



Gordon's School



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP





**All our teams are disciplined and well organised; players put the team first and play with passion whatever the score.**

Sports Scholars at Gordon's School will be a part of the Good to Great programme which aims to enhance the development of athletes potential through a programme designed specifically for the individual. This programme will support and foster preparation, progression and performance during their time at Gordon's School.

The individual athletes have access to highly qualified, experienced educationalists and fitness practitioners who they work alongside, providing guidance, advice, support and the opportunities to achieve their true athletic potential.

Sports Scholars will receive a termly report on their sporting progress. This report will include both mental and physical progress and detailed next steps advice on how they can reach their potential and go beyond it.

As a School, we have a history of regular overseas tours. Our teams enter county and national competitions and have seen successful at both levels. Our students have also been selected for county and international representation. Gordon's Alumni are competing at international standards across a range of sports.

Gordon's School has an abundance of sporting facilities including a fitness centre, floodlit astropitch, indoor swimming pool, indoor shooting range, brand new netball courts, 5 rugby and football pitches. The teaching team is enhanced by a number of top-level professional coaches who assist with a range of sports. There are plans for a brand new sports hall, fitness suite and 4g floodlit pitch in 2019.

Sport Scholarships are offered to students demonstrating excellence and potential in their nominated sports. Students follow a carefully balanced multi-sport programme and this is reflected in the scholarship process. In addition to sport specific assessments, we also monitor student's physical competency.

As a minimum, candidates are expected to be of county standard (or potential) or above in their chosen sports.

### **What we are looking for:**

We are looking to select candidates who display what we consider to be the most important physical attributes and mental characteristics which will eventually produce an elite performer. You should apply if you:

- Have the discipline to follow an athlete's training programme
- Are coachable and willing to implement any feedback quickly
- Demonstrate ambition and drive towards achieving a personal or team goal
- Are able to make good decisions when under pressure
- Are physically resilient
- Are willing to take the lead
- Have good communication skills
- Are organised in your approach to all aspects of your sport

## What we will expect from the Sports Scholar:

Successful candidates will fully engage in sport and our Good to Great athlete training programme at Gordon's School and:

- aspire and work towards representing the school, their county and even their country
- show passion, pride and sportsmanship in all that they do
- have a genuine desire to contribute to the sporting life of the school
- be prepared to be a leader
- assist with coaching and officiating at Key Stage 3 sporting events
- assist with the organisation and running of Inter-House sports competitions
- work to achieve the highest possible standards in their own performance
- perform regularly in major school fixtures and attend regular and extra training/preseason training sessions
- to behave according to the School's Code of Conduct
- must set a visible example, as a Sports Scholar, to other athletes and the wider school, be punctual, dress appropriately in all training sessions/matches and exhibit positive behaviour in all aspects of Gordon's School life

Scholarships are reviewed annually and their continuance is dependent upon attitude, conduct, participation and progress.

## As a sport scholar you will enjoy:

- a sport specific personal mentor
- guidance with goal setting and reviewing
- Strength and Conditioning coaching
- preferential access to sports psychology lectures/seminars
- nutritional guidance and advice
- access to physiotherapy and support with injury rehabilitation
- guidance with performance analysis
- access to excellent coaching
- preparation for the next step of your sporting life
- access to external coaches and expertise through the Good to Great Programme
- representing the school at a competitive and challenging level
- contributing to the development and structure of the Good to Great Programme
- an enhanced sense of transferable leadership qualities and the opportunities to put your leadership skills into practice
- Name displayed on the Sports Scholar Honours Board

## How to apply:

Candidates should complete:

- An application form and attach a letter summarising their sporting activities and achievements over the last 2 years (no more than one side of A4 written by the student)
- In support of their CV, there should be a sport specialist reference and a behaviour/character reference (these may be from a present coach/teacher or from the last two years)
- In addition, candidates are able to submit video footage

The suitable candidates will be invited to an assessment day. This will involve:

- skill and technical knowledge demonstration in their chosen sport
- fitness testing in a variety of components
- Interview with either the Head Teacher or a Deputy Head and the Director of Sport expected to talk convincingly about their commitment to sport and their enthusiasms





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