Welcome to Y10 Parents' Information Evening 2022

The presentation will begin shortly







This slideshow is being recorded



Timings





Better Me, Better World





Our education philosophy

- 1. More than the best possible examination results. A.B.C.
- 2. The happiest students bleedgreen: get involved, give back and are kind members of the community.
- 3. No shortcuts. Anything worth while is hard won.
- 4. How we strive matters...Character matters...



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.

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...



"Volunteering & Giving Back"

"Relevant work experience"

"Co-curricular activities"

"Duke of Edinburgh Award"



Future Prospects Talks for Parents





Work Experience

- Expectation: three days 3-5th July 2023
- To minimise disruption to curriculum there has been enough of that
- Student led they source the placement
- Careers Administrator Mrs Kennedy <u>akennedy@gordons.school</u> will email home and collect information from students
- Each placement will be health & safety checked



Careers

- Careers Lead is Mrs Radford (Head of Sixth Form)
- Careers Administrator 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 <u>www.gordons.school/careers</u>



Major Development





New Sports Hall + 3G 2020-21



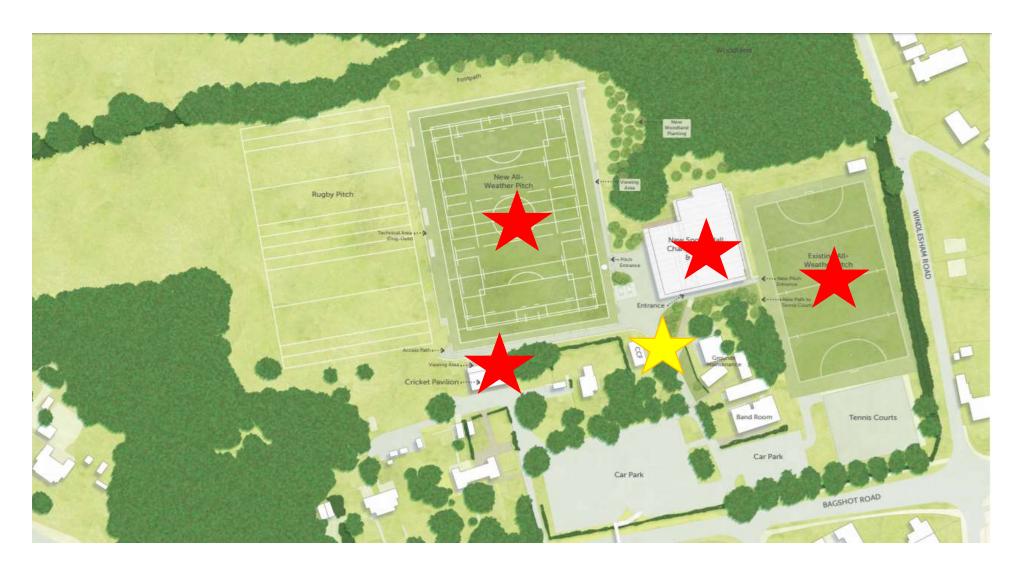


Sports Hall 2020





Sports Hub completion 2022





Next - Performing Arts Centre 2025







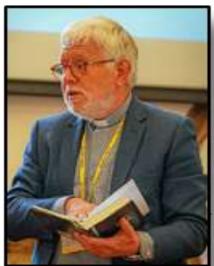






School Chaplain – Reverend Graham Wright

- Married to a Headmistress, Rev Wright has considerable experience working in school chaplaincy.
- He joined us from Queen Mary's School in Thirsk, having completed his theological training at Moorlands College then Wycliffe Hall (Oxford)
- Graham has worked in parish ministry and for The Leprosy Mission.
- Graham is our Charity Coordinator.





First Parade – Sunday September 18th



The Curriculum Mr Reeve Deputy Head (Curriculum)

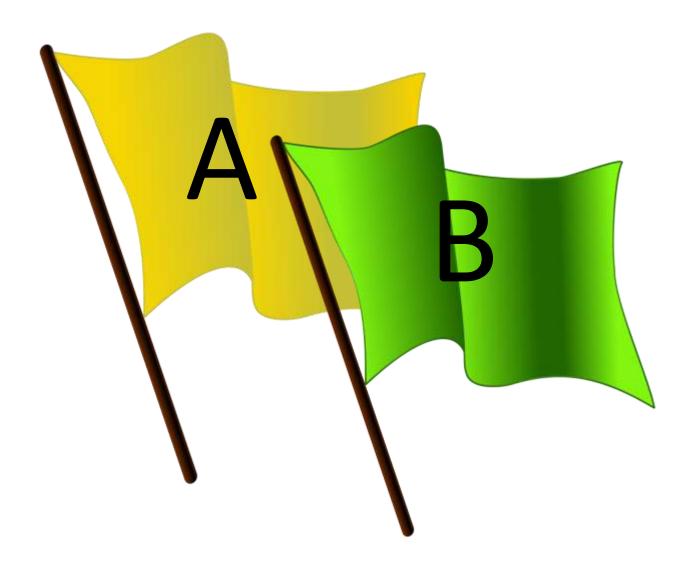


Academic Team

- Mr A Grace Head of Upper School
- Ms J Pierce Assistant Head (Curriculum)
- Mr A Reeve Deputy Head (Curriculum)
- Miss V Phillips Head of Learning Support
- Heads of Department



2 week Timetable - weeks





Curriculum

- Broad Curriculum in KS3 and KS4
- 6 lessons a day 60 a fortnight
- KS3 is an opportunity to discover new interests and enjoy a broad yet challenging curriculum
- KS4 selecting 3 option choices



Curriculum Allocation at KS4

KEY STAGE 4			
	LESSONS	%	
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
- KS5: 8 hours per subject
- Strong correlation between those who regularly attend prep and academic outcomes at GCSE and A Level.



Prep Allocation

	KS3	KS4
English	2 preps per week	2 preps per week
Maths	2 preps per week	2 preps per week
Science	1 prep per week, per subject	1 prep per week, per subject
MFL	2 preps per week	2 preps per week
History	1 prep per week	1 prep per week
Geography	1 prep per week	1 prep per week
Technology	1 prep per week (none in Y7)	1 prep per week
Food	1 prep per week (none in Y7)	1 prep per week
Computing	1 prep per fortnight	1 prep per week
RE	1 prep per fortnight	1 prep per week
Art	1 prep per fortnight (none in Y7)	1 prep per week
PE	None	1 prep per week
Music	None	1 prep per week
Drama	None	1 prep per week
Business Studies		1 prep per week
Photography		1 prep per week



GCSE - 9 to 1

- 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 pupil 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

Year 10 and Y11

- Set 1 Triple Science
- Sets 2 6 Combined Science



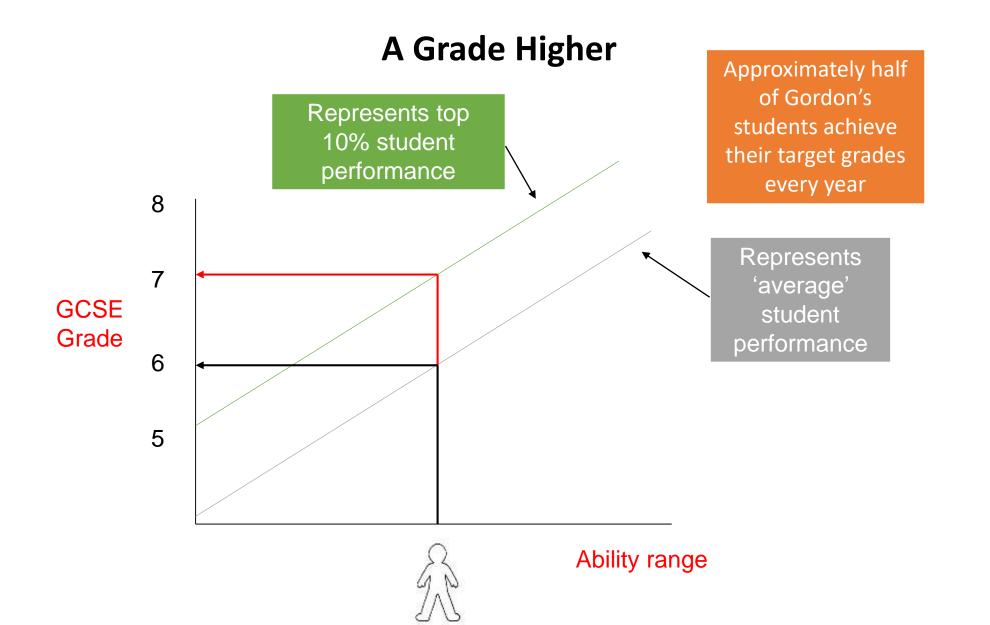
Progress

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



Target Grades







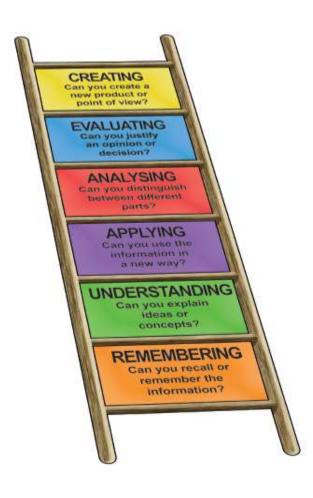
A.C.E Lessons

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

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

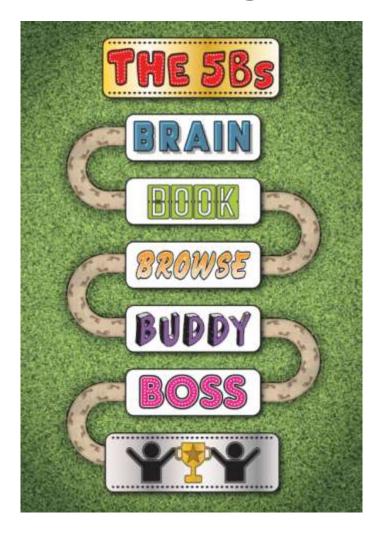


Thinking Ladder



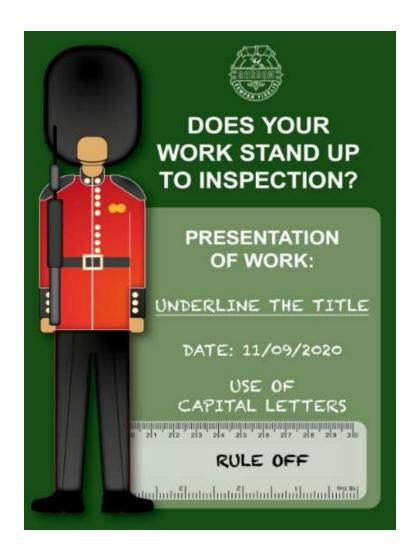


Promoting independence





Promoting pride





SPAG marking

When marking, teachers should use the following codes:

Focus	Symbol	Explanation
Spelling	SP	Incorrect spelling is underlined straight, with SP next to it to prompt.
Punctuation	O _P	Missing or incorrect punctuation is circled, with P next to it to prompt.
Expression	~~?	Expression is unclear and needs rephrasing, marked with a squiggly line and a question mark
Paragraphing	//	Two forward slashes placed where a new paragraph is needed.



Reporting Home





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



Assessment, Recording & Reporting (ARR)

Our Philosophy is:

- Report and feedback to parents regularly
- Conversation is better than written dialogue
- Encourage positive partnership and dialogue between home and school
- Teacher's judgement is valued



Effort Grades

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

Typical Year Group Effort grade profile

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



EFFORT

GOOD PERFORMANCE STANDARD

FOCUS

Concentrating in lessons and remaining on task, following the 5Bs (Brain, Book, Browse, Buddy, Boss).

PREP

Handing in well-presented homework on time and preparing for the next lesson.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Being punctual, bringing the correct equipment and taking pride in work e.g. neat presentation (underlined titles, sub-headings, dates), accurate facts, evidence referenced.

PARTICIPATION

Willingness to extend knowledge through active learning and to become involved in discussions/tasks.

RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

Showing the determination to respond positively to feedback and acting upon it.



Effort Grade intervention

Competency flagged (-)	Focus	Participation	Attention to detail	Prep	Response to feedback
Examples of interventions:	Report card	Confidence building activities	Equipment checks	Supported	Student work review
	Identified by HoH	Identified by HoH	Identified by HoKS	Decided by HoKS	Identified by HoKS
i/c	House mentoring	House mentoring	Form Tutors	Attendance monitored by HoH	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



Student perspective

Students who achieve great grades consistently over time:

- work hard (average effort grade below 2.0)
- have high attendance
- find a balance between studies and other interests
- stay for prep, attend clinics
- spend the right amount of time on prep
- are resilient



Intervention

- We intervene when effort is poor
- We intervene when there is an attainment gap

What does intervention look like?

- OClinics in Year 11
- Spring Term Revision in Year 11
- ○CSI Supervised Prep



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



Key Dates

- Year 10 Mocks: 20th February 2023
- Year 10 Parents' Evening: Monday 24th April 2023



The most popular and trusted parents' evening platform



Looking Ahead to the Sixth Form

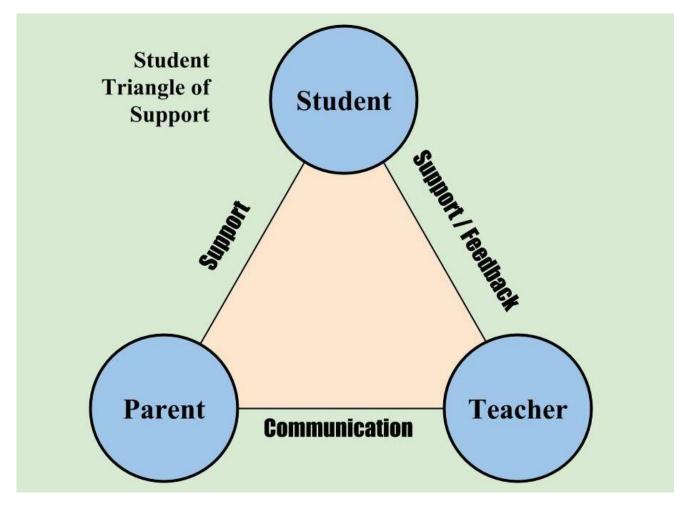
- Minimum Entry Requirements which currently include as guide:
- Grade 7 to take a Science and Maths
- Grade 6 for most other A Levels
- Five grade 5s including Maths and English to take A Levels
- Five grade 4s including Maths and English to take BTECs
- More information will be in the 'Sixth Form Options and Academic Guide'



Pastoral Ms Carruthers Deputy Head (Pastoral)



The Golden Triangle





Pastoral Team

Learning

Support

Deputy Head Pastoral Assistant Head Pastoral Heads of House Parents

House

Chaplain

Designated
Safeguarding
Lead

Assistant Head Student Development

> Medical Centre

Head of Boarding

Welfare Team

Pastoral Mentors

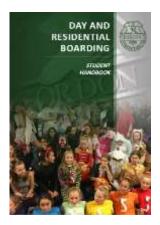
Senior Head of House

Student Support Centre

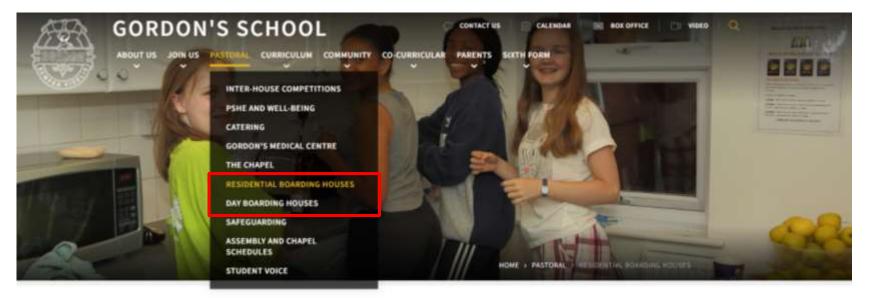
School Counsellors



Key Information

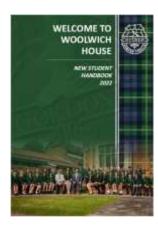


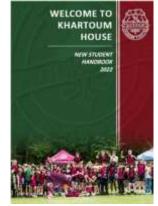




RESIDENTIAL BOARDING HOUSES









Contact Details

STAFF CONTACT DETAILS:

Head of House: majones@gordons.school House email: victoria@gordons.school

House phone number: 07825 459023 or 01276 859715

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



Safeguarding

SAFEGUARDING NUMBER: 01276 859734 EMAIL: SAFEGUARDING@GORDONS.SCHOOL

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

Safeguarding Statement: The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of every child. It is the responsibility of everybody, staff and students alike, to protect all young people from harm and from the risk of harm.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Clair Gill, who has ultimate responsibility for safeguarding at Gordon's School.

We recognise that all adults and young people have a full and active part to play in protecting young people from harm and that every young person's welfare is our paramount concern. For this person, all adults and students receive annual safeguarding training.

Peer-on-peer abuse can be any incident where one student causes physical, sexual or emotional harm, or risk of harm, to another student and can be

reported along with any other concerns using the link below.

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING POLICY

REPORT A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN HERE

Key Safeguarding Staff:



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Miss Clair Gill cgill@gordons.school



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Sue Forster (Assistant Head Pastoral) sforster@gordons.school



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Ms Helen Carruthers (Deputy Head Pastoral) hcarruthers@gordons. school



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Dave Cherry dcherry@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.



Covid-19

Current Government guidance for 18s and under:

- Not recommended they test unless directed by a health professional
- If they have symptoms and a high temperature stay at home until they feel better and temperature has returned to normal

Symptoms identified at school

- Day students are to return home and follow guidance
- Residential students will go to the Medical Centre and guidance will be followed



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.



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 Arrangements for Day Boarders



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.



Gate Timings & Safeguarding

Term Time:

	Open	Close	Open	Close
Monday - Thursday	07.45	08.15	17.35	17.55
Half Prep pick-up			18.35	18.55
Prep pick-up			19.20	19.40
Friday	07.45	08.15	17.00	17.30
Prep pick-up			18.50	19.10
Saturday	09.30	10.15	12.00	12.30
Sunday			19.00	21.00

Exceptions to these timings for events and holiday pick-up will be communicated separately

Security & Timings

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	In	Out	
Monday - Friday	17.00	08.00	
Saturday	24 hours		
Sunday	24 hours		

Evening Pick-Ups

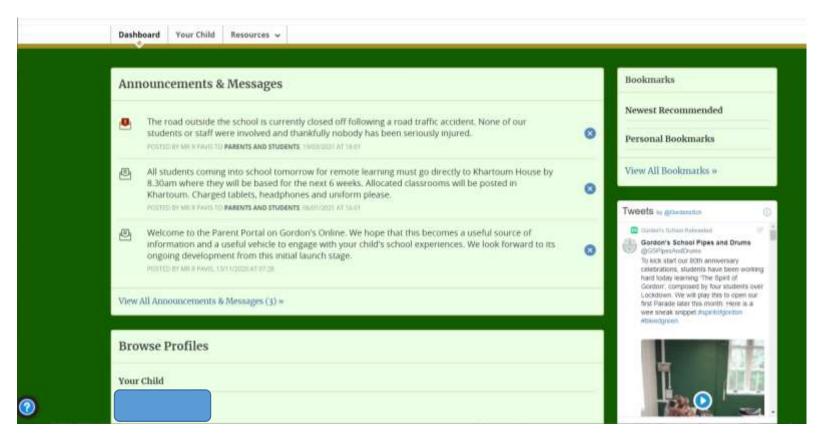
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Victoria



Augusta
Balmoral
China
Kensington
Windsor



Firefly - Dashboard

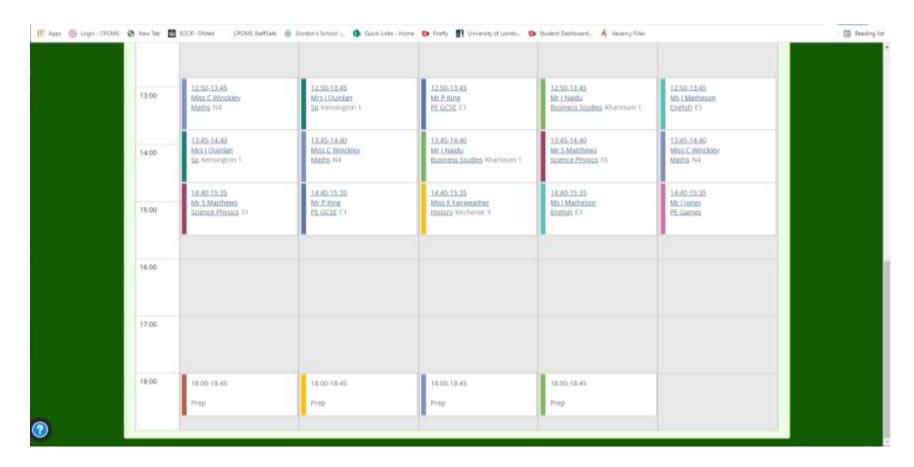


- Announcements
- Your Child link
- School Calendar
- Contact Details
- App downloads
- Twitter & Facebook
- Where they are!
- Reports
- Behaviour
- Rewards
- Tasks (Prep)
- Personal blogs
- Timetable (incl Prep)



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.





Uniform & Appearance

- Ties, shirts and blazers
- Skirts & Trousers
- Polishable shoes
- Use of hoodies (Green and House)
- Hair and piercings





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.







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





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



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
- Drugs brought onto or used on site leads to a fixed or permanent exclusion



Wifi Settings at Home

Internet Matters

As part of our commitment to Internet safety for children, BT support the work of Internet Matters, an online support service for parents wanting to get advice and tips about keeping their kids safe online.



Click here to visit Internet Matters >

General hints and tips on social media for parents with kids

- How to keep your kids safe on YouTube: 5 easy ways to help filter content >
- How can I block YouTube? Read our leaflet to set up safe search on YouTube to make sure that children don't come
 across inappropriate content on YouTube without blocking YouTube >
- BT Parental Controls: The free and easy way to keep your children safe online: >



Online Safety Organisations





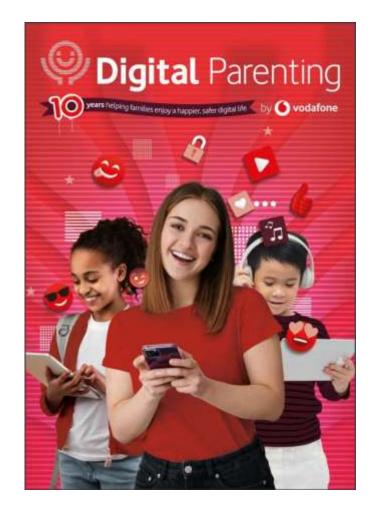








Vodafone Digital Parenting







Back to school, back to boundaries?



6 digital wellbeing tools for the whole family >



Online Grooming: Helping parents and children recognise the signs >



What will your family's Covid-19 tech legacy be?



Heads or tails on YouTube access >



The truth about parenting in the digital world >



Mental Health Support































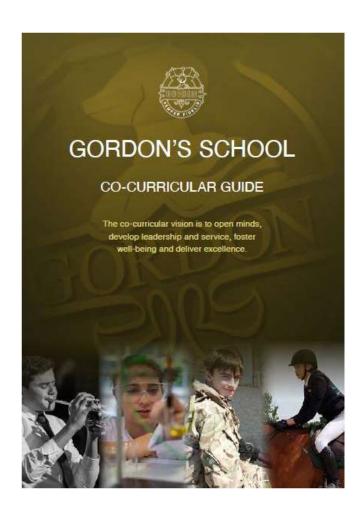








Co-Curricular Enrichment



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

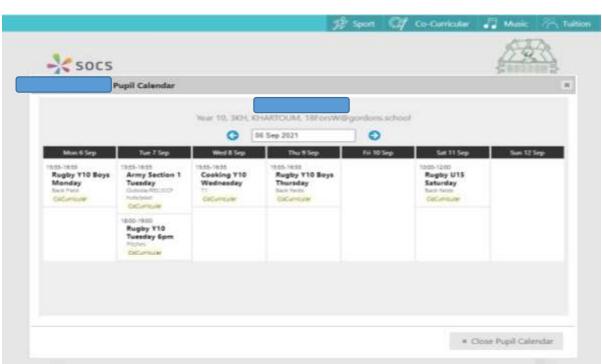






Period 7 & Saturday Morning

- 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





The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

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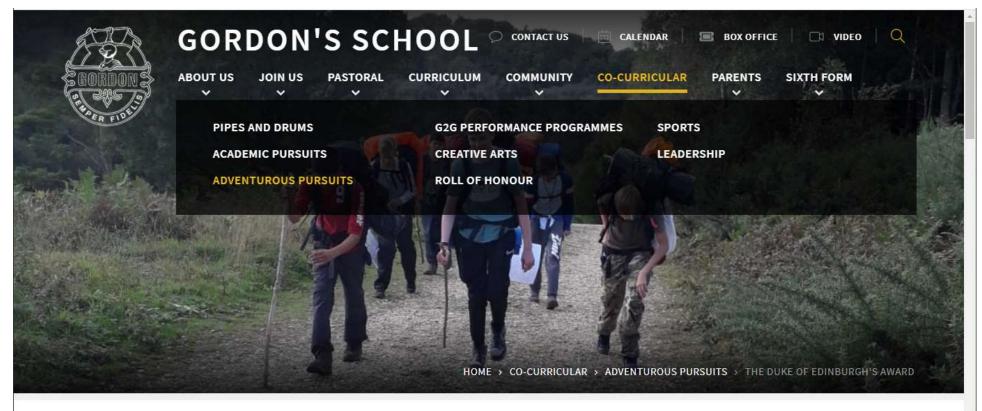
All Y9 students are enrolled on the Bronze Award

- Y10 students choose to do the Silver Award
- Y12&13 students choose to do the Gold Award

- Summer Term expedition dates:
 - Bronze: 22/23 April & 27/28 May
 - Silver 29-01 May & 2-4 June
 - Gold: 10-14 July & 24-28 July



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Gordon's School is thriving.

Students participate in several trips, visits and challenges in order to receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE awards.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award will not only add to the CVs and University applications of those students involved, but also allows them to build on their team work skills, survival skills, and allows them to learn new skills they would otherwise have not experienced.

https://www.gordons.school/page/?title=Co-Curricular&pid=217



Inter-House





Parades & Blues

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





Honours Programme

• Stamps are 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	Platinum Tie







Home-School Partnership

- Please trust us.
- 'Research consistently concludes that, where there was an absence of over-protective parenting, there was a statistically positive correlation with low anxiety / depression, social engagement and ability to solve problems and find solutions in adversity.'



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
- Staff and parents are asked to remain courteous and respectful at all times
- 24-48 hours response time



Character Centred School

Obama on Character



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Balance

Modern ideas
 Traditional values

• Challenge ← Support

Academic
 Non-academic

• Affability Intensity



Useful email addresses

Mr Moss – Head Teacher Head@gordons.school

Ms Carruthers – Deputy Head Pastoral hcarruthers@gordons.school

Mr Reeve – Deputy Head Curriculum areeve@gordons.school

Miss Phillips — Head of Learning Support vphillips@gordons.school Careers – <u>careers@Gordon.school</u>

Miss More – Co-Curricular Coordinator <u>Mmore@gordons.school</u>

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

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



Thank you





