

Sixth Form Home School Agreement 2025

Expectations of our Sixth Form students:

The Sixth Form is the pinnacle of Gordon's School and students are expected to **bleedgreen**, role modelling our character qualities at all times; acting with courtesy, integrity, diligence, enthusiasm and resilience. Students failing to abide by School expectations should expect sanction.

This home-school agreement is seen as an important partnership between the school, its parents and its students which enables a successful education.

All of the below will be asked on the joining pack forms to return. These will be sent by email and will have a tick box for

I Agree

I Disagree

If you disagree with any of the following then we will require you to discuss further with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and will contact you accordingly.

1. Gordon's operates a significantly stricter than average **behaviour policy** that includes a strict dress / hair code. Only a decision to permanently exclude can be overturned by the Governing Body or any third party, all other decisions are entirely at the discretion of the school and based on the school's view on probability rather than proving a case beyond reasonable doubt. By ticking this box you are accepting these facts and trusting that the school, even in disciplinary action against your son/daughter, is acting responsibly and as they must in the best interests of the wider community.

2. **Parental support for disciplinary action.** Student behaviour deteriorates where parents openly back their son/daughter without first speaking to the school privately. By ticking this box you are agreeing to support school decisions in front of your son/daughter and when you have concerns discuss these with the school in private.

3. **Volunteering and giving back.** Students are expected to complete at least 50 hours' service across Y12-13. This may be by using opportunities provided by Gordon's School e.g. peer teaching / mentoring, coaching younger years or providing tours of the school or by volunteering in activities and organisations outside school. By ticking this box you are agreeing to support the above.

4. **Participation.** Sixth Form students will be expected to get involved and participate in School life, including after school Period 7s and Saturday school, if selected for a school

team. The expectation is that Sixth Form students participate in four sessions per week. Eligible participation includes playing in a School weekend fixture (counts as two); attending Saturday morning private study (if not selected for a team); volunteering after-school; attending an after-school academic clinic; rehearsals; Friday drill practice (optional). Day students completing 4 sessions midweek and not selected for a school team, are not required to attend site on Saturdays.

Full residential boarders not playing for a team on a Saturday morning must attend private study regardless of how many hours they have selected midweek. Weekly boarders not playing for a team on a Saturday are able to go home or stay for private study.

By ticking this box you are agreeing to the above.

5. Attendance. Attendance in Sixth Form is full time and compulsory and we expect 100% attendance and punctuality. Permission and/or notification from a parent must support any absences and the school should be notified in advance of any absences. Failure to attend any lessons or compulsory sessions; including but not limited to PE, PSHE, EPQ, tutor sessions, Open Study (Y12), Liberal Arts (Y13), prep or Chapel will result in sanctions for **truancy**.

Students must be in school by 8.15am (for form time) and cannot go home before 3.35pm, unless with prior parental consent for the following:

- Medical appointment
- Genuine family emergency
- Driving test (not driving lessons)

If students have study periods in P5/6, they must be in school/study rooms and working. It is not a reason to go home early. This is for safeguarding reasons.

By ticking this box, you are agreeing to the above.

6. Absence. All absence from school Periods 1-7 and Saturdays must be authorised. With the exception of Saturdays, all absence requests should go to absence@gordons.school

Saturday absence requests should be sent to Director of Co-Curricular rowlands@gordons.school and absence@gordons.school. All reasonable effort is made to accommodate a legitimate absence from school.

By ticking this box, you are agreeing to seek authorisation for all absences and abide by the school's decision or enter into a dialogue with the school if you feel unable to do so.

7. Outside school commitments such as jobs or driving lessons should **not** impinge on the school day, attendance at clinics, nor inhibit Sixth Form students from meeting the above commitments.

Friday detentions run from 4pm to 4.45pm and take priority over other commitments.

By ticking the box, you are agreeing to the above.

8. **Courtesy.** By ticking this box you are agreeing to abide by the Parents' Charter and treat all members of staff, students and fellow parents as you would wish to be treated.

9. **Complaints.** By ticking this box you are agreeing to try and resolve issues with subject teachers, Heads of Department or Heads of Houses and where issues remain unresolved follow the published Complaints Policy.

10. **Dress code.** Sixth Form students are expected to abide by our dress code which is professional dress, suitable for business. This includes after-school until 6.15pm and when representing the school. Students may wear Gordon's branded PE kit in prep from 6.15pm until 7.30pm. Any student where there are concerns regarding behaviour or appearance may expect sanctions.

Sixth Form students are expected to be formally attired unless in a PE lesson or AD session. This includes lunch time and the only exception is when a student has PE/AD P3/4 and again P5/6.

PE kit must be current and no legacy items are acceptable. Current items are shown on the website.

By ticking this box, you are agreeing to the above.

11. **Contact details.** We may need to contact you in an emergency. By ticking this box you are taking responsibility to keep the school informed about any change in family circumstances, including medical issues and contact details.