



GORDON'S SCHOOL

SENIOR HOCKEY PROGRAMME AND SCHOLARSHIPS





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INTRODUCTION

- Gordon's School is the National Memorial to British war hero, philanthropist and martyr, Major-General Charles George Gordon (1833-1885), and was founded in 1885 when it began existence as 'Gordon Boys' Home' for necessitous boys.
- TES Boarding School of the Year (2022)
- Within our Performance Hockey Programme we provide selected hockey players (aged 16-18) with the opportunity to pursue their chosen academic pathway alongside their hockey ambitions.



ACADEMIC RESULTS

A LEVELS(2026)

36% of entries were graded A* - A

71% of entries were graded A* - B

91% of entries were graded A* - C

BTECS (2026)

62% of entries were graded D*-D

89% of entries were graded D*-M



PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORT, SERIOUS ABOUT EDUCATION

Gordon's Scholars are expected to act as ambassadors for the programme, demonstrating commitment, character, and professionalism both on and off the pitch. Selection is earned through effort, behaviour, and contribution across school life. Sport is not a moment, but a sustained commitment throughout Sixth Form, reflecting both individual growth and the strength of the programme.

SENIOR HOCKEY PROGRAMME

- Gordon's Hockey programme provides you the opportunity for your hockey to thrive, with chances for self-enrichment based around a bespoke schedule. Our program offers high-level competition, a supportive environment and a hockey-specific athletic development plan. Alongside being a leading representative of the school, our program helps develops you as a whole person, with support for your academic studies and wider sporting development.

PRE-SEASON

- Hockey training from August onwards.
- Pre-term fixture day to ensure readiness for the season.

IN-SEASON TRAINING

- One Hockey Technical Training session each week (Monday afternoon).
- Two Athletic Development sessions a week:
 - One with the entire senior 1st XI squad (Thursday afternoon).
 - One during a free period alongside athletes from other sports.
- One weekly skills or unit-work session (during a free period).
- Scholars will be facilitated to play at top national clubs present in the local area.
- Video analysis sessions on an ad-hoc basis.



COMPETITIONS

- The school plays in a number of tournaments including two Tier 1 National Cups, national indoor competition and our own Spring League tournament. This provides high quality competitive hockey throughout the first two terms.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

- Full time physio on site to diagnose, treat and rehabilitate athletes.

VIDEO ANALYSIS

- All matches are recorded and footage is uploaded to VEO.
- Regular personal and team analysis sessions led by coaching staff and players.

IDPS

- Termly 1:1 completion of Individual Development Plan (IDP) including technical, tactical, physical, and psychological targets to support each player's progression throughout the season.



PROFESSIONAL CLUBS

- We have significant links to some of the biggest clubs in the area with a TA coach from Guildford, National Premier League representation at Reading and National League Coach at Indian Gymkhana. Links to Woking HC and Old Georgians also supplement our coaches' direct ties.

REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL

- Gordon's scholars are amongst the most prestigious representatives of the school and looked up to by our Green Blazer hockey students. In return for the service and prestige, our scholars' give back to the school by gaining coaching and umpiring experience. Not only does this aid the school, but this provides a valuable skillset to be able to work in club and university hockey environments.





RECENT SUCCESSES

TEAM SUCCESS

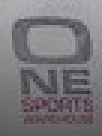
- ISHC T1 Plate Reigning Champions (2026)
- Tormead 6s Reigning Champions (2026)
- Spring League Champions (2024)
- KCS Wimbledon Tournament Champions (2022 & 2019)



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ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

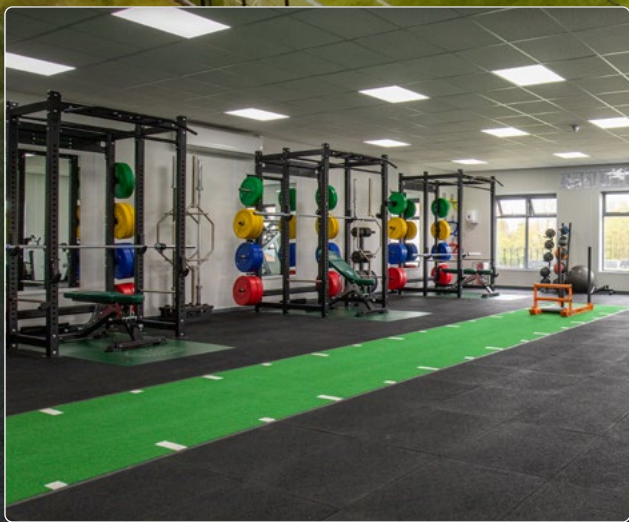


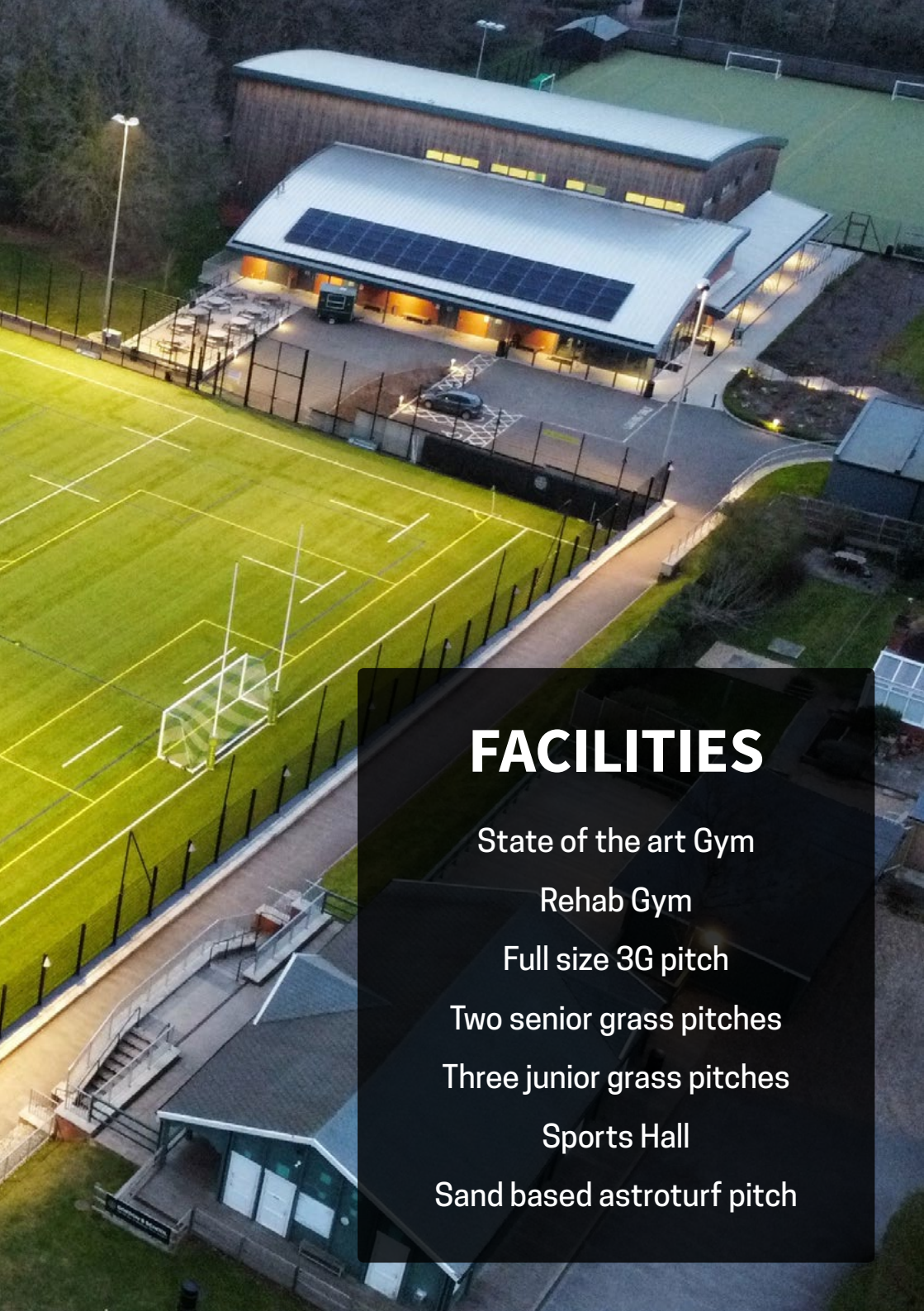
SOCIAL MEDIA

Media day to create content for school social media pages.



@gordons_hockey



An aerial night-time photograph of a sports facility. In the foreground, a large green 3G pitch is illuminated by floodlights, with white boundary lines and a goal visible. To the right, a large, modern building with a curved roof and solar panels is lit up. A parking lot with a few cars is adjacent to the building. In the background, another grass pitch is visible. The entire scene is set against a dark sky.

FACILITIES

State of the art Gym

Rehab Gym

Full size 3G pitch

Two senior grass pitches

Three junior grass pitches

Sports Hall

Sand based astroturf pitch

KEY STAFF



**MATT
LEATHERDALE**
HEAD OF HOCKEY

Head of Hockey Matt Leatherdale has developed significant performance coaching experience during his career. He leads all 18 sides at Gordon's school, as well as being a Guildford Talent Academy coach and has historically coached the South Saxons regional sides. Mr Leatherdale still plays and coaches his side at weekends, and oversees the GHC Boy's U16s alongside running junior development through the men's section of the club.



DAVE MATTHEWS
SENIOR HOCKEY
COACH

Assisting with our Hockey 1st XI, houseparent Mr Mathews comes with over 50 caps of international experience, paired with years of National League coaching. He is the current Indian Gymkhana 1st XI coach, and has coached and run programs across a huge range of big name national league clubs like Richmond, Canterbury, Holcombe and Old Cranleighans.



BEN FRYATT
SENIOR HOCKEY
COACH

Surrey County coach Mr Fryatt is a new and important addition to our coaching team. His work with the 2nd XI and new Year 7s is vital to continuing the production of Green Blazer candidates to support and enrich our 1st XI environment.



MATT SIMONDS HOCKEY COACH, INDOOR SPECIALIST & NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE PLAYER

Our head of BTEC Sport Mr Simonds is a current National Premier League player for Reading HC. He plays a key role in our technical indoor program, as well as developing our Green Blazer talent from the start of their Year 7 journey.



JORDAN ROSE HEAD OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr Rose is an accredited strength and conditioning coach with the UKSCA who holds a BSc in Applied Sport Science from Solent University, and is currently completing an MRes in Sport, Health, and Applied Science at St Mary's Twickenham. Before joining Gordon's, Mr Rose spent seven years working in professional sports academies with athletes from U9 to U21 age levels, at clubs like Ealing Trailfinders RFC, London Irish RFC, Arsenal Women FC and Watford FC. Mr Rose has a desire to develop aspiring athletes, and his CV includes athletes that have made full senior debuts and even senior international appearances. Mr Rose has joined Gordon's to provide the scholars with the physical ability to exceed the demands of their game, and give them the physical tools to compete at the highest level.

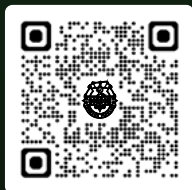


MAC DANIEL PHYSIOTHERAPIST

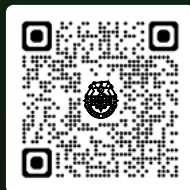
Miss Daniel is a Chartered Physiotherapist, with a particular interest in MSK physiotherapy and sports rehabilitation. During her studies at the University of Birmingham, she provided physiotherapy support for their First XV Mens' Rugby Team, and after graduating joined the medical team at Millfield School where she notably worked with their high-performance athletes across a variety of sports. Additionally, she has RFU's PHICIS Level 2 qualification to provide immediate and emergency care, a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Massage, and attended multiple sports taping courses.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete a
Sixth Form
application [here](#)



Complete a
Scholarship
application [here](#)



Please complete both forms

TIMELINE

Sixth Form Open Evenings:
29 September and 8 October 2026

DEADLINES

Sixth Form Deadline:
6 November 2026

Scholarship Deadline:
30 October 2026

ASSESSMENT

Scholarship Assessment:
15 November 2026