



The Gordon's School Pipes and Drums

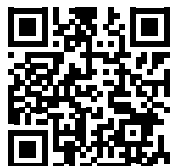
A unique feature of Gordon's School since 1885 is its 50-strong Band of Pipes and Drums, reflecting its ceremonial tradition as the National Memorial to General Charles Gordon. The band wears a military-style uniform with the Gordon Tartan, called Blues, also worn by all students for ceremonial parades.

The Pipes and Drums have performed for Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey, in the Lord Mayor's Show, Windsor Castle, and the Last Post Association Service at Menin Gate, Ypres. Each year, they lead the school's Parade through Whitehall to General Gordon's statue on the Thames. They also compete in the Scottish Schools and World Pipe Band Championships and are partnered with the National Piping Centre. Sixth Form scholarships in Pipes and Drums are offered.

About Gordon's School

Founded in 1885 as the National Memorial to General Gordon, at Queen Victoria's request, beginning as the Gordon Boys' Home for 'necessitous boys', with Queen Victoria as the first in an unbroken line of Sovereign Patrons. In the early years, the Gordon Boys' Home taught trades including tailoring, engineering, carpentry and boot making. It evolved into a co-educational, academically non-selective school, now rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and one of the UK's top state boarding schools. A statue of General Gordon on a camel, transported from Sudan, overlooks the playing fields.

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GORDON'S SCHOOL

The National Memorial to General Gordon
1885 - 2025

Pipes and Drums



Gordon's School in Surrey is the National Memorial to General Gordon, a Victorian War Hero.

This year the school is celebrating the 140th Anniversary of its founding as a home for 'necessitous boys', which evolved over the years into what is now one of the most successful state boarding schools in the country.

To celebrate this milestone anniversary, the school's Pipes and Drums Band are performing in places associated with General Gordon.



General Gordon Window and Plaque
Rochester Cathedral



Tomb of General Gordon
St Paul's Cathedral



Gordon Gardens
Gravesend



Statue of General Gordon
Victoria Embankment Gardens



General Gordon Window
St Alfege's Church Greenwich



Monument to General Gordon
Westminster Abbey



General Gordon's Bible
Windsor Castle



General Gordon Statue
Gordon's School, Surrey



Monument to General Gordon
Chatham



Monument to General Gordon
Queen's Park, Southampton

