

NATIONAL
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WEEK 2025

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10-16 FEBRUARY 2025



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National Apprenticeship Week 2025 has arrived!

The annual week-long celebration taking place across England is an opportunity for Gordon's to shine a light on Careers in school to elicit conversations and encourage curiosity. As the less familiar pathway there will be an emphasis on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and support businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.

A full schedule of events is planned for students and parents including the Careers Keynote Speaker series every day at 4pm in the Chapel. Students are permitted to miss their scheduled P7 if they choose to attend but must sign up via the links provided. Parents are also encouraged to attend the public events including the Careers Fair but must sign up in advance. Please read on to find out more.....

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EVENTS SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

	Monday 10 th February	Tuesday 11 th February	Wednesday 12 th February	Thursday 13 th February	Friday 14 th February
TUTOR TIME 8:20AM – 8:40AM		Amazing Apprenticeships Assembly Year 12 (Live Online)	Introducing Apprenticeships and T Levels Year 8 & 9 (Live Online)	Introducing Apprenticeships and T Levels Year 7 (Live Online)	Amazing Apprenticeships Assembly Year 10 & 11 (Live Online)
		UNIFROG How to? Year 7, 8 and 10	UNIFROG How to? Year 11	UNIFROG How to? Year 12	UNIFROG How to? Year 9
Careers in the Curriculum			Your Apprenticeship, Your Future Year 11 PSHE Visiting Theatre Company Years 10 & 11 ENGLISH		CV Writing Skills Year 10 PSHE
Careers Keynote Speakers Series 4pm in Chapel	Is an Apprenticeship for me? We welcome four Gordonians currently undertaking apprenticeships with Barclays, Deloitte, Tui and the Civil Service for an in-depth Q&A. Hear first hand about the application process and the benefits and challenges of the apprenticeship route. SIGN UP HERE	A Career in the RAF A Career in the RAF is like no other. Find out about the opportunities available to students. SIGN UP HERE	SIEMENS – A Career in Business Finance Join Josh Deakin on his journey from Gordon's. Hear how University led him to Siemens hugely competitive finance graduate scheme. Understand more about working for a global technology conglomerate in their dynamic financial sector. SIGN UP HERE	INFINIGATE – The Future is Cyber Experienced Gordonian Zak Soliman is here to inspire students to understand the opportunities within this dynamic and fast paced sector - there truly is something for everyone! SIGN UP HERE	
EVENTS		Gordon's School Careers Fair 5:30pm – 7:30pm Wynter Bee Theatre Open to all students Year 8-13 30+ Exhibitors representing industry and education providers. PARENTS SIGN UP HERE		Dine and Discuss with Professor Jennifer Rogers, Statistician 6pm – 8pm Building Cultural Capital Year 12 Invitation Only	

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Is an Apprenticeship for me?

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Launching National Apprenticeship Week we welcome Gordonians currently undertaking Degree Apprenticeships within a range of industry sectors. All have secured highly competitive programmes so this is an opportunity to have your questions answered by an expert panel. Understand more about their journey to an apprenticeship, the benefits and the challenges.

Monday 10th February 2025, 4pm in Chapel



 **BARCLAYS**

Tamara: Operations Analyst



Deloitte.

Sam: Financial Services Audit Associate



UK Civil Service

Harrison: Government Economics Service



 **TUI**

Oliver: Digital Content Delivery Executive

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Careers in the RAF

Tuesday 11th February 2025, 4pm in the Chapel

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A Career in the RAF is like no other. You'll be given opportunities you won't find anywhere else and, equipped with the skills and training you receive, you'll be working at the top of your field in the UK and overseas. Find out more about what a career in the RAF is really like and if it is right for you.

FIND OUT MORE: [AMAZINGAPPRENTICESHIPS.COM/NAW](https://amazingapprenticeships.com/naw)



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A Career in Business Finance

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Wednesday 12th February 2025, 4pm in the Chapel

SIEMENS

Gordonian Josh Deakin shares his inspiring journey from school through University and on to a coveted position on Siemens' highly competitive graduate business programme. Gain valuable insights into what it takes to build a career within the financial services division of a leading global technology powerhouse.

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The Future is Cyber

Thursday 13th February 2025, 4pm in the Chapel

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The leading technology platform and trusted advisor in cybersecurity, cloud and network infrastructure, Infinigate has the world at its feet. Experienced Gordonian Zak Soliman is here to inspire students to understand the opportunities within this dynamic and fast paced sector - there truly is something for everyone!

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Dine and Discuss

Thursday 13th February 2025 6.00-8.00pm in The Rec

JENNIFER VISSER-ROGERS:

Living is a Risky Business

We are bombarded with numbers and statistics in the media on a daily basis and are expected to use these to make decisions about our day-to-day lives. But what do these numbers really mean? Real life involves risks. From cycling without a helmet, visiting a country with contagious diseases, to living near the water. Sometimes your perception of risk is distorted, making you think that some things are more – or less – risky than is actually the case. And sometimes things happen just by chance, right? As a statistician, it is my job to decide whether any differences I see in data are likely to be just by chance, or whether they are ‘statistically significant’. But how much evidence do you need before you can say that what you see is significant and how do you untangle causality from chance?

Jen Visser-Rogers has used statistics to answer all sorts of questions about topics such as climate change and medicine. In this talk she’ll be taking you through some of the most important concepts in statistics as she looks at extreme weather events, pharmaceutical drug trials, risk, and more.



CAREERS FAIR 2025

30+ EDUCATORS AND BUSINESSES
REPRESENTING A BROAD RANGE OF SECTORS. Tuesday 11th February

VISIT THE EXHIBITORS IN WYNTER BEE THEATRE:

5.30pm to 6.15pm

YEARS 12 AND 13

6.15pm to 6.45pm

YEAR 9

6.30pm to 7.00pm

YEAR 11

6.45pm to 7.15pm

YEAR 10

7.00pm to 7.30pm

YEAR 8



- **What is the Careers Fair and why is it important?**

Careers Fairs are an excellent way to meet employers and ask lots of questions. You can find out about different jobs, about the skills you might need or the salary you could earn. You might discover career opportunities within industries you'd not considered and the motivation to work harder in school. You even have the opportunity to ask about work experience! All our delegates are committed to sharing their experience and expertise in an informal setting to support students with their career learning journeys.

- **Who will be represented?**

This year will see 30+ educators and industry professionals representing a wide range of sectors including law, finance, healthcare, leisure, public services and creative.

- **Who can attend?**

Every student in Years 8 – 13 will attend the event during prep. A slot will be timetabled by year group and students will be accompanied to the Theatre by their prep tutors. In addition, parents are invited to join to join their child for the event by booking their place here: [Parent Sign up](#).



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How do I make the most of it?

- Look through the organisations who will be attending in advance
- Research the companies and industry sectors that interest you
- Consider the roles our delegates hold within their organisations – remember businesses support many roles within one organisation
- Plan who you want to speak to and make sure you seek them out on the day
- Be polite and confident about asking questions
- Follow up if you have made useful contacts. You may find an organisation is willing to offer work experience or support with future enquiries you may have

Here are some questions you might like to ask:

- What do you like best about your job?
- What do you like best about your company?
- Describe your typical day
- What qualifications did you need?
- What advice do you have for students who want to enter your industry?



***** **STUDENT COMPETITION** *****






Be in the running to win £££'s






All our delegates will be asked to nominate the students with whom they have had the most engaging conversations or who have asked well informed questions.






All nominations will be entered into the prize draw to win five £20 Amazon vouchers!






To be in the running make sure you have done your research and carefully considered which organisations could best help you discover more about the career paths you are interested in.













Organisation	Delegate Information and Sector	Overview	Website
	<p>Christine Hill School Partnership Executive</p> <p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>Activate Learning is a forward-thinking education group that aims for far-reaching, progressive change and impact through learning. We work with students as individuals, helping them make the choice of career pathway or course that's right for them and their ambitions.</p> <p>Our colleges, and work-based programs empower learners to achieve their goals.</p>	<p>Activate Learning</p>
	<p>Dan Horton Head of Virology</p> <p>HEALTHCARE & VETERINARY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE</p>	<p>APHA exists to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy. Examples include responding to outbreaks of animal diseases such as bird-flu, addressing the threats of invasive species, and preserving biodiversity.</p> <p>Our people come from a wide variety of backgrounds and include Veterinarians; Scientists; Research Specialists; Frontline Animal Plant & Bee Inspectors; Customer Service and Administrative Professionals. We employ over 3000 people based in Addlestone, Surrey and around the UK.</p>	<p>APHA Science</p>
	<p>El Seru Royal Army Medical Service</p> <p>HEALTHCARE/ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE</p>	<p>Wherever you find the British Army, you will find the Royal Army Medical Service (RAMS) who can deploy at short notice anywhere in the world to provide medical support. The RAMS will be there to maintain soldiers' health and provide medical care to the sick and injured ensuring the next generation of the Army will continue to be supported by a modern corps capable of delivering healthcare on exercises and operations at home and around the world.</p>	<p>RAMS</p>
	<p>Ganine Abdul Practice Manager</p> <p>HEALTHCARE AND OPTOMETRY</p>	<p>The core role of a dispensing optician is to advise on, fit and supply the spectacle frames and lenses most appropriate for each patient's visual, lifestyle and vocational needs. This includes advising on and dispensing: As well as dispensing optical appliances, dispensing opticians provide clinical advice and guidance on common eyecare conditions, including acute conditions, such as dry eye, and identify and refer those which require emergency care. Dispensing opticians work in community optical practices, and in other settings including hospitals and providing domiciliary care.</p> <p>Gordon's Careers Partner</p>	<p>Bayfields Opticians & Audiologists</p>
	<p>Mark Ellis Education Manager</p> <p>GLOBAL CONSERVATION</p>	<p>Founded by David Shepherd CBE in 1984, to channel his wildlife conservation efforts. David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF) is an effective and wildlife conservation charity operating across Africa and Asia to end wildlife crime and protect endangered species in their natural habitat.</p>	<p>David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation</p>




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	<p>Sian Kerr Young Persons Employment Advisor</p> <p>CHARITY</p>	<p>The Forces Employment Charity provides life-long, life-changing support, jobs and training opportunities to Service leavers, veterans, reservists and their spouses, partners and children, regardless of circumstances, rank, length of service, or reason for leaving</p>	<p>Forces Employment Charity</p>
	<p>Suzanne Frost Physical Education Officer</p> <p>Stephen Bird Prison Officer</p> <p>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE</p>	<p>HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) is here to prevent victims by changing lives.</p> <p>We work with our partners to carry out the sentences given by the courts, either in custody or the community. We reduce reoffending by rehabilitating the people in our care through education and employment. The agency is made up of HM Prison Service, Probation Service, Youth Custody Service and a headquarters focussed on creating tools and learning.</p>	<p>HM Prison Service</p>
	<p>Sarah Ward</p> <p>DROP IN CAREERS ADVICE</p> <p>GORDON'S CAREERS PARTNER</p>	<p>We are an independent career services company providing careers and personal guidance services for schools. Our Service Aims are to inspire young people about careers, the world of work and education and training opportunities, and to prepare young people for adulthood employment, and career and economic well-being. Drop in during the Careers Fair to have your career questions answered.</p>	<p>Innervate Careers</p>
	<p>Adam Al-Sharifi Student Recruitment Officer</p> <p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>Lancaster University is a highly ranked UK university with a global reputation for excellence in research and teaching. Lancaster is consistently ranked among the top 15 in all three major UK university league tables. It's a campus-based university, located on a beautiful 560-acre parkland site and proud to be one of only a handful of UK universities to have a collegiate system.</p>	<p>Lancaster University</p>
	<p>Alisha Philips Club Manager</p> <p>SPORTS & LEISURE</p> <p>GORDON'S CAREERS PARTNER</p>	<p>Lifestyle is a company of 24 clubs that have strong relations with schools, college and the local community & provide fantastic facilities and sports hall availability to support in promoting overall health and well being for its customers.</p>	<p>Lifestyle Fitness</p>

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 NOT JUST TRAVEL HELEN AND PAUL	Paul Fray Director TRAVEL AND LEISURE CONSUMER GOODS	Not Just Travel (NJT), one of the UK's fastest growing independent travel companies, with over 20 years' experience of looking after their customers holidays and travel needs, whilst supporting them every step of the journey. Previously I was in the FMCG Industry initially Procter & Gamble, then FMCG Management Consultancy in Europe and Asia.	Helen and Paul Not Just Travel
 LOVELACE Trust Solutions Ltd	Ian Lovelace Estate Planning Consultant LEGAL/ FINANCE	I see my role as twofold: 1. To protect client's assets for the bloodline by utilising Trusts within their Wills, this is often referred to as "death planning" 2. Lifetime Planning - this would involve reducing families liability to inheritance tax (IHT) during their lifetime and planning for their potential loss of capacity by setting up Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) My work often involves liaising with other professionals such as Accountants and Financial Advisers.	Lovelace Trust Solutions
 JUST PLAY POWERHOUSE STUDIOS	Alex Hart Music Director Danny Hawkins Director CREATIVE INDUSTRIES	Musical performance and education company which works through our Recording Studio, Richmond studio, schools and community to provide musical education for all areas of the community. GORDON'S CAREERS PARTNER	Just Play / Powerhouse Studios
 ramsac the secure choice	Chris Bett People Manager TECH AND IT	We help our clients to get the best out of technology – implementing, managing and supporting secure, resilient, flexible IT solutions. We typically work with organisations with 50 to 500 users, providing them with strategic IT input, proactive IT management, jargon-free technical support and solutions that help them to grow their own organisations efficiently and securely.	ramsac
 ROYAL AIR FORCE REGULAR & RESERVE	Richard Seed RAF Careers Engagement PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE	Over 60 roles available with 22 apprenticeships on offer ranging from Level 2 to 7.	RAF Recruitment Home Regular & Reserve Royal Air Force (mod.uk)

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	<p>Zak Soliman Vendor Manager GORDONIAN</p> <p>CYBER SECURITY</p>	<p>The leading technology platform and trusted advisor in cybersecurity, cloud and network infrastructure. We're an EMEA and ANZ distributor, specialising in total cybersecurity solutions and services. We take pride in providing unrivalled support and value for our vendor and reseller partner communities.</p>	<p>Infinigate</p>
	<p>Claire Parkinson Schools and Colleges Liaison Manager</p> <p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>Royal Holloway, University of London is a campus university based in Egham, Surrey. We're a top 30 university with over 250 undergraduate courses available in arts, humanities, and sciences.</p>	<p>Royal Holloway University of London</p>
	<p>Sean Garrett Royal Navy & Royal Marines GORDONIAN</p> <p>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE</p>	<p>Ships, submarines, F-35 Jets, helicopters & Royal Marines provide security for shipping lanes around the world, humanitarian aide, and national security. A career in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines gives you access to over 130 different roles.</p>	<p>Royal Navy</p>
	<p>Sophia Lopez Weitz UK/ Ireland Regional Manager</p> <p>HOSPITALITY & CATERING</p>	<p>Swiss Education Group is the largest private educator in Switzerland. We operate 4 of the world's top hospitality schools and offer degree programmes in Hospitality, Business and Culinary arts. Our approach is practical, industry-led, inclusive and personal, our students have amazing profile after graduation and working in various sectors in the hospitality industry across the globe. Our campuses are located in the beautiful landscape of Switzerland. You have it all!</p>	<p>Swiss Education Group</p>
	<p>Joshua Deakin Transactions & Portfolio Management GORDONIAN</p> <p>FINANCE & INSURANCE</p>	<p>We offer sustainable financing solutions to many different businesses including many FTSE 100 companies. Siemens Financial Services (SFS) is the financing arm of Siemens AG. My expertise is in Risk management, underwriting and Transaction and Portfolio management</p>	<p>Siemens Financial Services</p>

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	<p>Luke Skinner Partnership Manager</p> <p>SPORTS & LEISURE</p>	<p>We are a sports opportunity provider that helps facilitate pathways for students within football to destinations such as the USA and Canada on scholarships and Australia and New Zealand for playing and coaching.</p>	<p>Primus Sports Partners</p>
	<p>Ben Webb Director</p> <p>SPORTS & LEISURE/ WELLBEING</p>	<p>We make a difference to individuals through immersive countryside experiences We make a difference to society through our direct impact, by scaling our impact, and by having a particular emphasis on supporting the quality of childhoods.</p> <p>This is our mission because of our acute appreciation of the countryside and what it has to offer, and our passion for supporting the quality of childhoods.</p>	<p>Surrey Hills and Rivers</p>
	<p>Amanda Boissevain UK Student Recruitment Manager</p> <p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>The University of Surrey is a leading university located within the county town of Guildford, Surrey in the South-East of England. From accounting and finance to veterinary medicine and science, we have a diverse range of subject areas for your students to choose from.</p>	<p>University of Surrey</p>
	<p>Phil Garner CEO</p> <p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>We work with students their parents & schools when the students are seeking either a US or Canadian Undergraduate, Postgraduate or Masters courses. We provide an extensive service, sharing a wealth of knowledge and experience.</p>	<p>USA Study</p>
	<p>Gihan Thabrew Senior Sales Enablement Manager</p> <p>DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SALES AND MARKETING</p>	<p>We solve the world's toughest and most important thermal problems.</p> <p>As a world-class industrial technology and thermal products leader, Watlow designs and manufactures heating solutions consisting primarily of electric resistive heaters, temperature sensors, temperature and power controllers, and supporting software. We bring 100 years of experience to numerous industries, including semiconductor processing, energy generation, transportation, medical and food service equipment.</p>	<p>Watlow / Eurotherm</p>
<p>TIM SPELLER EVENTS</p>	<p>Tim Speller Technical Production Manager</p> <p>CREATIVE/ EVENTS MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>Live events production manager. Working across exhibitions, conferences and live activations.</p>	

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	Felicia Odumosu Business Management Consultant CONSULTANCY	Talent Bureau Limited is a recruitment and HR consulting firm offering services such as talent acquisition, leadership development, organizational strategy, and recruitment outsourcing. They assist businesses in enhancing operations by connecting them with suitable professionals and providing comprehensive HR solutions across various industries.	Talent Bureau
	Nitesh Patel Accountant FINANCE/ ACCOUNTANCY	At Tax Assist Accountants, we provide a personal and professional accounting and tax services to start-ups, sole traders, partnerships, limited companies, property landlords, contractors, freelancers and individual taxpayers. We provide all the services you would expect from an accountant, including accounts, tax, payroll, VAT, bookkeeping, business advice and more. We can provide annual services as well as ad-hoc consultancy.	Tax Assist
GEORGE WALLACE AVIATION EXPERT	George Wallace Freelance ENGINEERING+	I have a wealth of experience in aviation, air craft engineering, air traffic control, baggage handling and x-ray systems and security, systems testing including the new baggage handling system at Heathrow T2.	
	Ellie Whitlock Early Careers and Talent Expert STEM	At KBR, we partner with government and industry clients to provide purposeful and comprehensive solutions with an emphasis on efficiency and safety. With a full portfolio of services, proprietary technologies and expertise, our employees are ready to handle projects and missions from planning and design to sustainability and maintenance. Whether at the bottom of the ocean or in outer space, our clients trust us to deliver the impossible on a daily basis. GORDON'S CAREERS PARTNER	KBR
	Lewis George Horticultural Expert, Wisley HORTICULTURE	RHS is the UK's leading horticulture charity. Our work is hugely varied and opportunities within this sector are significant - the industry was worth £38 billion to UK economy in 2024.	RHS New Shoots
 UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM	Katie Whitmore Senior Student Recruitment Officer EDUCATION	A Russell Group University in the heart of England. Our beautiful campus is on the doorstep of a friendly and exciting city with our own train station on campus. We offer a wide range of degree subjects and opportunities to develop the skills required for the working world. There are plenty of opportunities to gain valuable work experience ensuring you stand out in the graduate job market.	University of Birmingham

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	<p>Dr Os Canello Lead Education and Development Pharmacist</p> <p>HEALTHCARE</p>	<p>The pharmacy department at Royal Surrey is responsible for giving medicines to patients in the hospital. The Team is made up of Pharmacists, Technicians and Assistants, many of whom are highly specialised and trained to cover specific areas within the hospital, as well as a dedicated procurement and admin team. Pharmacy staff are able to advise patients on how to take and use their medications safely, talk through any side effects and discuss options for available over-the-counter medicines. The pharmacy aseptic unit is responsible for producing certain medications such as intravenous chemotherapy and nutrition, as well as producing tailor-made doses for specific patients. The team work together to ensure that any medicines prescribed are correct, safe, and supplied in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Royal Surrey NHS Foundation</p>
	<p>James Brocklebank Engineering Manager</p> <p>ENGINEERING</p>	<p>Chemical engineers play a pivotal role in how we live, working across every industry, across the globe, linking sectors together to help address the UN's Sustainable Development Goals</p>	<p>Institution of Chemical Engineers</p>
	<p>Georgina May Higher Education Advisor</p> <p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>UEA is in Norwich, Norfolk. We are ranked 21st in the UK by the Complete University Guide 2025, UEA offers a unique and student centred environment. We offer 100+ different courses, including Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, Psychology and Engineering. Many of our courses offer placement years or study abroad options and we are globally recognised for our academic research and teaching.</p>	<p>UEA</p>

