## Welcome to the Gordon's Sixth Form Open Evening 2023

"The sixth form is outstanding. Students make excellent progress and achieve high academic standards. They take advantage of a wide range of opportunities to develop leadership skills and the vast majority go on to secure places in higher education." **OFSTED** 







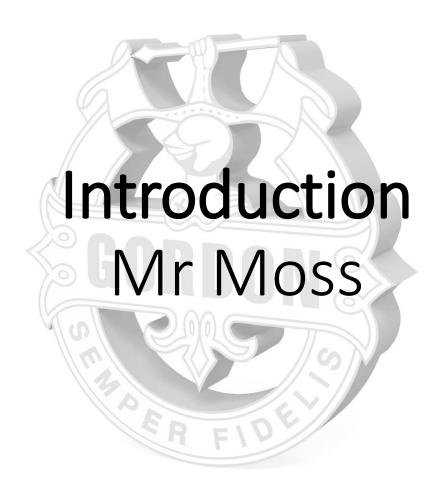














## This slideshow is being recorded





Timings

5.25 pm

6.00 pm

6.45 pm

7.30 pm



# A Gordon's Education



## Our ABC- A Thorough Preparation for Life





# Major Developments





## Sports Hub completed 2022











## Next - Performing Arts Centre 2025







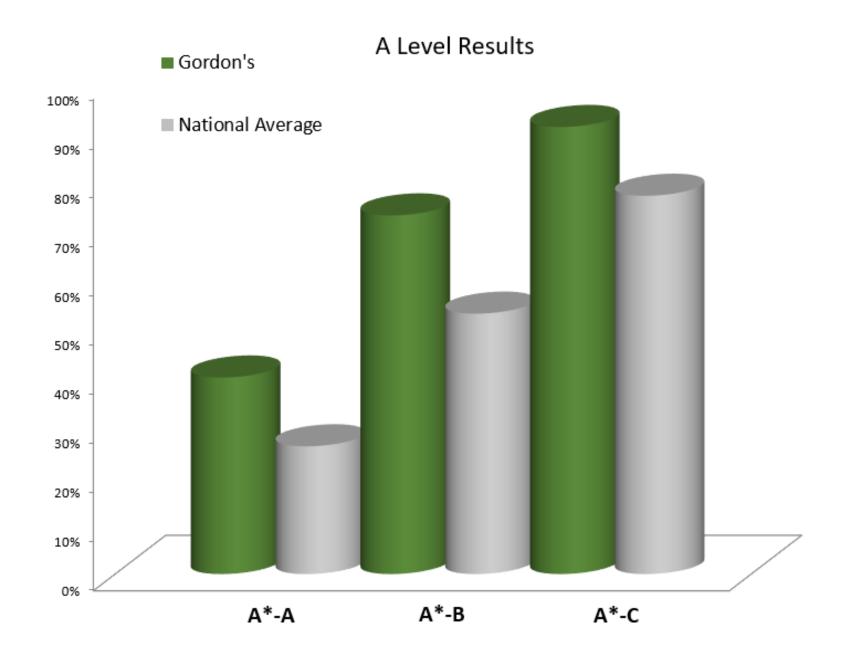
# The Curriculum Deputy Head Curriculum Ms Pierce



# Academic Outcomes The very best possible examination results



### Performance Over Time





#### Where Gordon's ranks...

#### **Academic Progress**

• Top 40 of all boarding schools (state and independent) in the UK

• Top 5% of schools nationally over the last 5 year period



#### Curriculum model

3 A Levels (11 ppfn)

+1 Suite of Subjects

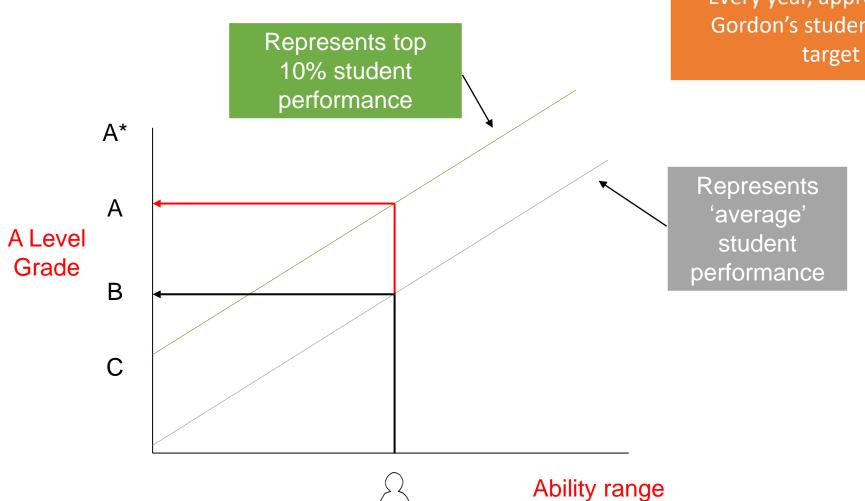
Open Study & PSHE

Academic Enrichment





#### A Grade Higher



Target Grades for students at Gordon's are set within the top 10% of student attainment nationally.

Every year, approximately 70% of Gordon's students achieve these target grades.



# A Grade Higher .... How?



#### A.C.E Lessons

What you should expect from all lessons at Gordon's...

- Assessment for Learning the feedback loop
- Challenge
- Engagement









#### Sixth Form Team

- Head of Sixth Form: Mr W Jones
- Head of Year 13: Mrs S Hughes
- Head of Year 12: Mr C Bezuidenhout
- Oxbridge tutor: Mrs M Wright
- Medical tutor: Mrs F Radley
- SENDCo: Mrs C Stuart
- Sixth Form Student Services Manager: Mrs Hall
- Sixth Form Administrator: Mrs Hugill
- Sixth Form Registrar: Mrs Genetay



- 1. Rigorous A Levels (equivalent) and academic results that have real currency later in life
- 2. Great **teaching** and small average class sizes
- 3. House system: pastoral care, structure, study rooms
- 4. Abundant **co-curricular** opportunities that give students edges
- 5. Outstanding post-18 preparation
- 6. Friendly welcoming **environment**. Happy students learn best.

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**Facilitating Subjects** 



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### Support

Encouraging the students to be aspirational and develop a passion for learning e.g. Discussion Groups in subjects

Support with lunchtime and after school clinics

A\* Clinics to challenge the most able

Pastoral support and intervention from Houses and a dedicated tutor team

Library prep available until 9pm

Regular communication home and next steps advice





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#### The School Week

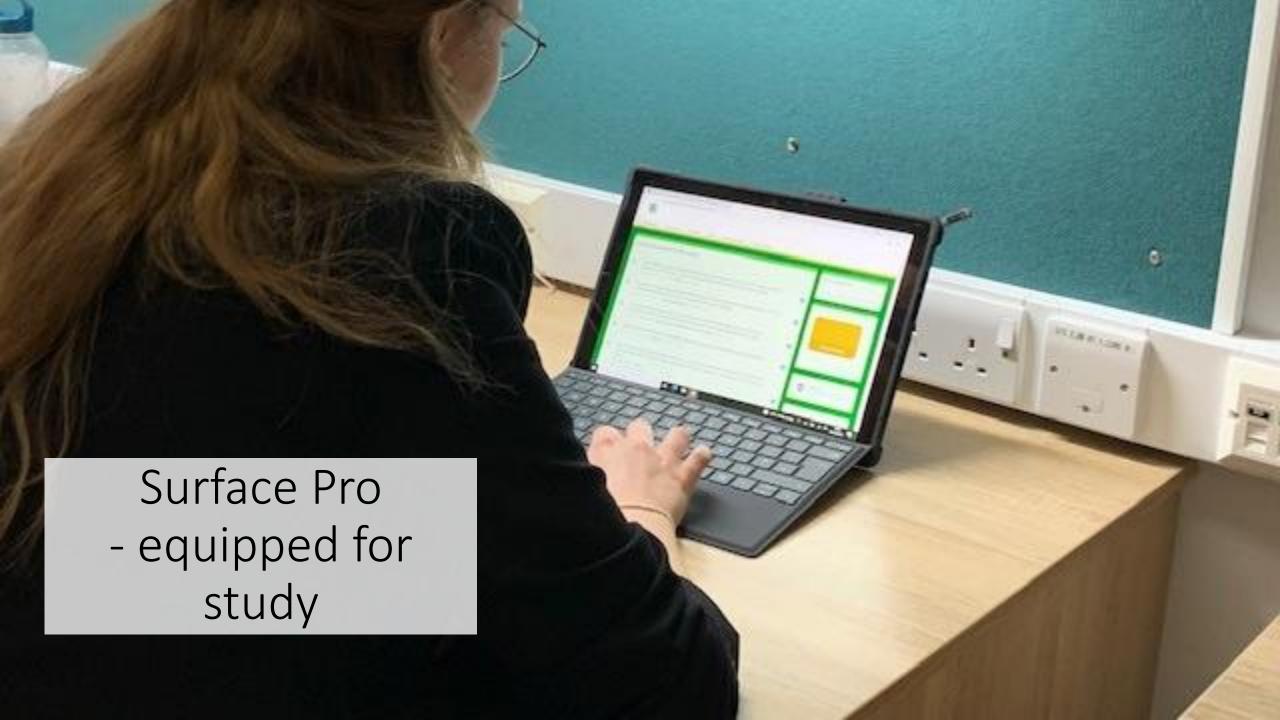
- 60 Period academic fortnight
- Co-curricular activities after school each day
- Most successful students will stay for prep
- Extended prep in library until 9pm for all

Monday – Friday	
Tutor time	8.20am – 8.40am
Period 1	8.40-9.35
Period 2	9.35-10.30
BREAK	10.30-11.00am
Period 3	11.00 – 11.55
Period 4a	11.55-12.50
Period 4b	LUNCH FOR SIXTH FORM
Period 5	1.45 – 2.40pm
Period 6	2.40 – 3.35pm
Period 7 activities	4pm - 4.55pm
Tea	5pm-6.00pm
PREP	6.00-7.30pm
PREP-Sixth Form library	7.30-9.00















Abundant co-curricular opportunities that give students edges





# What matters to employers?

World Challenge survey of over 500 of Britain's best known employers cited the following 4 areas which make candidates stand out from the crowd...

"Co-curricular activities"

"Duke of Edinburgh"

"Volunteering & participation"

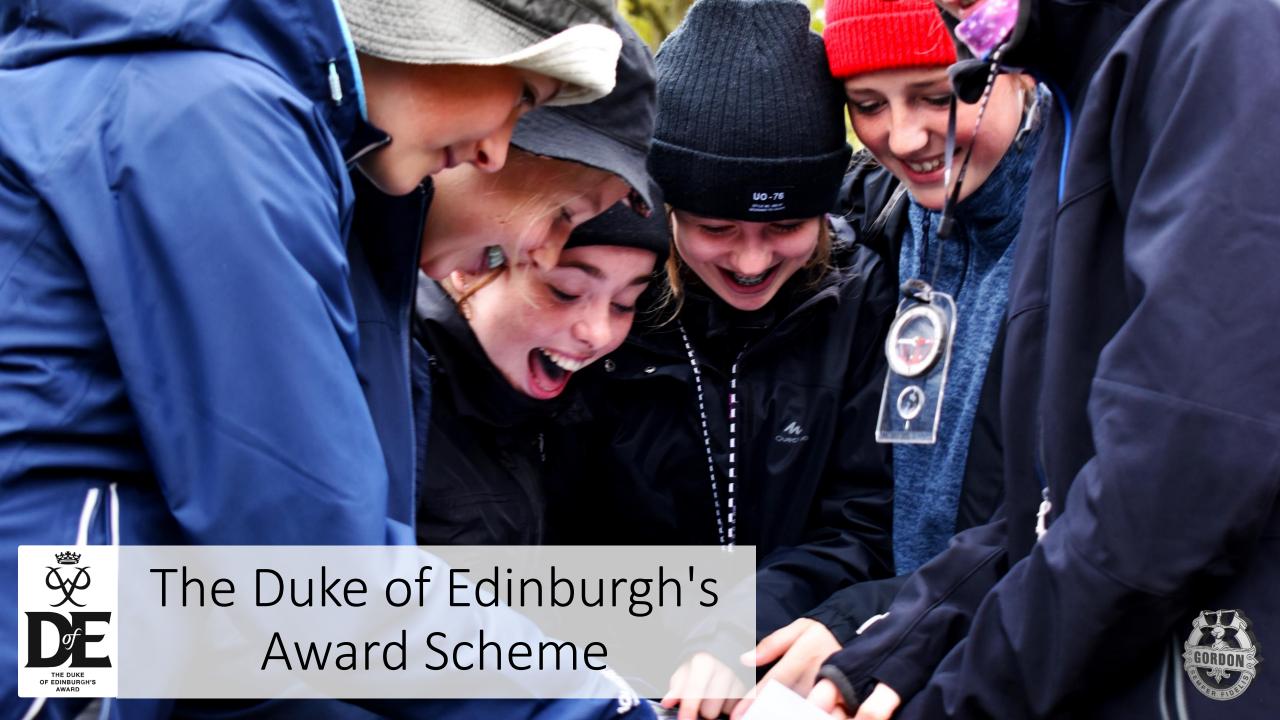
"Relevant work experience"

















"Competitive sport is a key component in building selfesteem, confidence, school ethos and academic excellence"

Sir Michael Wilshaw, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools 2012-2016



## Why Gordon's Sixth Form?

**Outstanding Post 18 preparation** 



### Preparation for Post 18 transition

HE launch evening and follow-up HE Day with students

Apprenticeships pathways and advice

Finance talk for parents

Dedicated UCAS & Oxbridge tutor support

Y12 Work Experience Specialised tools:
'Unifrog'
subscription

University & industry speakers

Personal statement writing day



#### Post 18 - Destinations Data

83% of students got their preferred choice university

National is 65%

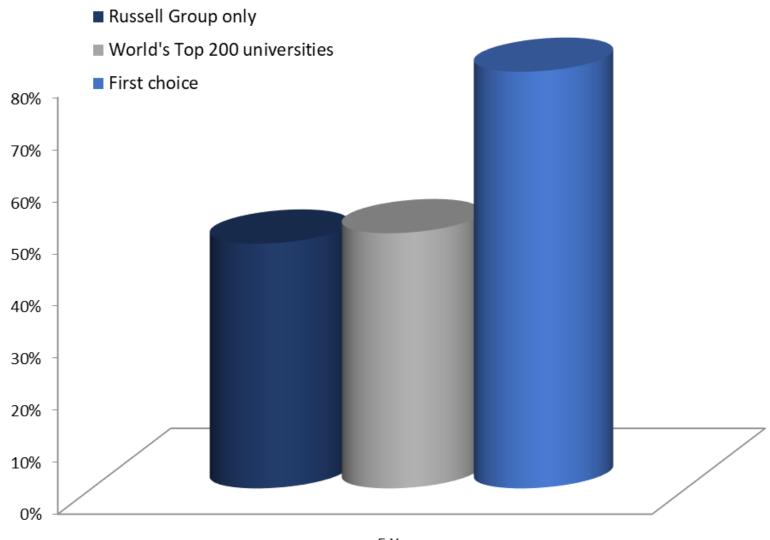
10 High Level Apprenticeships

12 Scholarships overseas





#### Year 13 Destinations over time







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Friendly welcoming environment







### Happy Students, Learn Best



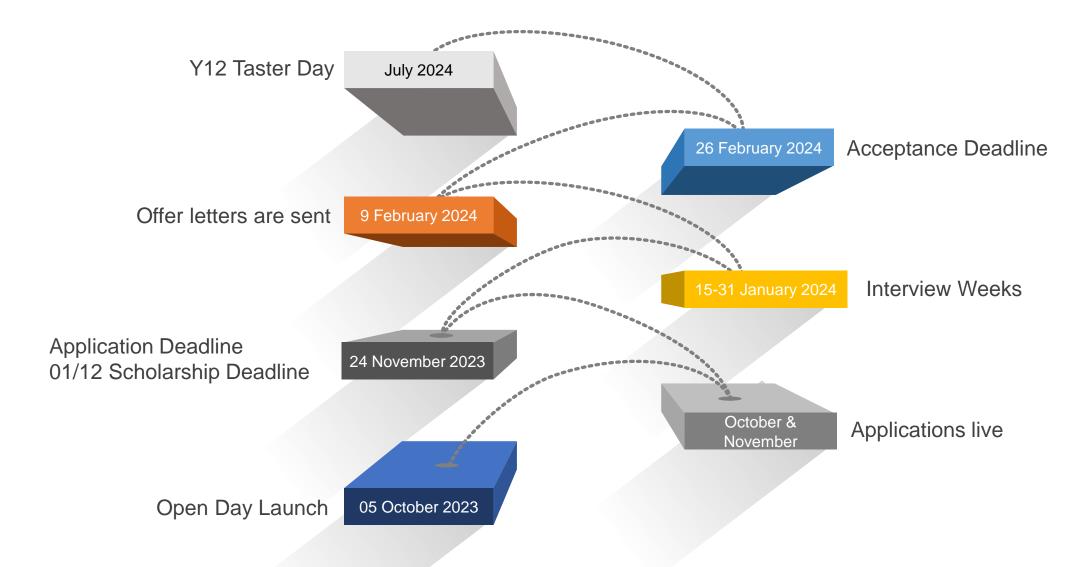
- Typically, 50% of the Sixth Form are new to Gordon's
- Year 12 students started on Wednesday 6th September. 100% of students who responded said enjoyed it, felt welcomed and more confident about Sixth Form after this day.





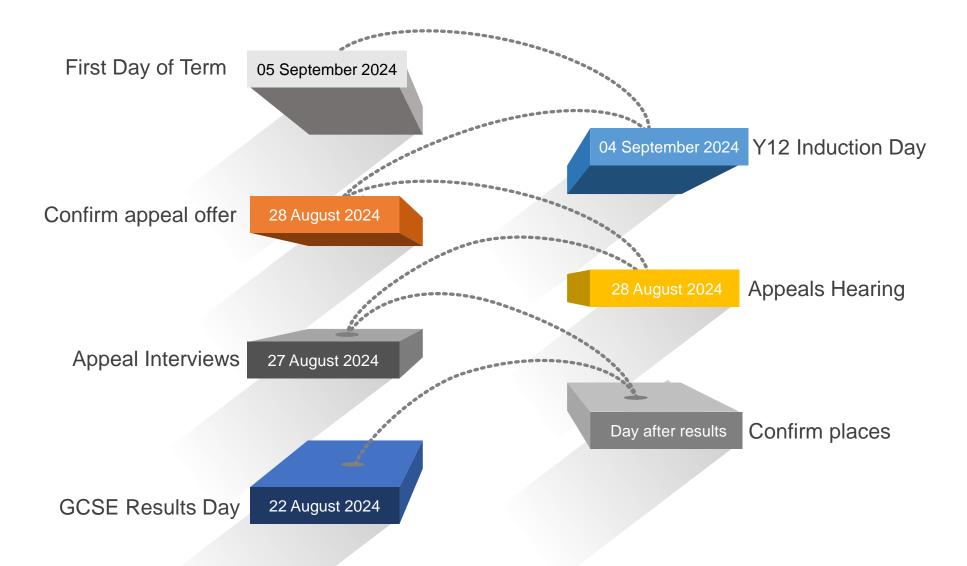


### **Admissions Process**





### **Enrolment Process**





#### **Entry Requirements**

A minimum of five GCSE grades 9 to 5 including grade 5 in English and Mathematics for an A Level only course

Or

A minimum of five GCSE grades 9 to 4 including grade 4 in English and Mathematics for any BTEC course

Plus

The subject specific grade criteria outlined in the Gordon's Sixth Form option booklet







#### Successful Gordon's Students

1. Thrive being part of a structured academic and active environment

2. Get Involved

3. Give Back



## Thank You

For your interest in Gordon's Sixth Form



