



GORDON'S SCHOOL

SENIOR

FOOTBALL 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 Football Programme we provide selected football players (aged 16-18) with the opportunity to pursue their chosen academic pathway alongside their football 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 FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

- Gordon's School Football is led by Paul King and supported by our UEFA qualified coaches. The coaching team have collaborated their knowledge and experiences to co-ordinate the delivery of our football programme. The programme provides an elite approach for individuals to progress their technical, tactical, physical and psychological attributes both on and off the training field. Increased player contact time and our investment in the latest technology has enabled us to innovate the process of player observation and feedback. This elite strategy supports our first teams to compete in the later stages of ESFA and County competitions, while also winning local Surrey Football Leagues.

PRE-SEASON

- Football training and Athletic Development sessions in August
- Gordon's U18 Pre-Season fixtures against local independent schools.



IN-SEASON TRAINING

- One Football Technical Training session each week.
- Two Athletic Development sessions a week:
 - One with the football squad.
 - One during a free period alongside athletes from other sports.
- One weekly skills or unit-work session (during a free period).
- Video analysis sessions on an ad-hoc basis.

COMPETITIVE FIXTURES

- The School play in a number of local, league and ESFA cup competitions.
- The School also enjoys friendly matches with schools such as Eton, Harrow, Hampton and Royal Russell.
- Inaugural Gordon's Football Festival



PHYSIOTHERAPY

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

VIDEO ANALYSIS

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

IDPS

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

PROFESSIONAL CLUBS

- The School will facilitate trials at professional clubs.
- The School will also send players for trials to represent their county.



COACHING AND REFEREEING COURSES

- The School is a venue for FA qualified courses, which allow the students to coach teams at Gordon's, and creates an excellent opportunity for developing leadership skills.

FIRST POINT

- First Point USA are a world leading scholarship agency that can further enhance the opportunities available to our students wishing to pursue careers in professional sport. This option allows students to continue their education while playing sport at a high level. Some examples are shown in our past students section.





RECENT SU

PAST STUDENTS

- Freddie Fenton - USA Scholarship Kansas University
- Harry Mayhew - USA Scholarship Wyoming University
- Rileigh Hebditch - Selected for Luton Town and HRBFC Trials
- Sam Whitehead - Selected for England Schools Trials
- Jack Nickson - USA Scholarship Alabama University



SUCCESSSES

TEAM SUCCESS

- The first team made it to the last eight of the ESFA Elite Super Cup in 2024
- The First XI have won the Surrey Sixth Form League 2023/24 & 2024/25 season
- League Cup Finalists 2024/25
- Surrey Sixth Form League Cup Winners 2025
- 1st and 2nd XI won the Bertie Nevill League 2025/26

ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

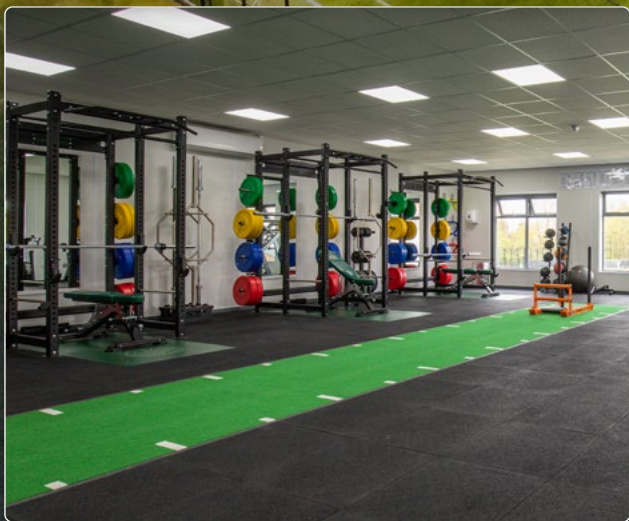


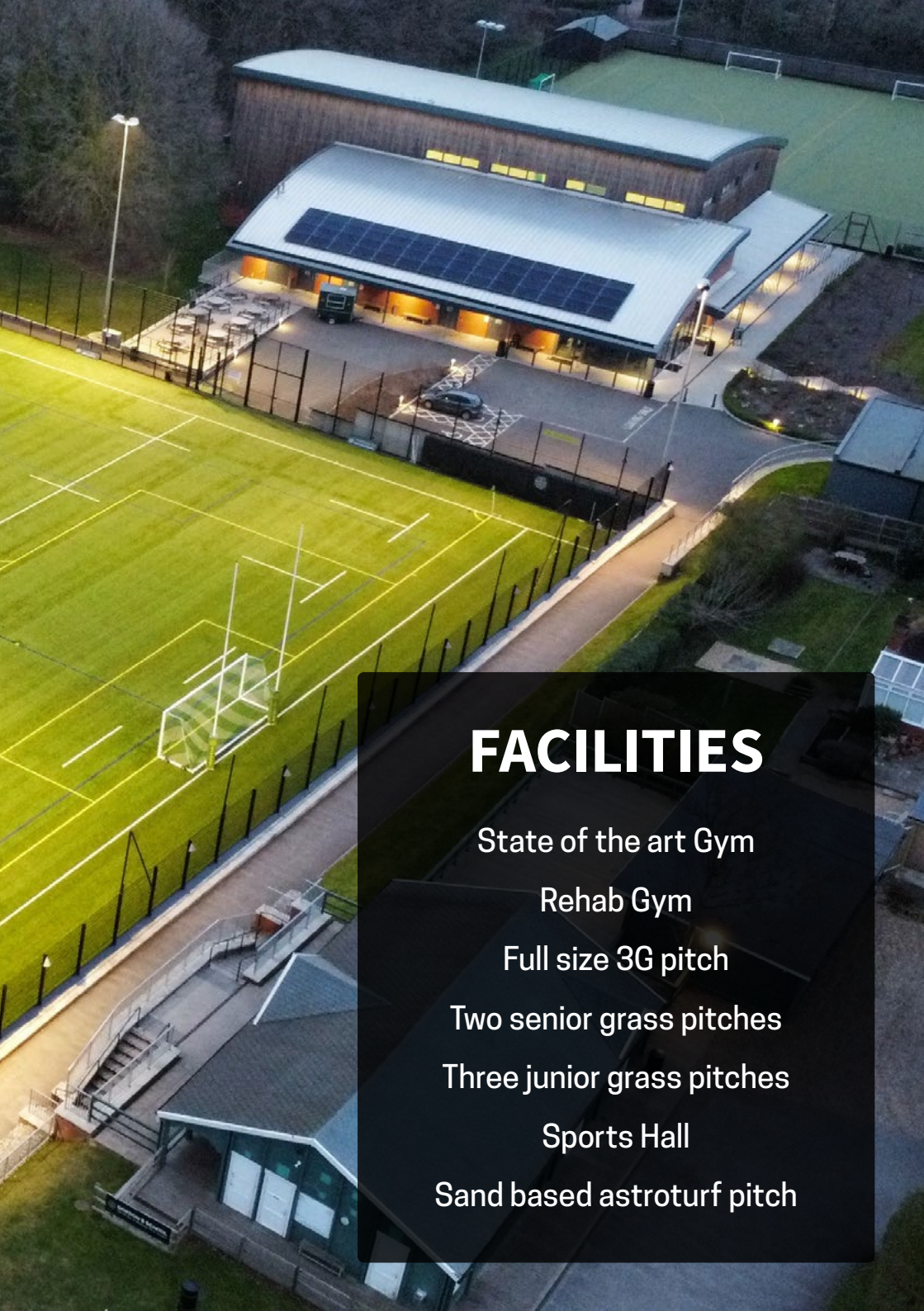
SOCIAL MEDIA

Media day to create content for school social media pages.



@gordons_football



An aerial night-time photograph of a sports facility. In the foreground, a large green 3G pitch is illuminated by bright lights, with white field markings and a goal visible. To the right of the pitch is a large, modern building with a curved roof. A section of the roof is covered with solar panels. The building has several windows, some of which are lit from within. A paved area with a few parked cars is located between the pitch and the building. In the background, another green field is visible, along with some trees and a fence. The overall scene is well-lit, suggesting an evening or night setting.

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



PAUL KING

HEAD OF FOOTBALL

A member of Ipswich Town's Junior Academy from Under 10 to Under 16, Mr King also represented his county in the game. As an undergraduate, he played for St Mary's University, Twickenham's First XI and won BUSA titles.

Taking a break from football in 1997, Mr King pursued a career in cricket, playing for Suffolk in the Minor Counties. However, he has gone on to play football in local Surrey and Hampshire leagues.



GARETH HALL

SENIOR FOOTBALL COACH

With nine international caps for Wales and 198 League appearances for Chelsea Football Club, Mr Hall was a member of the team that won the 1990 Full Members Cup at Wembley Stadium. In 1996, he moved to Sunderland, joining Swindon Town in 1998. Mr Hall arrived at Gordon's in 2009 and has taken the first team to two semi-finals of the prestigious ESFA Competition.



BEN WALSH

SENIOR FOOTBALL COACH

Mr Walshe is an ex-professional footballer who played for QPR, Aldershot, Ebbsfleet United, St Albans, Fisher Athletic and the famous Harchester United, and playing a role in Sky TV's 'Dream Team' football series. His love and passion for playing led him to coaching, which has also taken him overseas to both America and Australia.



JACK WOODS

SENIOR FOOTBALL/GOALKEEPING COACH

Mr Woods joins our senior coaching team as lead GK coach, he played for Georgia Gwinnet University in the USA and returned to the UK to run out for a number of senior non-league sides.



PAUL HARKNESS

FOOTBALL COACH

Mr Harkness has enjoyed a playing career spanning 16 years mainly in the National League and Regional Leagues as well as a successful playing and coaching spell in New Zealand, a coaching career of 22 years in Youth Development and Academy football and ten years coaching senior teams in regional leagues. He is the founder and co-owner of a highly successful full

time football and education programme that has developed players for professional clubs as well as the US University system and overseas clubs.



MATT BROWN

FOOTBALL COACH

Mr Brown has huge experience within the game, he previously played semi-professional in the UK, as well as professionally in Germany, Belgium, and America where he captained his side to the NPSL regional title, narrowly losing in the national semi-finals to New York Red Bulls. Upon retirement, he turned to coaching and has since worked at a number of professional clubs

including Leicester City, Northampton Town, Chelsea FC and Portsmouth FC. He was assistant manager/manager of Westfield FC in the Southern League and Eversley and California in Combined Counties.



JORDAN ROSE

ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT COACH

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

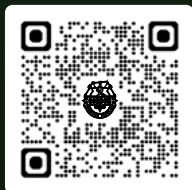
PHYSIOTHERAPIST

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

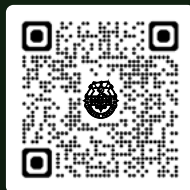
variety of sports. Additionally, she has RFU's PHICIS Level 2 qualification to provide immediate and emergency care, a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Massage, and attended multiple sports taping courses.

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