

Gordon's School



School Chaplain

The Reverend Graham Wright

(students know me as Rev Wright, Rev or Sir!)



Major General Charles Gordon CB
Queen Victoria





Why do we have Chapel at Gordon's?

Calm and quiet reflection

Prayer and Singing

Thinking, pondering

Teaching Christian virtues:

love, forgiveness,

humility, patience,

generosity, kindness,

compassion, self-control,

gentleness...



A supportive,
listening ear to
everyone (all
faiths or
none) where sad
or happy news
can be shared. A
place to chill or
decompress.





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CHARACTER

Your actions today shape who you will become. Who will you be?

COURTESY

Showing politeness and thinking of others before yourself.

INTEGRITY

Being honest and doing the right thing, whether or not anyone is watching.

DILIGENCE

Always working to the best possible standard, taking care in even smallest details.

ENTHUSIASM

Approaching everything with a positive attitude, and enjoying what you do.

RESILIENCE

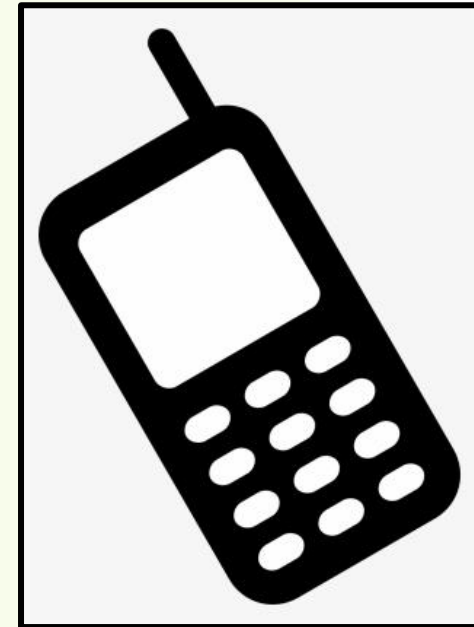
Keeping going, even when it is difficult.
Recovering when things go wrong.



Mobile Phones (SmartPhone Free Childhood)



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Mobile Phones

- No mobile phones in school for Y7-11 unless handed into house office during the day
- Parents must call the House to relay messages to their child
- Students may borrow the House office phone to contact home
- Keep contact during the day to a minimum

Mobile Devices

We are a mobile device free school. No phones, headphones, air pods or smart glasses to be used on school site.

If we hear or see a device, it will be confiscated or a sanction will be given.

Y7-11 phones must be handed into house on arrival.

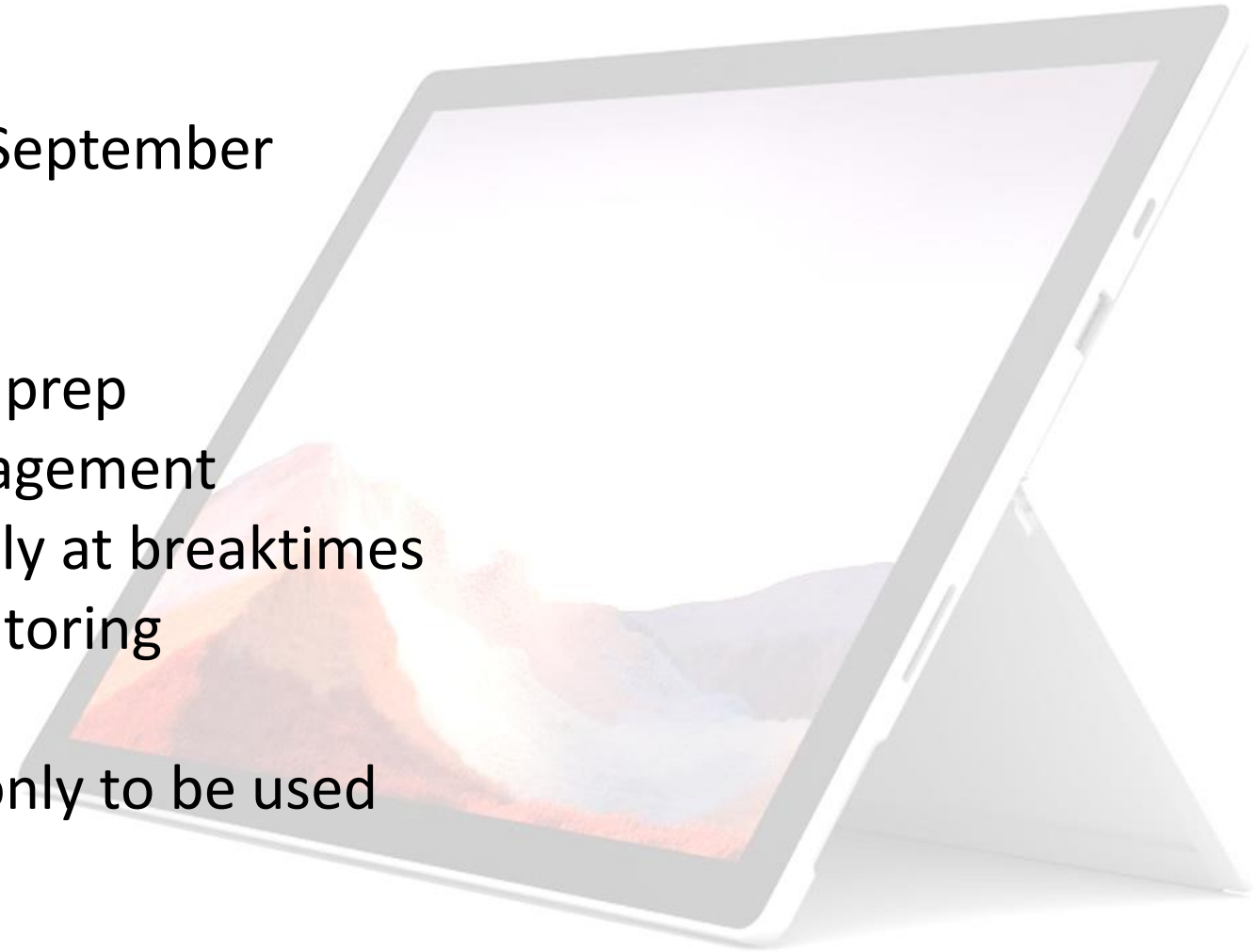


SEE IT, HEAR IT, LOSE IT!



Tablets

- Y7 Tablet roll out 18th September
- Microsoft Go + case
- Charge overnight
- Bring to all lessons and prep
- Classroom rules of engagement
- Designated area use only at breaktimes
- Controls, safety & monitoring
- Contact during the day
- School-issued devices only to be used



My Child At School (MCAS)

- Attendance
- Messages
- Behaviour
- Detentions
- Timetable
- Reports

The screenshot shows the MCAS dashboard for Gordon's School. The top navigation bar includes the school logo, the name 'Gordon's School', and contact icons. A sidebar on the left lists various menu items: Dashboard, Data Collection Form, Announcements, Attendance, Behaviour, Detentions, Exam Timetables, Homework, Reports, Timetable, Academic Calendar, School, and Correspondence. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Attendance:** A green header section titled 'Attendance' with the subtext 'Is Lara at school?'. It contains a table with columns 'Period', 'Subject', and 'Mark'. The data rows are: Reg (Tutor Group, Mark: ?), P1 (Physics, Mark: ✓), P2 (Geography, Mark: ✓), P3 (Art & Design, Mark: ?), P4b (Maths, Mark: ?), P5 (English, Mark: ?), and P6 (PE Games, Mark: ?).
- Behaviour:** A blue header section titled 'Behaviour' with the subtext 'Lara's recent behaviour'. It contains a table with columns 'Date', 'Description', and 'Status'. The data rows are: 19/06/24 (Commendation, Status: ✓), 18/06/24 (Commendation, Status: ✓), 12/06/24 (Commendation, Status: ✓), 11/06/24 (Commendation, Status: ✓), and 06/06/24 (Commendation, Status: ✓).
- School Correspondence:** A purple header section titled 'School Correspondence'. It contains three 'Weekly Bulletin' entries: 'Published on 21st June 2024', 'Published on 14th June 2024', and 'Published on 07th June 2024'. Each entry includes a link to the bulletin PDF.
- Announcements:** A purple header section titled 'Announcements'. It contains the text 'No Announcements data found'.
- Classes:** A red header section titled 'Classes' with the subtext 'Lara's Classes'. It contains a table with columns 'Class Name', 'Class Details', and 'Attendance'. The data rows are: 7D (Tutor Group Mrs M Mellor, Attendance: 93%), 7D/Ar (Art & Design Miss G Croci, Attendance: 87%), and 7D/Cm (Computing Mr J Mercer, Attendance: 90%).
- Detentions:** A red header section titled 'Detentions' with the subtext 'Lara's recent detentions'. It contains the text 'No Detentions data found'.

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Prep expectations

- All prep is recorded in BromCom
- Parents will sign up for Prep nights – letter at the end of August
- Students stay for prep Monday – Thursday (6.15-7.30pm, option to leave at 7.00pm **by prior arrangement**)

Friday (6.00 -7.00pm - all years) to form good working habits.

- The power of reading!



Wellbeing Hub



The Wellbeing Hub
from Teen Tips

Courses ▼

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Events ▼

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Support ▼



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**Gordon's
School**

We are proud to support our whole school community with The Wellbeing Hub. We hope you enjoy your access.



RESOURCE

Transition to senior school

By: Dr Preetpal Bachra

Dr Preetpal Bachra shares his words of wisdom and his considerable experience of the transition to senior school, both from...

Next Steps

School



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Transition to senior school

By: The Wellbeing Hub

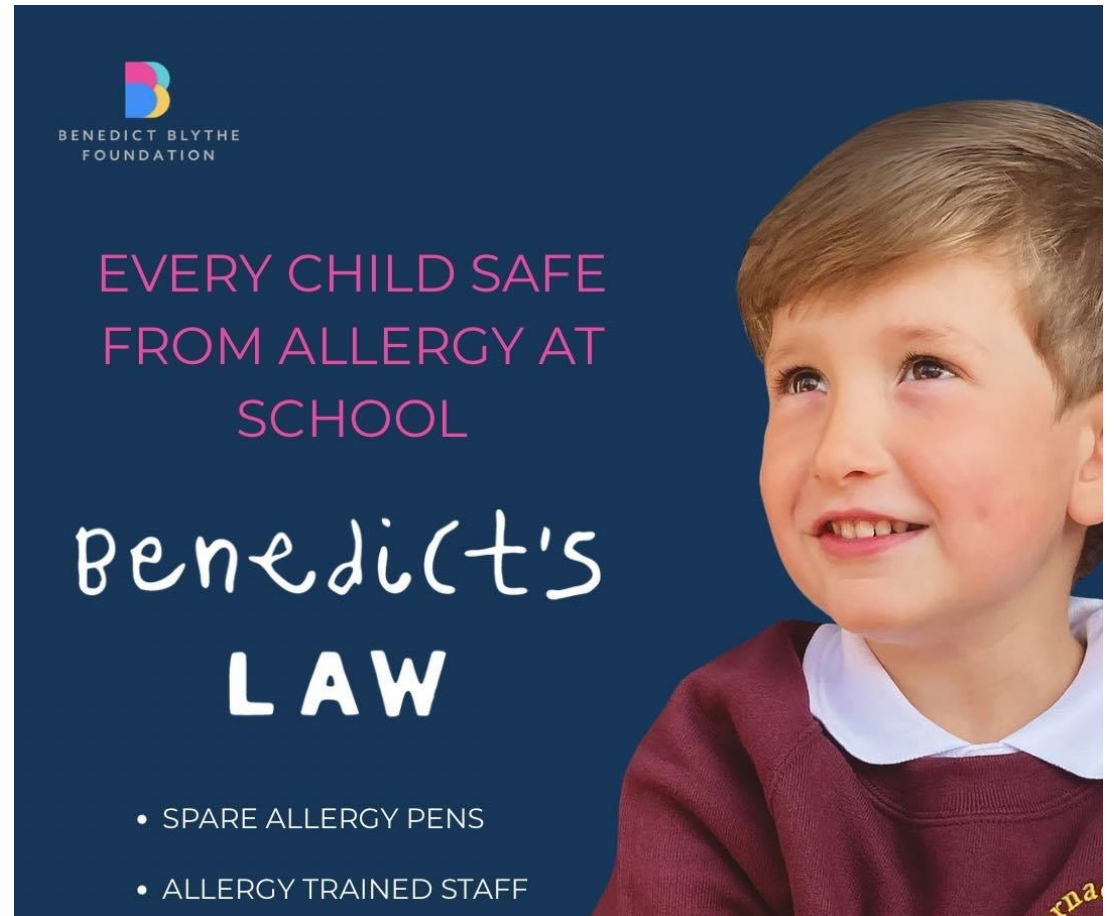
Summer is fast approaching and before we know it, it'll be the start of a new academic year. We share...

School



Benedict's Law

- A new UK legal framework coming into force from September 2026
- It requires all schools in England to implement mandatory allergy-safety measures, including whole-school allergy policies, staff training, and access to spare adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs)
- Benedict's Law is named after five-year-old Benedict Blythe, who died from anaphylaxis at school in 2021. The law aims to eliminate inconsistent allergy practices across schools by making key protections mandatory rather than optional



Uniform from Easter until September Exeat

(Trousers for girls optional)



School Uniform from September Exeat until Easter

(Trousers for girls optional)



Behaviour

Reward

Most commendations /
Top 25% effort grade

5

Certificate / Letter home
(Head)

Top 10 commendations
per year Y7-11

4

Letter home
(DHC)

Consistently good
contribution and effort

3

Postcard / email home
(Dept.)

Very good effort or work

2

Commendation

Good effort or work
Good effort

1

Verbal Praise
Good Comment

Level



Behaviour		Sanction
High-level offence	5	External Exclusion
Cont. poor behaviour OR single major misdemeanour	4	Immediate referral to the School Office and Internal Exclusion
Further poor behaviour OR unacceptable behaviour	3	Detention
Repeated poor behaviour	2	Bad comment & <u>option</u> to take 5 minutes
Low-level poor behaviour e.g. talking over others	1	Verbal warning
Level		



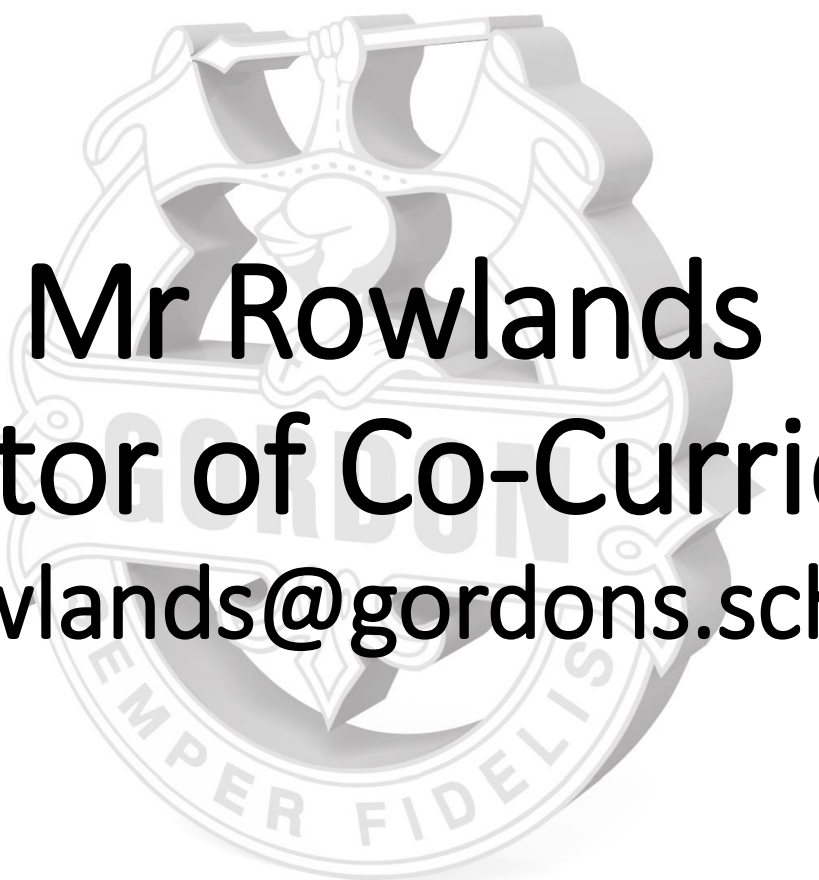
Anti-Bullying

- Zero – Tolerance
- Definition

"The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online".

- Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members have an agreed shared definition of bullying based on research from across the world over the last 30 years
- Many ways to report
- Investigations/follow up and support

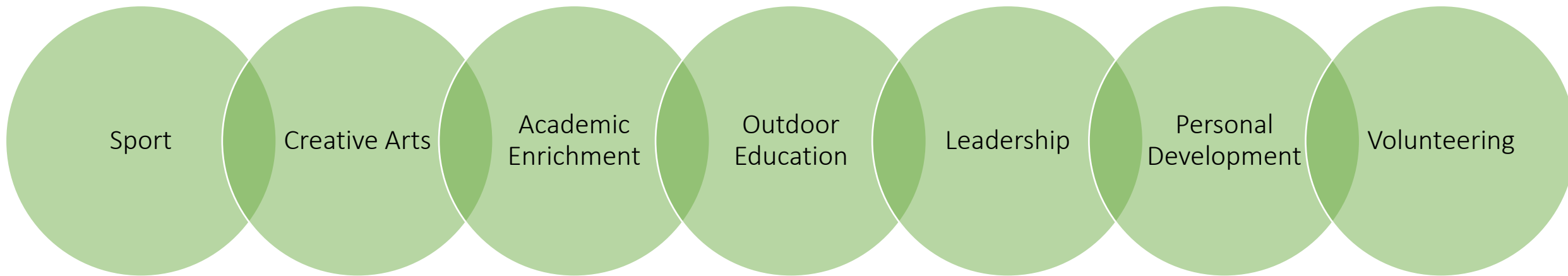




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Co-Curricular at Gordon's School



The aim of our Co-Curricular programme is to open minds, develop leadership and service, foster well-being and deliver excellence.

Period 7 and Saturday Morning School

- The Co-Curricular program runs from 4pm – 5pm, Monday – Friday.
 - It is called **Period 7 (P7)**.
- Friday P7 is 'Marching'.
- Saturday school timing varies depending on the activity and fixture.



#Bleedgreen - working hard for oneself and others

- Better people make a better school. How we act is as important.
- **#bleedgreen** is about **taking pride** in being a Gordonian – a special part of maintaining the reputation of our unique National Memorial
- It is about service and being **faithful to the Gordon's community** in order to leave the school in a better place
- **#bleedgreen** is more than Gordon's, its **building good habits** that will live on beyond school and bleed into later life, **making you better global citizens**



Period 7 information

We are paperless at Gordon's School and we run all information for Period 7 through BromCom (& SOCS).

e.g. fixtures, music lessons, activities & trips.

Parents and Students can see information within SOCS.

This should be checked daily by students – Fixture lists do change, but we will aim to give maximum notice.

Parents are always welcome to support!



a SOCS Sport website



Won

Cricket (19)						
Time	School Team	v	Opponent	Venue	More Fixture Details	
09:00	Boys-U15A	Lost	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Girls-U15A	Lost	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Boys-U15B	Lost	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Boys-U14A	Won	Dunottar School	Home	Details	
09:00	Girls-U14A	Won	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Boys-U14B	Lost	Dunottar School	Home	Details	
09:00	Girls-U14B	Won	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Boys-U13A	Draw	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Girls-U13A	Lost	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Boys-U13B	Won	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Girls-U13B	Lost	Dunottar School	Away	Details	
09:00	Boys-U13 Training	See Details	Empire Games	Home	Details	
09:00	Girls-U13 Training	See Details	Empire Games	Home	Details	
09:00	Boys-U12A	Lost	Dunottar School	Home	Details	

Fixture Details

Team: Boys-U13B

Venue: Away | Dorking CC (Westhumble) RH5 6AD

Date: Sat 09 May 2026

Coach: Gary Knight

Meet Time: 07:30

Start Time: 09:00

Return Time: 13:00

Selected Boys-U13B



To view the team sheet enter the password:

View

SOCS sport remembers the Team Sheet password until you close your browser.

For password related enquiries please contact:

Email: EHamilton@gordons.school

Telephone: 01276 858084

Password : 'Teamsheet1'



Period 7s for Year 7s

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Students Choice	Creative Arts	Academic Enrichment	Sport	Marching	Fixtures

Year 7s have compulsory Period 7 activities for different areas of our co-curricular programme. This allows a wider variety of activities for the students and therefore a more valuable experience during Period 7.

Y7 only need to select a Period 7 choice for Monday as all the others are pre-populated for them. "Step out of your comfort zone"

Academic Enrichment	Creative Arts	Sport (Saturday morning)
Model United Nations Debating IQ – Quizzical Minds Robotics Public Speaking	Dance Drama Pipes and Drums / Marching Music Art Brass	Girls Hockey Boys Rugby Girls Netball Boys Football Boys and Girls Cricket Athletics



Period 7 Expectations

- Timings – change weekly for matches/training - SOCS
 - Period 0, 8 and 9 (as students start to specialise, join wider teams)
- Fixtures to be populated by Thursday afternoon, some changes can happen on a Friday.
 - Lead coaches will email students.
- School Representation at Gordon's School
 - Representing your Boarding House (Inter-House)
- Period 7 & Saturday School absence
 - [FORM](#)
- Correct Kit: "Dress as a team, play as a team"



Tylers are here today and hopefully you have booked a slot so that you can look at samples. Please speak directly to Sam and his team. Located in the Theatre

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Acorn Playgroup &
Pre School



Bishops Stortford
High School



Fulham Boys School



Gordon's School
Year 7-11



Gordon's School 6th
Form PE Kit



Haileybury School



Hitchin Boys School



Hertfordshire
Schools Athletics
Association



Kimpton Primary
School



Langley Prep School
Sports Uniform



Langley School
Sports Uniform



Monks Walk Leavers
2026



St Columba's
College



St Faiths Prep
School



Swallowdell Primary
School



Welwyn St Mary's
Primary School



Waterside Primary
School



Watford Boys
Grammar School



Woodbridge School
Pre Prep/Prep
Uniform



Woodbridge School
Senior Uniform

WYMONDHAM
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Wymondham
College





Boy's Year 7-11 COMPULSORY



Boy's Year 7-11 OPTIONAL



Girl's Year 7-11 COMPULSORY



Girl's Year 7-11 OPTIONAL



Legacy PE kit – Not to be worn



Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC)

Oversee all activities that take place off-site. Approving Risk Assessments, supporting the Gordon's staff and managing our Trip Policy.

Generic Trip Consent Form – Updated annually, amendments to Heads of House.

Specific Trip Consent Form – Higher Risk, Cost, Overseas or Residential.





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The Curriculum

- *“We aim to provide a curriculum that extends and enthuses students, inside and outside the classroom”*
- *Two-week timetable*
- *Single lesson timings of 55 minutes*



How the Curriculum is structured

6 lessons a day – 60 a fortnight across a 2-week timetable **(Week A and Week B)**

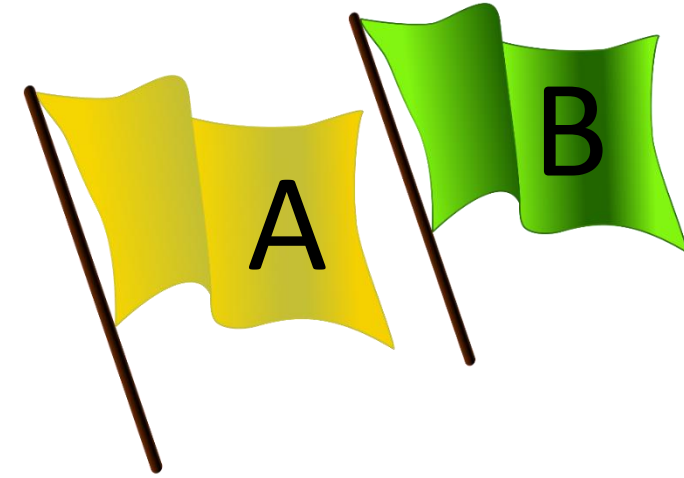
KS3 is a broad study of subjects:

- Maths, English, Sciences, Modern Foreign Languages
- Humanities subjects: History, Geography Art, Music, Drama, Computing and Religious Studies.
- Technology and Food Technology
- Physical Education and PSHE

The intention is to provide a range of experiences and discover new interests and passions

Leads to KS4:

Selecting options choices for GCSE



Homework and Prep

- Students have a week to do their prep
- Staff will aim to set 30 minutes worth of work each time prep is scheduled
- Prep is set on Bromcom

Year 7 Prep Guidance	
English	2 preps per week
Maths	2 preps per week
Science	1 prep per week, per subject
MFL	2 preps per week
History	1 prep per week
Geography	1 prep per week
Technology	None
Food	None
Computing	1 prep per fortnight
RE	1 prep per fortnight
Art	None
PE	None
Music	None
Drama	None

Setting

- Year 7 taught in form groups ABCD
- Set in English, Maths and Science at different stages of their KS3 journey
- All other subjects taught in mixed ability form groups.
- MFL – Students allocated a language on starting Gordons following students indicating a preference, students taught in mixed ability groups and are set in year 8.



Assessment and Reporting Philosophy

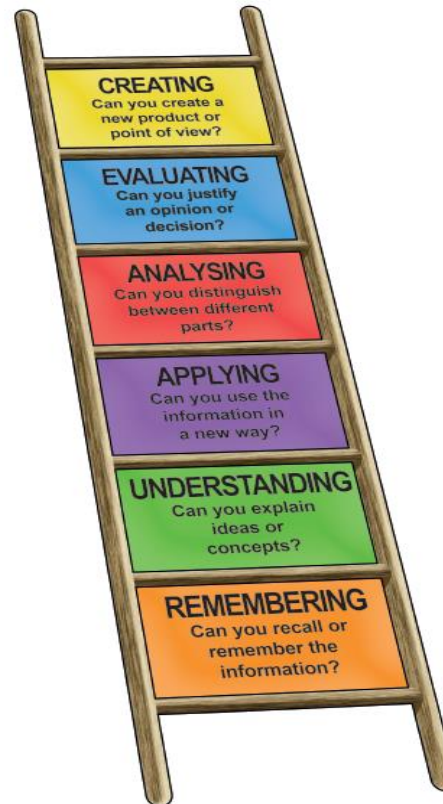
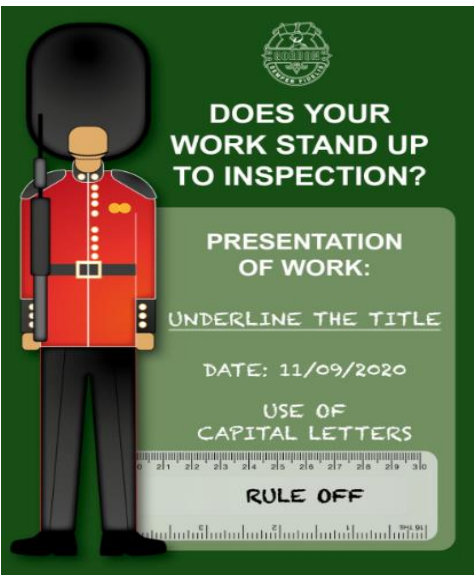
- Little & Often
- Conversation is better than written dialogue
- Teacher's judgement is valued



A.C.E Lessons

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

- Assessment for Learning – Progress
- Challenged
- Engagement

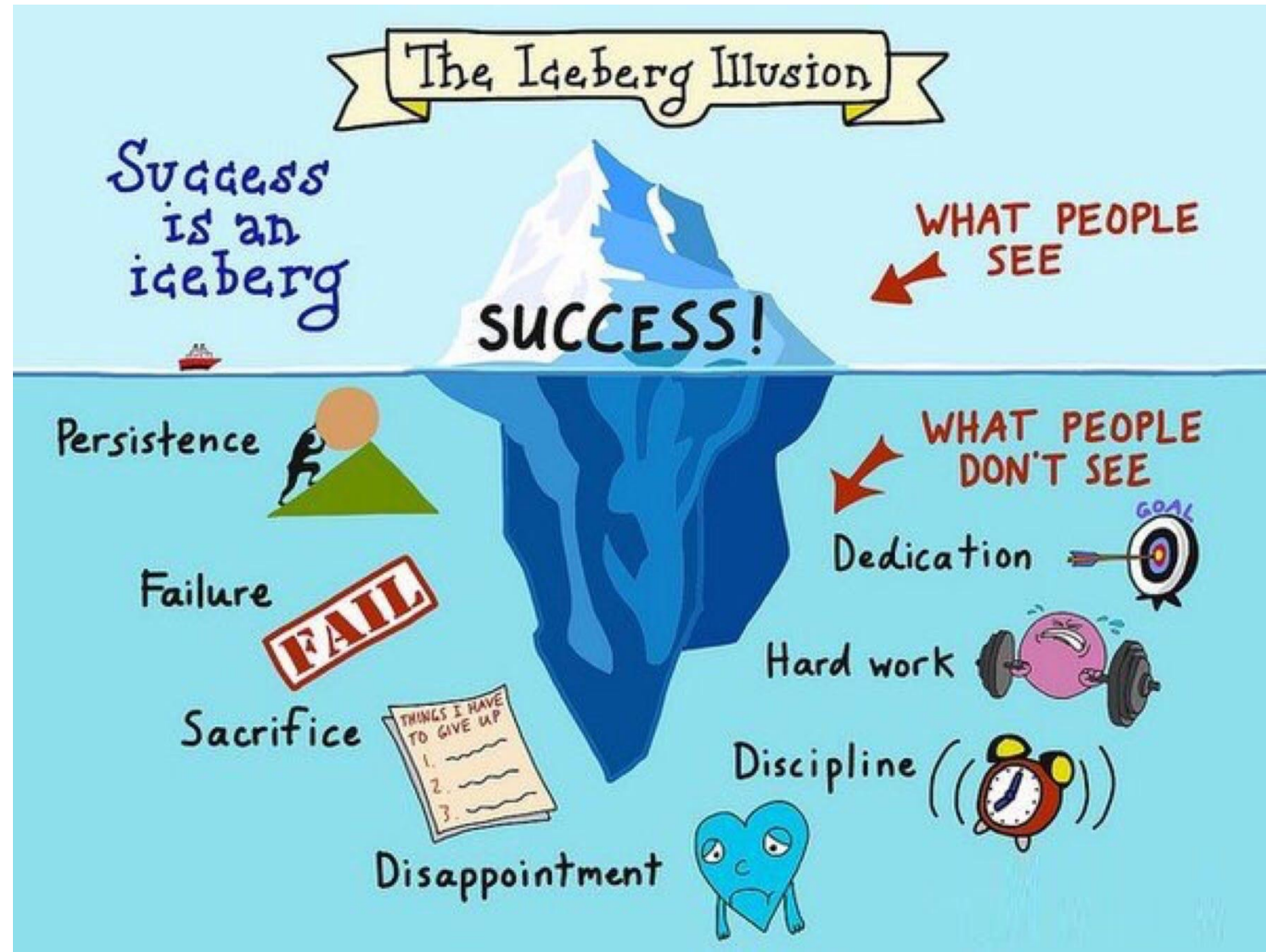


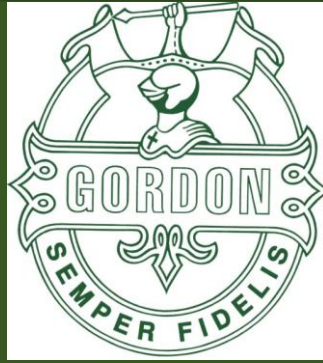
Over the Summer – Tools for a successful start

- Promote independence, perseverance and resilience
- Organisation
- **Effort!**
- Reading

Proved to be one of the biggest, if not the biggest, factors influencing academic success

Subjects will do all they can to encourage students to read around their subject





Key Stage 3 non-negotiables



EFFORT



BE ON TIME



DO YOUR PREP



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What are 'Heads of House?'

- Like a head of Year at other schools.
- First point of contact with the school for nearly all issues.
- They can often sort out problems or will know who to contact to address your issue.



Y7 Induction Day

Wednesday 2nd September



[Home](#) » [Centres](#)

High Ashurst



The main centre at High Ashurst

High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre is set in 56 acres of woodland on Box Hill, near Dorking, in the tranquil Surrey Hills 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. The site has a colourful history with records dating back to 1706. Today High Ashurst is a wonderful wide-open space for learning and self-discovery in the natural environment.

[View our Virtual Tour of High Ashurst](#)

View our latest [Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development brochure](#).

Outdoor experiences and activities

The centre offers a [wide range of activities](#) including adventure/night walks, archery,

In this section

- [Accommodation at High Ashurst](#)
- [Catering at High Ashurst](#)
- [The Adventure Zone \(TAZ\)](#)
- [Conference and meeting rooms](#)
- [Duke of Edinburgh's Award residentials](#)

[Take a virtual tour](#)

Centres

- [High Ashurst](#)
- [Henley Fort](#)
- [Thames Young Mariners](#)
- [Angel Blue](#)
- [Outreach team](#)
- [Meetings and conferences](#)

Useful links and documents

- [High Ashurst activity descriptions](#)
- [Inclusive activities for groups with additional needs](#)
- [List of all useful documents](#)



Aims

- Have fun.
- Make new friends.
- Work as a team.
- Start the year with a bang.



- All expected to attend. If an issue please contact jsinclair@gordons.school.
- Medical and food taken directly from the forms you have filled out. Any changes please e-mail jsinclair@gordons.school.
- Activities include Challenge course, climbing wall, high ropes, command tasks.
- Challenge by choice. All activities lead by external, fully trained staff members of SOLD.
- Groups will be assigned by Gordon's staff. We will try and split up students from the same school/house/form as much as possible.



- Bring a water bottle. A BBQ lunch will be provided.
- Please apply suncream to your child in the morning (if required.)
- Valuable items: It is not recommended that valuable items are brought to the day, the staff and school take no responsibility for any lost or damaged valuable items. No mobile phones are to be brought.
- Clothing: Gordon's PE kit – either coloured top. Please have the tracksuit bottoms on as many of the activities unsuitable for shorts/skorts. Raincoat if needed.



Outline of the day

- 0745: Arrive in Gordon's PE kit. Head to House.
- 0815: Assemble onto parade square where you will be transported to High Ashurst by coaches.
- 0915: Arrive at High Ashurst.
- 0945: Activities.
- 1230: BBQ lunch
- 1630: Leave
- 1730: Arrive back at school (if we are running late, I will get a message out on the school socials.)



- Any issues please contact jsinclair@gordons.school



Creative Arts





MUSIC

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Weekly Instrumental Ensembles

- Concert Band
- Orchestra
- Pipes and Drums
- Junior String Group
- String Group
- Chamber Groups (trios and quartets)
- Junior Jazz (Honk!)
- Intermediate Jazz
- Senior Jazz
- Under the Arches Band



Weekly Vocal Ensembles

- Boys' Choir
- Girls' Choir
- Semper Fidelis Singers



Public Performances

- Piano Recital Evening
- Parades
- Services/Evensongs
- **Newcomers' Concert**
- Informal Concerts
- Spring Concert
- Songs from the Shows
- Summer String Soiree
- Dorking Halls
- Summer Arts





Individual Lessons

- Individual instrumental and singing lessons are available on a wide range of instruments during the school day at a cost
- Please contact music@gordons.school if you would like to find out more about these lessons



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@MusicGordons



@GordonsMusicDep



Pipes and Drums

- Period 7s
- No previous experience required
- All Year 7s will have chance to try this in their first term at Gordon's
- Pipes and Drums lead every school parade
- They perform in competitions and local events
- National performances including at Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey and Wembley Stadium



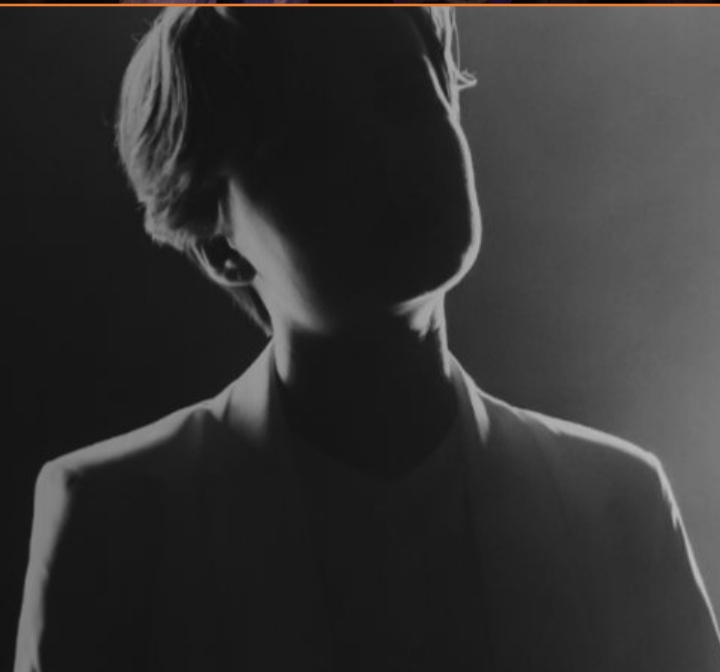
Pipes and Drums pictured in front of St Paul's Cathedral, London, during the Lord Mayor's Show November 2023



DRAMA

*Mr Olden - Director of
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— PERIOD 7

Year 7 Taster (Drama)

Year 7 Taster (Dance)

Year 7 Taster (Technical Production)

Junior Production (KS3)

KS3 Applying Stagecraft

Tech Club

KS3 Dance

Boys Drama

Musical Theatre Performance

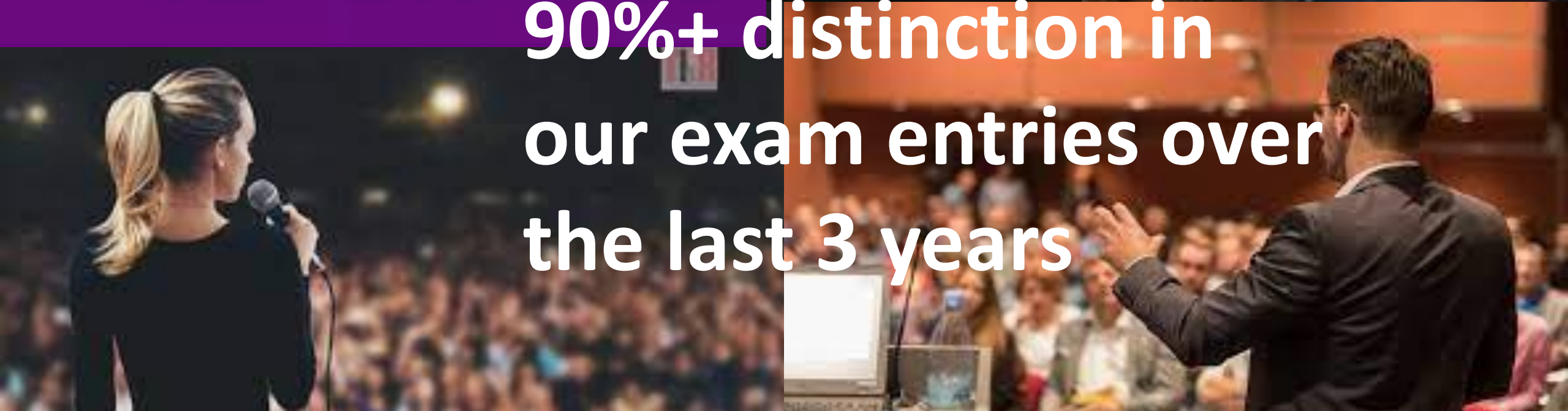


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90%+ distinction in
our exam entries over
the last 3 years



Period 7 clubs

- Painting & drawing
- Art Skills
- Big Art
- Sewing and Textiles
- Charity Initiative
- Photography

