Welcome to Y10 Parents' Information Evening 2023

The presentation will begin shortly





Welcome to Gordon's Mr Moss (Head)





Timings

- We aim to finish at 6.45pm
- Key staff and GSPA members will be around at the end for any questions.



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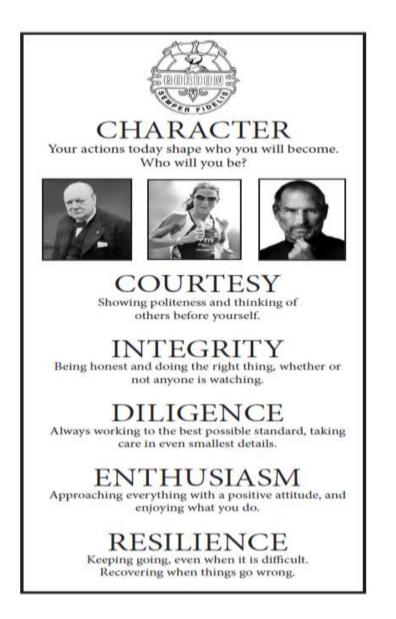


A Gordon's Education



Our education philosophy

- More than the best possible examination results.
- 2. The happiest students bleedgreen, get involved outside the classroom and give back.
- 3. No shortcuts. Anything worthwhile is hard won.





Future Prospects Talks

- John Lewis (Retail & Blue Chip)
- Tuesday **October 3rd** 6.30-7.30pm
- Rec. Hall
- Next term is 'Banking'





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WIDER SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

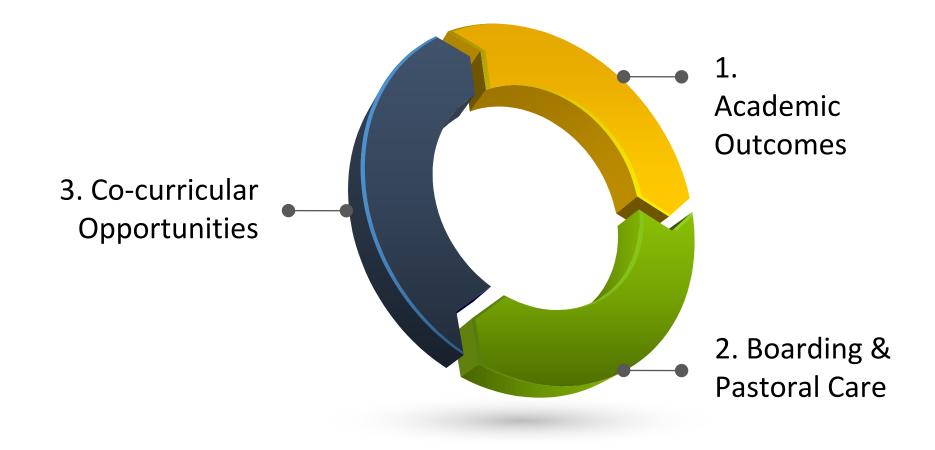
EXCELLENCE THROUGH EFFORT CURRICULUM 2025
 BEST POSSIBLE
 ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

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Our ABC- A Thorough Preparation for Life





Major Developments





Sports Hub completed 2022





Sports Hall

Fitness Suite

3G

Library Refurbishment 2022

Windsor Kitchen

Radi

Augusta Kitchen

Balmoral Kitchen

Shower and toilet upgrade in Windsor & Augusta

Next - Performing Arts Centre 2025







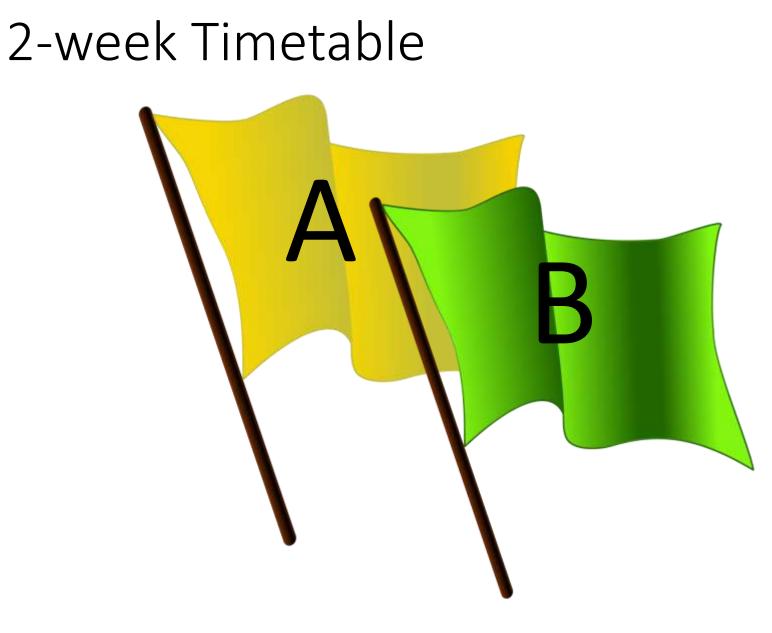
The Curriculum Ms Pierce Deputy Head (Curriculum)



Academic Team

- Ms J Pierce Deputy Head (Curriculum)
- Mr A Grace Head of Upper School (Y10-11)
- Mrs L Corner Head of Learning Support Department
- Mrs C Stuart SENDCo
- Academic Heads of Department







Curriculum reminder...

- Students take core subjects and 3 options
- 6 lessons a day 60 a fortnight
- PSHE in Y10 and Y11
- PE Games

4	LESSONS	%	
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English	8	13.33	
Maths	8	13.33	
Science	12	20	
Languages	7	11.67	
Option 1	7	11.67	
Option 2	7	11.67	
Option 3	7	11.67	
PSHE	2	3.33	
Games	2	3.33	
Total	60 (per fortnight)	100%	



Homework and Prep

- Supervised Prep runs 6pm to 7.30pm (Mon Thurs)
- Prep runs on Friday 6pm 7pm
- Students generally have a week to do their prep
- Prep is set on Firefly
- KS3: 30 minutes per subject
- KS4: 45 minutes per subject

Strong correlation between those who regularly attend prep and academic outcomes at GCSE and eventually at A Level.



Prep Allocation

	KS4		
English	2 preps per week		
Maths	2 preps per week		
Science	1 prep per week, per subject		
MFL	1 prep per week		
History	1 prep per week		
Geography	1 prep per week		
Technology	1 prep per week		
Food	1 prep per week		
Computing	1 prep per week		
RE	1 prep per week		
Art	1 prep per week		
PE	1 prep per week		
Music	1 prep per week		
Drama	1 prep per week		
Business Studies	1 prep per week		
Photography	1 prep per week		



GCSE – Grades 1 to 9

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



Setting Philosophy

- Changes less likely at KS4
- Occasionally made at times, both during and at the end of the year.
- The outcome of the Mock exams, coupled with other student information and teacher judgement, may inform some set changes towards the end of the year.
- For all set changes, parents will be informed via a letter home.



Science setting

• Set 1 = Triple Science

• Sets 2 – 6 = Combined Science





- Students at Gordon's make good progress and in terms of value added the school is placed in the top 5% nationally.
- However, progress is not always consistent, and it is important to maintain an open and constructive dialogue with home and school.



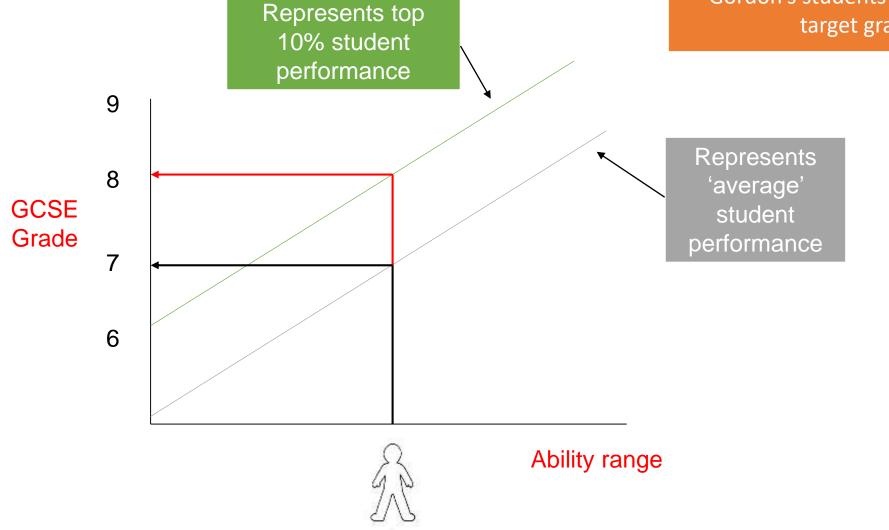
Target Grades



A Grade Higher

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

Every year, approximately 70% of Gordon's students achieve these target grades.





A.C.E Lessons

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

- Assessment for Learning the feedback loop
- Challenge pitch high and scaffold
- Engagement





Thinking Ladder



Top grades to be found in the more complex thinking skills



Reporting Home



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Assessment, Recording & Reporting (ARR)

Gordon's ARR Philosophy

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

Based on staff, student and parent feedback



Progress Grades

Each term there is a progress report sent home including:

- 1. Target Grade
- 2. Working Grade
- 3. Effort Grade
- 4. Next Steps Advice at the end of the year (Year 10) and at Christmas of Year 11



Effort Grades

Typical Year Group Effort grade profile

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

• 1 = Outstanding

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

Effort Grades have become more nuanced in recent years to more accurately reflect the spread of student effort.

A Grade 3 need not raise significant concerns.

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



Effort is king

- Bottom 20 Y11s for effort last year
- Average effort grade 2.47
- Mostly 6s with some 5s
- Top 20 Y11s
- Average effort grade 1.3
- Mostly 9s,8s and 7s



Intervention

We intervene when effort is poorWe intervene when there is an attainment gap

What does intervention look like?

- \odot Clinics, especially in Year 11
- \odot Support from Head of Key Stage
- \circ CSI Supervised Prep
- \odot Spring term revision

Competency flagged (-)	Focus	Prep	Organisation	Participation	Growth Mindset
Examples of interventions:	Report card	Compulsory / Supported prep *	Equipment checks support card	Confidence building activities and support card	Student work review
	Identified by HoKS	Identified by HoKS	ldentified by <u>HoKS</u>	Identified by HoKS	Identified by HoKS
i/c	House mentoring	HoKS	House mentoring	House mentoring	HoKS



Support from home

- Check exercise books for quality of work and marking.
- Ensure that feedback has been acted upon.
- Regularly discuss school and specific subjects.
- Ensure students stay for prep.
- Encourage wider reading



Key Dates

- Year 10 Internal Exams:
 - Monday 19th February until Friday 1st March 2024
- Year 10 Academic Consultation Evening
 Monday 22nd April 2024



The most popular and trusted parents' evening platform



Sixth Form Admissions

- Outstanding 6th Form
- Popular and oversubscribed
- Internal priority



Careers

- Careers Lead is Mrs Augusta Kennedy
- Email: <u>careers@gordons.school</u>
- 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





Work Experience

- Expectation = Three days First 3 days of summer holidays (To minimise disruption to the curriculum)
- Launched with a parent event Thursday 19th October
- Student led they source the placement
- Careers Lead Mrs Kennedy <u>akennedy@gordons.school</u> will email home and collect information from students
- Each placement will be health & safety checked

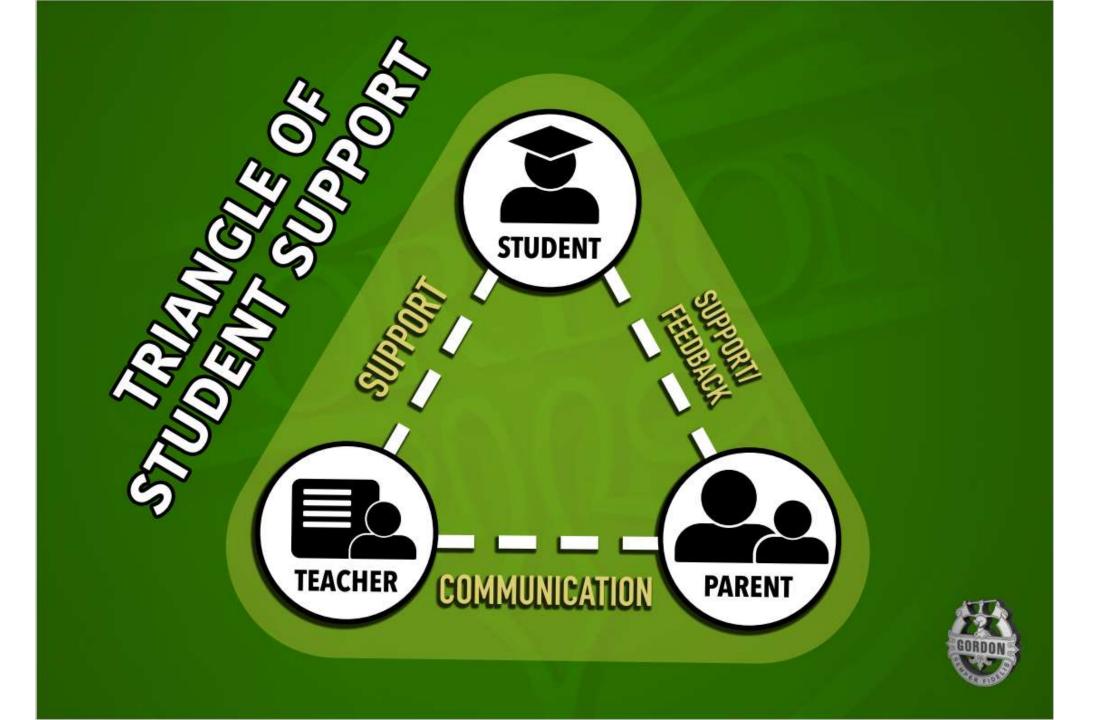
Key Events:

National Careers week and National Apprenticeship Week in the Spring Term – Lots of visiting speakers!



Pastoral & Co-curricular Ms Carruthers Deputy Head (Pastoral)





Contact Details

STAFF CONTACT DETAILS:

Head of House: <u>majones@gordons.school</u> House email: <u>victoria@gordons.school</u> House phone number: <u>07825 459023</u> or <u>01276 859715</u>

STAFF CONTACT DETAILS:

Head of House: jsinclair@gordons.school House Assistant (Monday & Tuesday): sjackson@gordons.school House Assistant (Wednesday-Friday): sbailey@gordons.school House email: buckingham@gordons.school



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





Absence

Absence (Day Boarders) 01276 858084 Option #1 absence@gordons.school

Parents must contact the School on either of the above by 9.15am to report that their child will be absent. Any absence notice not received will trigger an automatic request for information at 10.00am each morning. The reason for any absence must always be submitted in writing prior to the absence if known, or on the student's return to school.

For Saturday fixtures: if your son or daughter is ill on the morning of the fixture, please email the coach directly.



Access to site

8-5pm please call Reception to enter the School site from either the bridge gate on foot or main gate by car.

Always report to Reception. Do not go straight to your son/daughter's House.

After 5pm please call Security directly and someone will come and meet you.



Evening Pick-Ups

Khartoum

Gravesend

Victoria



Augusta Balmoral China Kensington Windsor



Evening Arrangements for Day Boarders

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Day Boarders should either be in prep from **6.00pm - 7.30pm** or have left the school site. Students are allowed to leave prep at the halfway break at 6.45pm. They are then expected to leave the site immediately.



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. The Library will be available to day sixth form students until 9pm for those wishing to study.



Prep will continue to be available for all Day Boarders to attend on a Friday between 6.00pm - 7.00pm, immediately after tea. Year 7 students will go to Kitchener whilst Year 8-11 students will go to the Library. This time can be used for either prep or silent reading.



Other Pick-Up Arrangements



Exeats and Half-Term - lessons will finish at 3.35 pm. Day students can be collected or walk home at that time and Residential Boarders can be collected at 4.00 pm.



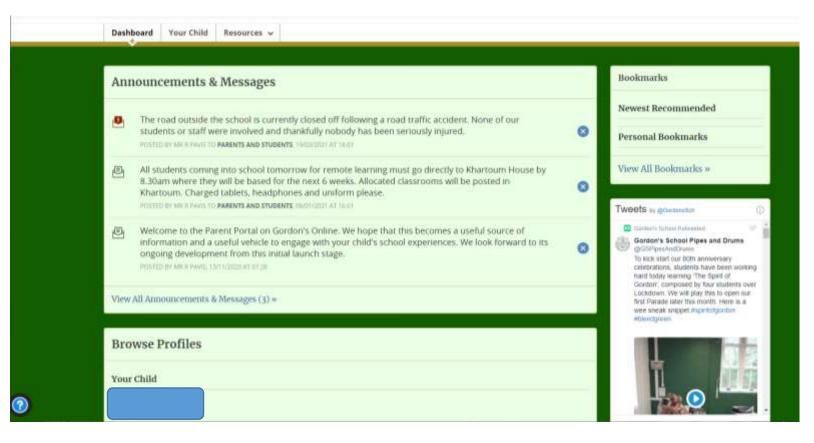
End of Term – lessons will finish at 12.00pm and Day Boarders can be collected or walk home at that time. Residential Boarders will be collected from 12.15pm.



Parents of day boarders may park on the Parade Square, in order to avoid congestion on the local roads, but must leave the site as soon as possible in order for the residential boarders' parents to park.



Firefly - Dashboard



- Announcements
- Your Child link
- School Calendar
- Contact Details
- App downloads
- Twitter & Facebook
- Where they are!
- Reports
- Behaviour
- Rewards
- Tasks (Prep)
- Personal blogs
- Timetable (incl Prep)



Prep attendance

Keep checking your child's planner on Firefly. (Inform House if your child will be absent) Absence from prep will be followed up daily with an email at 6.30pm.

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	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep	







Detention changes

- Students have time for self-reflection.
- They may not do prep.
- They may not look at their tablets.
- They may read a book, if they have one.
- Lunch detentions and School detentions (Fridays 5-6pm) take priority.



Uniform & Appearance

- Ties, shirts and blazers
- Skirts & Trousers
- Polishable shoes
- Hair and piercings
- Risk of detention for uniform infringements





Sports Kit





Mobile devices for Y7-11 students



No students in Years 7-11 are allowed mobile phones in school. 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.



Any phones that are handed in in the morning will be returned before prep but must be switched off and silent during prep. Students are allowed to listen to music through their tablets during prep.



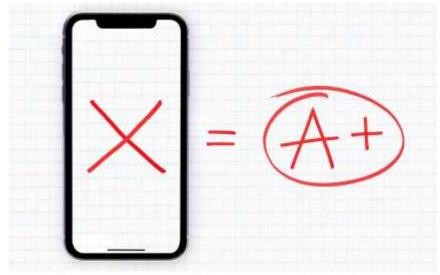
Online Safety – The 4 Cs

	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	Racist/ hateful content/ pornography/ disinformation	Ideological persuasion	Potentially harmful user-generated content	Embedded marketing, bias, persuasive design



'I quit TikTok and aced my GCSEs': the social experiment in East London that's paying dividends

Young people are spending up to 12 hours a day glued to screens and it's ruining their concentration. But those who quit have seen big gains



Year II pupils of Cumberland Community School gave up social media for a year to focus on revision - with impressive result



Psychoactive Substances (Drugs)

- 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
- Vapes are included in the list of banned items at school



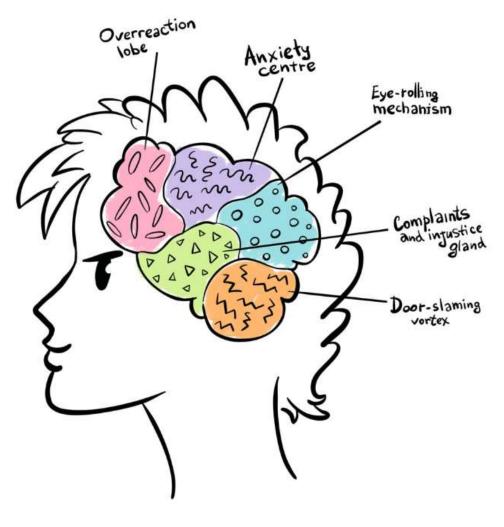
NHS Wellbeing Definition

- People with great well-being still have times of stress and frustration, but they have the physical, emotional and social resources to overcome challenges.
- 'Being well' is something you do, <u>not</u> something you are. No-one can give wellbeing to you. It's you who has to take action.'



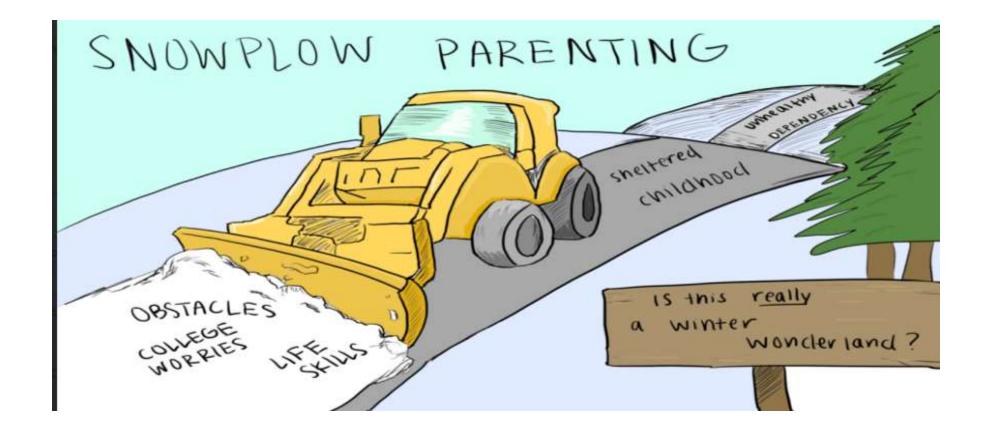
Teenage Brain

- Revolutionary overhaul, which happens in Y8, 9 & 10
- Teenagers become engaged in new skills
 - Group planning
 - Identity within the group
 - Compromise
 - Negotiation





"Outstanding grades are unlikely to take you that far in the real world if you do not have the confidence to try difficult things and the strength of character to learn and grow from failure" Dr Julian Murphy





Friendship Issues

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





Bullying is not...

- single episodes of social rejection or dislike
- single episode acts of nastiness or spite
- random acts of aggression or intimidation
- mutual arguments, disagreements or fights.
- single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.
- these actions can cause great distress though and pastoral support is in place.



Anti-Bullying at Gordon's







Boarding Charter

• The Boarding Charter defines how students and staff promote a kinder and more connected community.



Gordon's Boarding Charter

In line with British Values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, and Individual Liberty, the following are the principles upon which boarding at Gordon's School is based:

Each boarder has a 'voice' and where reasonable to do so boarders' views will be sought with regard to decisions that affect their environment, well-being and progress.

Each boarder agrees to abide by House rules and accept that there are, and should be, consequences if rules are broken. These rules should be fair and consistent across Houses and are recognised as a code that protects what we value as a community.

Regardless of athnicity, religion, gender or (dis)ability, each boarder has the right to be able to work, relax and express their opinion free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing and builtying Boarders accept the right to express their opinions is not without boundaries and should not be knowingly hurtful.

There is equality of opportunity for all boarders and as boarders progress through the House they enjoy increasing liberty of choice, within the limits of School rules.









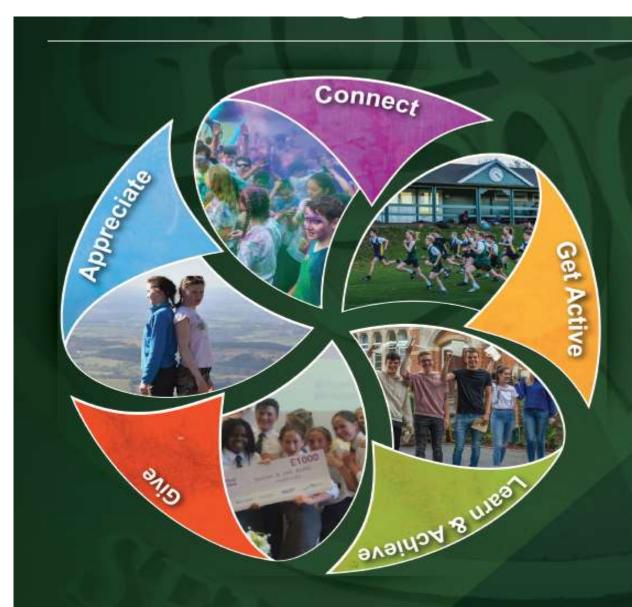
Families



The winning family will receive the reward of a takeavay meal of their choice, to eat together at the end of term.



Bounce Don't Break – NHS 5 steps



- Connect by building positive relationships with your peers, with the school staff and with the wider community;
- Get Active by engaging with all the opportunities available to you;
- Learn & Achieve by setting aspirational goals and learning new skills;
- Give selflessly by developing a sense of philanthropy and duty;
- Appreciate by finding happiness in what you have, and earning what you desire.

Wellbeing Hub

The Wellbeing Hub

Courses 🔻 Resources

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Switch Account

2 Welcome back Helen Carruthers Parents

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PARENT HOMEPAGE

Welcome

We hope you are all having a wonderful summer break. The holidays can bring their own challenges as we all anticipate the new academic year and the changes ahead. Some will be preparing for a transition to preparatory or senior schools, others may be getting ready to fly the nest as universities open their doors to undergraduates. The Wellbeing Hub is here to support you throughout your journey with expert support, advice, and answers.

Register for the live Q&A here

🖳 Live Q&A

Q&A with Alicia Drummond, Therapist and Founder of The Wellbeing Hub on the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm

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

> Autumn Term Webinar Programme



Honours Programme

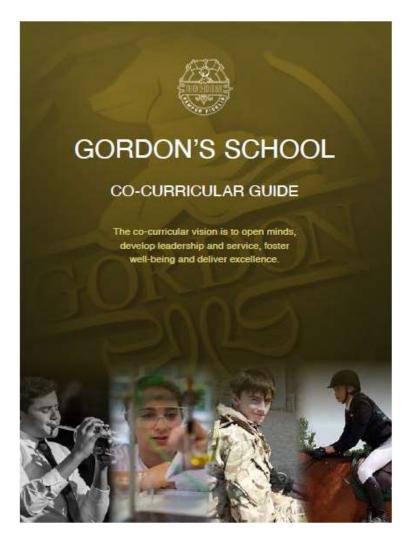
• Awarded for participation, volunteering & service which is above and beyond what is timetabled or expected.

Year	Level	Award		
7	Entry	'G' Badge		
8	Bronze	Badge		
9	Silver	Badge		
10	Gold	Badge		
11	Platinum	Badge Platinum Tie		

Only students passing all 3 rounds of house nominations, conduct & co-curricular checks are awarded Honours.



Co-Curricular Enrichment

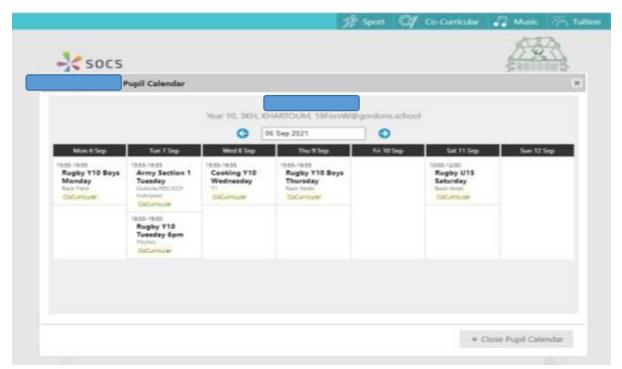


- P7 and Saturday morning
- School representation
- Friday marching
- Parades
- CCF
- DofE



Period 7 & Saturday Morning

- Students must check SOCS information
- Fixture details (times, locations etc) are on SOCS
- Fixture or training information is on SOCS
- Correct kit at all times
- Team representation



Sharpening the Edges 'Staying Involved'



More than exam results

Future Prospects Talks for Parents





What matters to employers?

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"





Play Hard, Work Hard, Study Smarter

Time is not the issue, it's most often the absence of good time management.





Y11 Goal: 2 hours per subject (10) per week extra = 20 hours = 26 x 45 mins slots

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Period 0 Before school							
Period 1	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	School	
Period 2	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	School	
Period 3	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	School	18
Period 4	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	School	19
Lunch							
Period 5	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	15	20
Period 6	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	16	21
Period 7	P7	P7	P7	P7	Drill	17	22
5.15 - 6pm							
6 - 6.45pm	1	4	7	10			23
6.45 - 7.30pm	2	5	8	11			24
Break							25
8 - 8.45pm	3	6	9	12			26
8.45 - 9.30pm				13			
9.30 - 10.15pm				14			
10.15 - 11pm							

Home / Librarv

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

- Mr Fox is running a separate information meeting about this next week.
- Y10 students choose to do the Silver Award
- Y12&13 students choose to do the Gold Award
- Summer Term expedition dates:
 - Bronze: 20/21 April & 27/28 April
 - Silver 17-19 May & 14-16 June
 - Gold: 15-19 July & 29 July 2 Aug
- to be confirmed



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COMBINED CADET FORCE



Inter-House



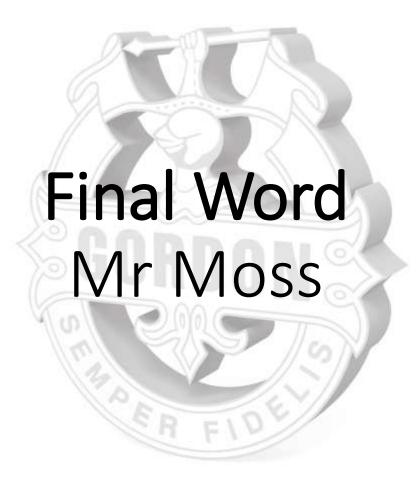


Parades & Blues

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

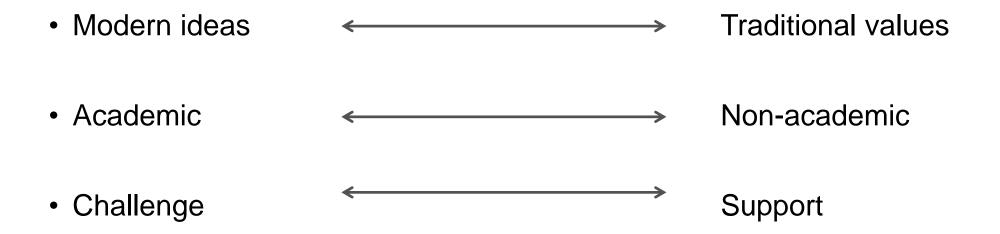








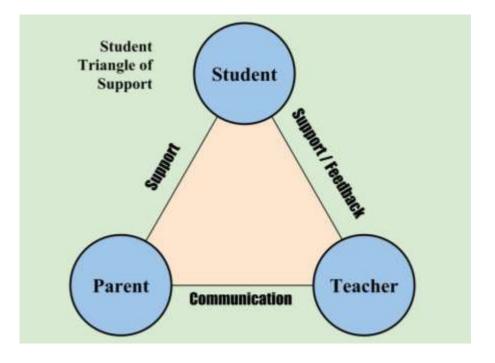
Balance





'Happy Parents, Happy Students'

- 'Research consistently concludes that, where there was an absence of overprotective parenting, there was a statistically positive correlation with low anxiety / depression, social engagement and ability to solve problems and find solutions in adversity.'
- Nearly always best students don't know when we disagree





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
- 24-48 hours response time



Useful email addresses

Ms Carruthers – Deputy Head Pastoral: hcarruthers@gordons.school

Ms Pierce – Deputy Head Curriculum: jpierce@gordons.school

Miss Phillips - Head of Inclusion: vphillips@gordons.school

Mrs Stuart – SENDCo: cstuart@gordons.school

Miss Corner – Head of Learning Support: lcorner@gordons.school Mrs Kennedy – Careers: careers@gordons.school

Miss Asghar – Co-Curricular Coordinator: jasghar@gordons.school

Mr Lewis – Head of Lower School (Y7-9): clewis@gordons.school

Mr Grace – Head of Upper School (Y10-11): agrace@gordons.school



Thank you

Safe journey home





