

Notes from the Parent Forum

Saturday 9th May 2026

Attendees from Gordon's School:
Rhys Rowlands, Susan Forster

Points for Discussion	Response Given/Action Required
Y9 Duke of Edinburgh dates and their proximity to exams.	<p>It was explained that there has previously been some overlap between DofE weekends and exam weeks due to lack of available weekends and not wishing to overlap with Exeat weekends.</p> <p>There is a potential move towards voluntary DofE Bronze award.</p>
Internet access and duration	<p>It was explained that there is a need for the school to have control. Niche websites/apps that are needed for international schools can be managed on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Interhouse Events and parental attendance – How to encourage more parent presence.	<p>It was suggested that communications focus on wording such as 'parent friendly' or 'attendance encouraged' to ensure all parents are aware that they can attend interhouse events.</p>
Sanctions and Friday Detention	<p>All parents in the room were supportive of both sanctions and Friday detention. It was suggested by a parent in attendance that the Friday detention could take place during the morning as a compromise.</p> <p>The need for sanctions and Friday detention – this will be reiterated during the Parent Information Evenings and frequently throughout the year to ensure greater parent support.</p>
KS3 – Textbooks or alternatives to working on devices. Can textbooks be taken	<p>This question will be passed on to Jacqueline Pierce.</p>

home? Is there a resource list available to parents?	
Comms to and from Day houses (Gravesend) This was a parent specific query.	Informed to 'cc Susan Forster
Seasonal variation in the Dining Hall and House Snacks	The Dining Hall menu is varied and does change seasonally. There is ample choice for Students – main meals, vegetarian options, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, salads and desserts.
Merchandise – survey issued to parents for feedback on new Gordon's branded merchandise ideas.	Survey completed.