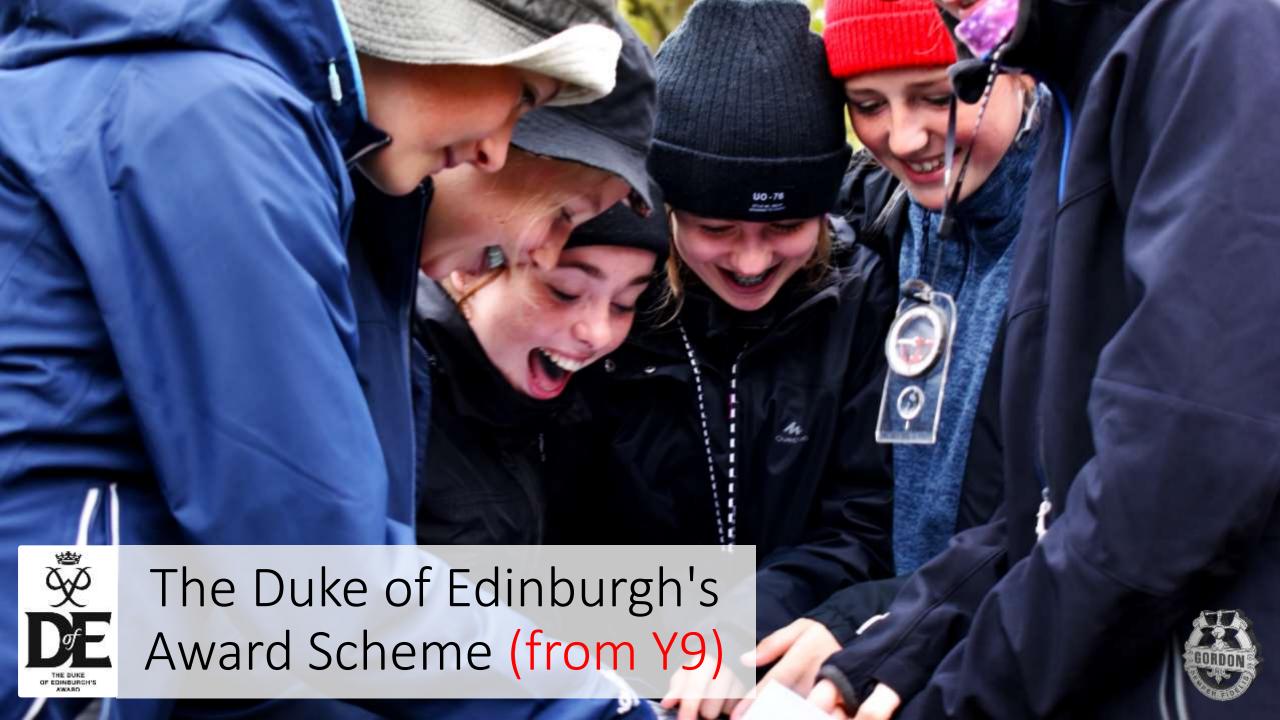












Honours Programme

- Gordon's Honours Programme recognises those who go above and beyond for others, the School or their House.
- Rewarding those who Bleedgreen:
 - work hard
 - behave well
 - faithfully serve their House <u>and</u> the School e.g. represent the school
- From 2025, service to House is measured by Friday Drill attendance and Parade + Chapel attendance counts



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.

Honours Programme reward structure

Year	Criteria	Level	Award
7	Gordon's Challenge Good conduct	Entry (iialí)	'G' Badge
Ó	Conduct / Contribution to House / Team first	Bronze	Bronze badge
9	Conduct / Contribution to House / Team first	Silver	Silver badge
10/11	Conduct / Contribution to House / Team first	Gold	Gold Badge
11	Top 20 of those with Y8-11 Hons	Platinum	Platinum Tie



Colours explanation

Year	Colour	Award
7	Half	Yellow badge
8	Half	Yellow badge
9	Half	Yellow badge
	Junior	Black badge
10-11	Half	Green badge
	Full	Tie (Full)
12-13	Senior / Half	Tie / badge

Half

for those who bleedgreen –
work hard and help others
along the way.

Junior / Full / Senior

 for those who are the above and excel.



PE Clothing - Confirmation







Parades

2025-26 PARADE DATES

Sunday 12 October 2025 - Harvest Festival Parade & Chapel Service

Sunday 9 November 2025 - Remembrance Parade

Saturday 17 January 2026 - Whitehall Parade (for Y9 and Y11 students) 12.00 pm

Sunday 18 January 2026 - Guildford Cathedral Memorial Service (for all students) 11.30 am

Sunday 22 March 2026 - Parade & Chapel Service

Saturday 6 June 2026 - Patron's Parade & Fun Day

Saturday 4 July 2026 - Annual Parade & Prize Giving (the Parade starts at 2pm)



Finally.....





Development Office

Mrs Moreau Development Director





Development Team

Development@gordons.school

jmoreau@gordons.school















Development

Tradition and History

Burs	aries
2013	arics

Marketing

140th Anniversary



Fundraising

Events (formally GSPA)

Donations

Trust and Grants

Gordonians



2025 Leavers drinks Sept 5th

Inviting Back to School

Y12 LinkedIn Sessions and Honours' Recognition

School shop

Branded Merchandise

Second Hand Uniform

Community

Parent Forum (formally GSPA)

Business Breakfast

Careers



Enterprise

Day Camps

Creative Arts

Sports

Adventure

Residential Camps

International

UK

Facilities Hire

Sports Facilities

Theatre

Classrooms

Sponsorship and Partnerships

Sponsored Events

Partners of the School



Social and fundraising Events

Wednesday 22nd October 140th Anniversary Giving Day Sponsored Walk

Friday 24th October A Night with Joe Marler

Saturday 29th November West End Village Christmas Fair

Saturday 24th January Burns Night

Saturday 6th June Patron's Parade and Fun Day

Saturday 26th June Summer Event







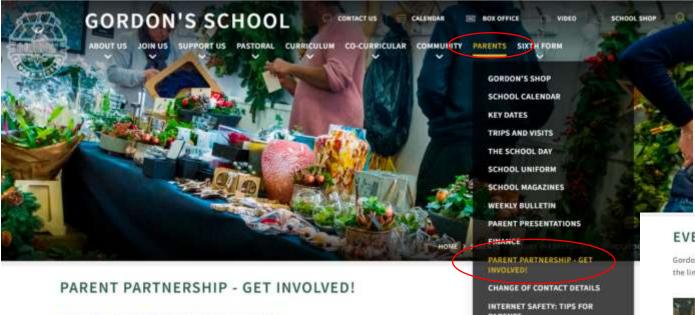
140th Anniversary

To commemorate our 140th Anniversary we are fundraising to become a Steinway School.

This opportunity is only possible due to a very generous benefactor who will be fund-matching all donations.

The legacy will last a lifetime and give our current and future students the opportunity play on the best pianos in the world and open doors to Steinway artists, masterclasses and performances.





How to get involved

EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERING

Gordon's runs a host of enjoyable events and fundraising activities for parents. Parents are also very welcome at the schools Parades! Please click on the links below for tickets and further information. For the event line up for Gordon's students and the general public, please click here.













PARENT INVOLVEMENT AT GORDON'S

As we thank our Gordon's School Parents' Association (GSPA) for their incredible support over the years, Gordon's School is excited to be taking on all events and fundraising activities directly from the start of the new academic year in 2025.

We remain committed to fostering a strong school community and warmly welcome all parents to continue being part of school life.

BE PART OF IT

Parents can now get involved by:

JOINING THE PARENT FORUM

Meet with a member of our leadership team once every half term to hear updates, share ideas, and help shape the parent voice at Gordon's. It's friendly, inclusive space for open conversation and collaboration.

VOLUNTEERING AT EVENTS

Whether it's helping out at a school fair, supporting a concert, or lending a hand at our fundraising events, your time and energy make all the difference. You can sign up to volunteer on a flexible basis – no long-term commitment needed!

COMING ALONG AND JOINING THE FUN

Attending events is one of the easiest – and most enjoyable – ways to support the school. From quizzes and concerts to fairs and family evenings, your presence helps create the atmosphere, energy and excitement that make these events truly special. The more, the merrier – and the more successful and fun these events become for everyone!

Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, connected community that benefits every student.

To find out more or to get involved, please email parentforum@gordons.school or look out for upcoming event sign-ups in our weekly newsletters.



Our Community

- Parent Forum
- Career Weeks and Talks
- Volunteering at Events Fun Day and Christmas Fair
 - Sponsorship
 - Donations Small, Regular or One Offs
 - Legacies
 - Partnerships
 - Business Breakfasts
 - Gordon's Connected

Donations









Balance

Modern ideas
 Traditional values

Academic
 Non-academic

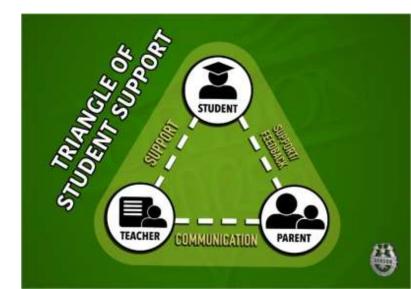
• Challenge

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 Head of Key Stage or, if subject specific, Head of Department / subject teacher.



Useful email addresses

Ms Carruthers – Deputy Head Pastoral:

hcarruthers@gordons.school

Ms Pierce – Deputy Head Curriculum:

jpierce@gordons.school

Ms King - Head of Inclusion:

bking@gordons.school

Mrs Stuart – Acting SENDCo:

cstuart@gordons.school

Mrs Kennedy – Careers:

careers@gordons.school

Ms Hamilton – Co-Curricular Coordinator:

ehamilton@gordons.school

Mr Greggor – Head of Lower School (Y7-9):

jgreggor@gordons.school

Mr Gallagher – Head of Upper School (Y10-11):

bgallagher@gordons.school



Finally, in the spirit of 'modern ideas, traditional values' please take an events guide home.







Thank you

Safe journey home





