



GORDON'S SCHOOL

# CO-CURRICULAR GUIDE

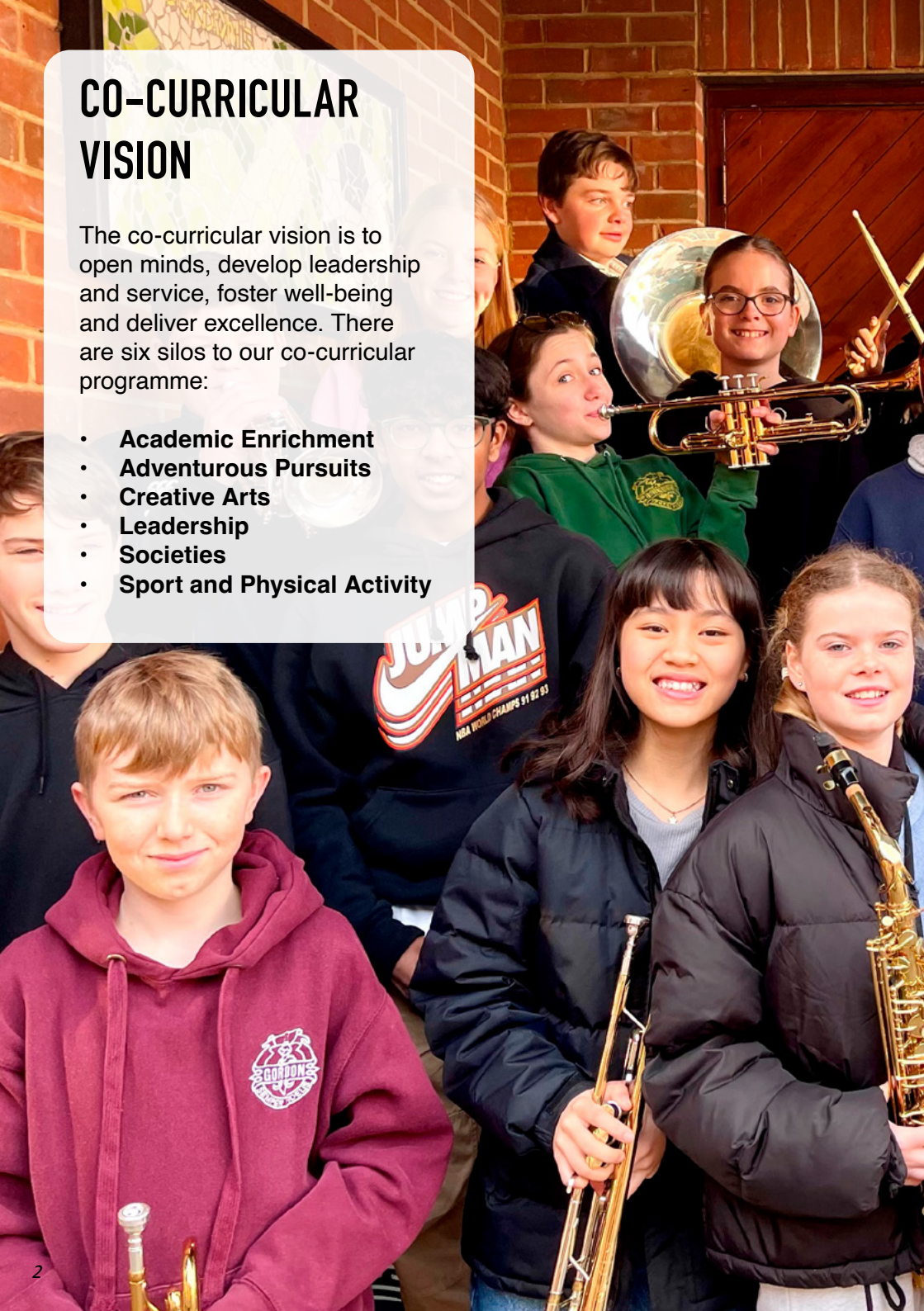


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# CO-CURRICULAR VISION

The co-curricular vision is to open minds, develop leadership and service, foster well-being and deliver excellence. There are six silos to our co-curricular programme:

- **Academic Enrichment**
- **Adventurous Pursuits**
- **Creative Arts**
- **Leadership**
- **Societies**
- **Sport and Physical Activity**





# #BLEEDGREEN

Better people make a better school. Character underpins everything. How we act is as important as what we do. #bleedgreen is about good character and taking pride in being a Gordonian – a special part of maintaining the reputation of this unique National Memorial. It is being faithful to the Gordon's community by striving to fulfil your potential for yourself and 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 Gordonians better global citizens.

## EXPECTATIONS

Year 7 – 11 students are expected to attend Period 7 hours on a Monday through to Thursday, Friday Drill and then Saturday Morning School.

Sixth Form students are expected to attend four activities each week. This can include fixtures, rehearsals, training and clinics to name a few. Residential Boarders not involved in activities on a Saturday morning will attend Private Study, regardless of how many hours they have selected midweek. Authorised out of school activities (including work) are allowed to count towards the four hours.

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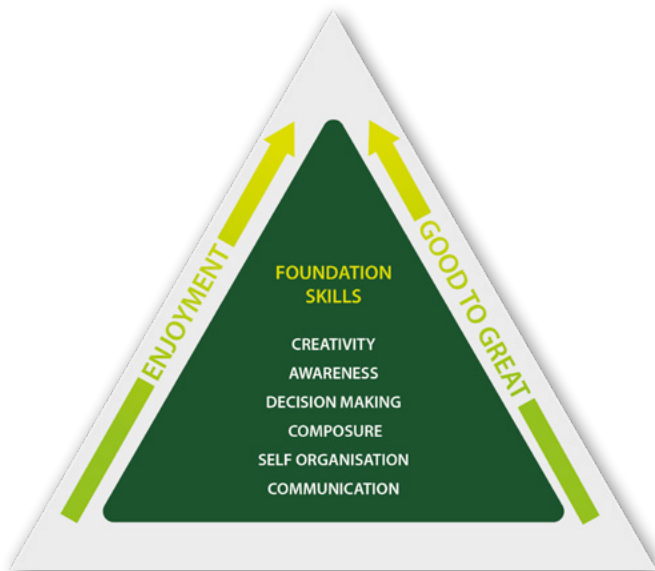
# INTRODUCTION

Co-curricular activities have a key role to play in enhancing the well-being and mental-health of students.

This booklet contains details of all the activities on offer to students before school, during lunch, Period 7, 5pm and Saturday Morning School next term. Students sign up for these activities using their SOCS account. Please note that activities will only run if there are enough students opting for them to make them viable. Certain activities have a limit on numbers for safety reasons and in cases where the activity is full, students will have to opt for an alternative. If you have any queries regarding your child's choice of activities for Period 7 or Saturday Morning School please contact Mrs J Warner, Co-Curricular Co-Ordinator at [jwarner@gordons.school](mailto:jwarner@gordons.school).

# FOUNDATION SKILLS

Foundation skills should run through virtually every co-curricular activity to help develop learning both as a performer and as a person. We hope that all students are able to enhance these skills through the Gordon's School co-curricular programme and then demonstrate during their performances.



# GAMES AFTERNOONS AND SATURDAYS

Physical activity has a key role to play in enhancing the well-being and mental-health of students and greater participation in sport and physical recreation will promote healthy bodies and healthy minds.

The School operates games afternoons dedicated to the term's major sport to ensure all students have time to develop their skills and fitness to participate. Each year group has a Period 6 Games afternoon, and students in the Lower School will be required to continue into Period 7 that same day. Year 10 do not receive a games afternoon, but instead have an additional sports training session during Period 7.

	<b>PERIOD 6</b>	<b>PERIOD 7</b>
Monday	Year 8	Year 8
Tuesday	Year 9	Year 9
Wednesday	Year 11/12/13	Year 11/12/13
Thursday	Year 7	Year 7
Friday	Year 10	

Competition also makes students try harder and competitive sport has clear benefits for academic achievement in the classroom. To this end we are committed to providing more opportunities for students to be involved in sport fixtures, typically on Saturdays.

Midweek activities will continue to provide genuine opportunities for students to participate in the creative arts, outdoor pursuits, niche sports and academic enrichment. Depending on their level of participation all students will have between two and four non-sport choices each week. Opportunities for Sixth Form and Year 11 to study on a Saturday morning and attend midweek clinics will continue.

## COMPULSORY AFTERNOONS

Some year groups 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. The table below highlights the compulsory nights for the different year groups.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Y8 Sport	Y9 Sport	Y11-13 Sport Fixtures	Y7 Sport	All Years Drill	All Years Fixtures and Activities
Y9 Creative Art	Y7 Creative Art	Y8 Creative Art			
	Y10 CCF	Y7 Academic Enrichment			
Y8 Academic Enrichment					

## DRILL

All students Y7-11 practise marching on Friday afternoons during Period 7. Year 7 will practise marching on a Friday 4.00-5.00pm in the Autumn Term with their House Drill Sergeant.



# ACTIVITY CATEGORIES

Activities are split into six categories:

**SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES**

**ACADEMIC PURSUITS**

**CREATIVE ARTS**

**LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

**OUTDOOR PURSUITS**

**SOCIETIES (STUDENT-LED)**

# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

**U**nless stated otherwise, sports activities are offered to boys and girls of any year group. The major sport of the term has priority on Saturdays.

Exemption requests must be directed to the Director of Sport, Mr J Harrison [jharrison@gordons.school](mailto:jharrison@gordons.school).

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**COMPETITIVE SPORT IS A KEY COMPONENT IN BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE, SCHOOL ETHOS AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.”**

SIR MICHAEL WILSHAW, HER MAJESTY'S CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS 2012-2016

## ATHLETICS

Students have the opportunities to compete in athletics at the District Championships. Our more successful athletes will be selected to represent the District in the Surrey County Championships. Athletics produces the biggest Inter-House competition each year with all events fiercely fought.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Spring, Summer	Open

## BADMINTON

Newcomers to badminton as well as seasoned players are welcome to join this club. This will take place in the sports hall.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Autumn, Spring	Open

## BASKETBALL

All ages and stages are welcome to join basketball. Whether it is to learn new skills or develop skills already gained, all students will have the opportunity to improve and grow as a player whilst enjoying themselves and having fun.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y9-Y13	Spring, Summer	Open

# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES





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## BRAZILIAN JUJITSU

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a martial art and combat sport based on ground fighting and submission holds. It focuses on the skill of taking an opponent to the ground, controlling one's opponent, gaining a dominant position, and using a number of techniques to force them into submission via joint locks or chokeholds.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## CHESS

Period 7 on a Monday is for recreational chess, where students play friendly games. Students are instructed on how they can improve their chess playing ability.

A Thursday Period 7 group meets to study the game of chess in greater depth than at the Monday club.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## CRICKET

Cricket is available to both boys and girls throughout the Summer Term. The boys compete in District leagues and county cups as well as friendly fixtures. The majority of friendly fixtures will take place on a Saturday morning, with league and cup matches during the week.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y9-Y13	Spring, Summer	Open

# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES



## CYCLING

Saturday cycling is all about the off-road. We often cycle up to 20 kilometres across rough and sometimes wet terrain. We have some school mountain bikes that can be used or you can bring your own. If you chose this activity, please be prepared to go out in all weathers and all conditions.

Cycling during the week is focused on developing our elite road cyclists who want to train and eventually compete. If you are interested please email Mr Butler directly to find out more.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## DANCE FIT

Dance Fit is a variety of easy dance routines that are quick to pick up, for an excellent work out. It is a fun way to keep fit to music.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## FITNESS (SATURDAY AM)

This activity on Saturdays predominantly takes place in our fitness suite where students learn to use our up-to-date fitness equipment including a variety of cardio-vascular machines, free weights and a multi-gym.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y9-Y13	All year	Open



# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

## FOOTBALL

For the boys, football is the major sport in the Spring Term, with fixtures played both mid-week and on Saturday mornings. There is still training during the Autumn Term, with some mid-week fixtures only. For the girls the main season is in the Spring Term, with only mid-week fixtures.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## GOLF

The activity takes place at Foxhills Golf Club where the students receive coaching from the Head pro. Fixtures take place throughout the year, both mid-week and on weekends, with our teams competing in a variety of county and national Cups. **Off-site Period 7 activities charges for 2023-24; £100.00 per term.**

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## HEATH WALKS

This club is open to those students who are not involved in team sports on Saturday morning. It is ideal for those returning from injury or illness. Students walk on the local heaths or travel short distances to other beautiful areas.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y9-Y11	All year	Open

# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

## HOCKEY

For the girls, hockey is the major sport during the Autumn Term with both mid-week and Saturday morning fixtures. Teams enter county and national cups. For the boys' training takes place in the Spring Term, with mid-week training and fixtures. Boys' hockey focuses on students in Years 7–10.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## HORSE RIDING

Horse riding is held at LGB Equestrian, for riders of any level, even those who have not ridden a horse before. The cost is currently £20 per lesson. We also have a very successful equestrian team who compete at inter-school competitions in show jumping, cross country and dressage as teams and individuals. **Off-site Period 7 activities charges for 2023-24; £200.00 per term.**

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## NETBALL (GIRLS)

Netball is the major sport in the Spring Term with matches both mid-week and on Saturday mornings. During the Autumn Term Netball training is still an option with only mid-week fixtures. Our teams enter district, county and national cups.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Autumn, Spring	Open





# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

## PARKRUNS

We enter students into the locally organised 5km parkruns on a Saturday morning. Students are welcome to meet at the event or Gordon's School at 8.15am. This activity can occur BEFORE Saturday morning school starts, so if you are a non-team player but want some early morning exercise, this is the activity for you!

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## ROCK CLIMBING

We use a local rock climbing wall which allows students to challenge themselves physically and mentally. This is a popular choice amongst students, testing individual skill, strength and nerve.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## ROUNDERS

Rounders is played in the Summer Term with matches both mid-week and on Saturday mornings against local independent schools. Our teams enter district, county and national cups. As with cricket and athletics, the girls will also compete at Inter-House level.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open



## ROWING

Gordon's School Boat Club train several times per week throughout the academic year. We have a partnership with Stains Boat Club, as well as having our own ergometer room on site. The squad enter competitions at local and national level with the help of the coaching team which includes Olympic cox and coach Alan Inns. **Off-site Period 7 activities charges for 2023-24; £100.00 per term.**

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## RUGBY XV's

For the boys, rugby is the major sport throughout the Autumn Term with matches both mid-week and on a Saturday morning. We enter county competitions and the NatWest Cup at both U18 and U15 level.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Autumn	Open

## RUGBY 7S BOYS

For the boys, rugby 7s replaces 15 a-side rugby during the Spring Term. We host our own U16 Invitational 7s Tournament at the start of the season, as well as competing at a variety of competitions. All teams play at Rosslyn Park 7s.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Spring	Open

# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES



## SELF-DEFENCE

These sessions teach students valuable skills, drawing on a range of self-defence tactics and martial arts moves. Students build their sense of self-discipline, confidence and respect for one another. Students also have the exciting opportunity to attain a karate grading.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## SHOOTING

As part of the traditions of the school all members of Year 10 join the school CCF and have the opportunities to practice these skills and develop them. There is a competition each year and a teaching staff vs support staff vs students competition to be held in the Summer Term. National competitions and those with other schools are in the process of development.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## SKATE BOARDING

This is a Summer activity allowing students to develop their co-ordination and balance through the use of the local skate park.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Summer	Open

# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

## TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis will take place in the sports hall where all players beginners or established are welcome to learn or develop their skills.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## TENNIS

Tennis is offered as a recreational activity to both boys and girls for all year groups. Some competitive matches occur throughout the term.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Summer	Open

## VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is a recreational Period 7 which combines teamwork, co-ordination and tactics. This is a very popular Summer activity for both boys and girls.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Summer	Open





# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

## YOGA

Yoga focuses on strength, flexibility, balance and breathing to boost physical and mental wellbeing. A great activity to help look after your body, mind and spirit!

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## ULTIMATE FRISBEE

This is very much a fun type activity combining teamwork, spatial awareness and fitness. This has proved very popular with the boys and girls looking for a new and alternative sport.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Summer	Open

## ZUMBA

Zumba is a terrific way of exercising. It's a stress-busting range of dance routines from around the world including Bollywood, Salsa, Hawaiian, Broadway and much more! It's an interval-style dance fitness party. A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and resulting in flexibility, improved co-ordination, improved cognitive function and boosted energy.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

# SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES





# ACADEMIC PURSUITS

**A**t Gordon's School, there is a wealth of academic enriching activities within the school's co-curricular programme ranging across all subjects and interests.

We like to highlight the importance of learning new skills, such as public speaking or designing, and provide our students with the best possible opportunity to develop themselves and enrich their learning outside the classroom. Through this, we also offer a number of identified academic groups the opportunity to participate in local, regional, national and international events where they can challenge themselves further and compete against other schools. Any questions regarding our Academic Enrichment opportunities, please contact [jweeks@gordons.school](mailto:jweeks@gordons.school).

## ALPHA YOUTH

An Alpha Youth course, a series of videos interspersed with questions for discussion about the meaning of life!

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## ARABIC BEGINNER

Start learning a new language today! Arabic speakers are in high demand and is spoken in many countries across the world. It is also a great opportunity to learn all about another culture.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y8-Y13	All year	Open

## ARABIC INTERMEDIATE

Build upon your Arabic language skills by delving deeper into your understanding of the language and the culture that surrounds it.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	All year	Open



# ACADEMIC PURSUITS

## BAR MOCK TRIALS

The Bar Mock Trials law competition allows students to experience an unparalleled insight into the criminal justice system and the roles of everyone involved in a court case. Students present a prosecution team and a defence team for a specially designed case in a real Crown Court.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	Autumn	Invite

## BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

By learning BSL, you'll be able to communicate with deaf people, contributing to a society where deaf people are included. Learning BSL will help you to become deaf aware and celebrate the rich diversity within the deaf community. Learn this new and important language today!

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y8-Y13	All year	Open

## CLASSICS CLUB

Enter the past with this exciting new activity! Learn about Romans, Spartans and Ancient Greece. Students who study Classics will increase their analytical and critical thinking skills as they examine and analyse ancient cultures.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open



## CLINICS

During Period 7 there are additional opportunities for students to receive support in the form of extra study clinics. Any Year 13 students who progress with an AS subject into Year 13 in which they achieved a E grade, is required to attend. They are designated opportunities to revise AS content with a view to supporting the progression into Year 13 and targeting any weak areas within the subject.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y12-Y13	All year	Open

## CODING

Coding is a great activity for students to learn a new skill or develop existing ones. It allows students to show their creativity through their creations, as well as learning a skill for life.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## CODE CLUB FOR GIRLS

An opportunity to engage girls in Coding. Develop programming skills and confidence needed to thrive by using new technologies to create products that solve problems you care about! Students agree on a focus for the term, selecting from combining application development with: climate change, artificial intelligence, art, music, or just focusing on coding!

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open



# ACADEMIC PURSUITS

## CODE CLUB ICT

This club specifically focuses on coding skills, looking at a variety of coding activities and languages such as Visual Basic, Small Basic, Kodu, App Inventor and Java Script. Students will also complete project-based activities in Python.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

## COOKING FOR UNIVERSITY

Preparing for university is key. This Period 7 gives Sixth Form students the chance to develop and learn culinary skills in preparation for university life.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y12-Y13	All year	Invite

## CREST AWARD

CREST gives young people aged 5–19 the chance to choose their own subject and methodology when completing their hands-on investigation. It is a nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths). Our students become independent and reflective learners through enquiry-based project work.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## DEBATING

Debating is fantastic fun; it can be loud and raucous or calm and calculated! It is always competitive and encourages students to speak out for and against a variety of topics. This club helps prepare students for events such as Inter-House debating and Inter-School competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## DISCOVERY CHALLENGE

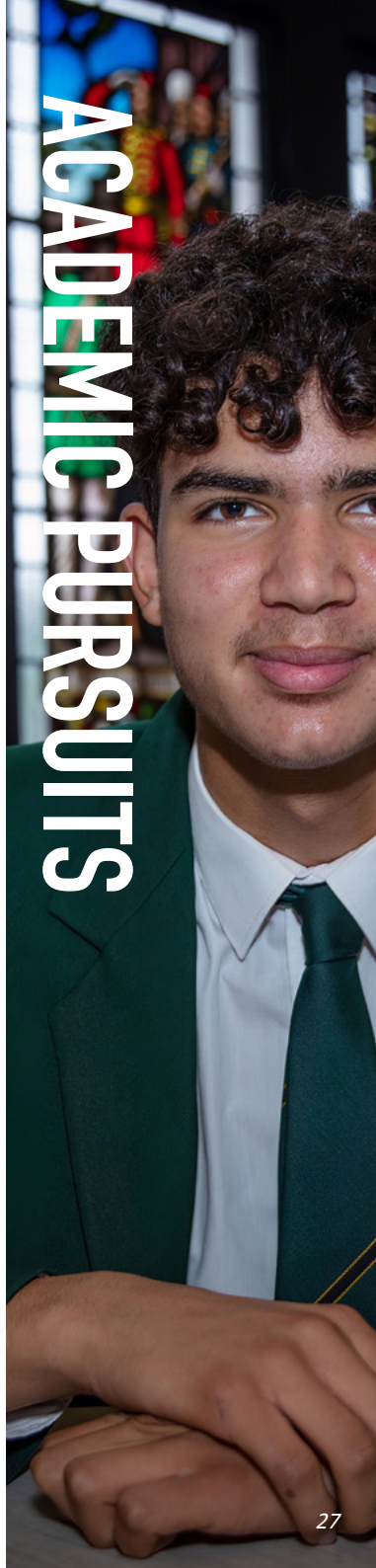
This is part of our Year 7 Academic Carousel and explores everything to do with Geology! Students dig away to find and learn about different types of rock as well as how they are created.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7	All year	Invite

## DOCUMENTARY CLUB

The Documentary Club screens documentaries from TV addressing a wide range of cultural, political and social issues. It is intended to broaden the perspectives of students and develop their observations, discussion and debating skills.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y9-Y13	All year	Open





# ACADEMIC PURSUITS

## DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

Doing Things Differently is a peer group that is aimed at helping nominated students develop their personal resilience, relationships, and self-regulation. In this group we explore together how to do things differently and come up with new ideas and ways of responding to situations.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y10	All year	Invite

## FIRST AID

This Period 7 will give students the chance to learn basic first aid and life support. This will equip them with vital skills to use in an emergency situation.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y12-Y13	All year	Open

## GEOLOGY WEDNESDAY

This is part of our Year 7 Academic Carousel and explores everything to do with Geology! Students dig away to find and learn about different types of rock as well as how they are created.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7	All year	Invite

## LATIN BEGINNER

Start learning a new language today! Latin provides a key to many different languages such as Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese. Learn about the roots of words and where Western Language came from.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y8-Y13	All year	Open

## LEARNING SUPPORT

1:1 small group approach to support:

Private/quiet study – students who may struggle in busy environments or who are sensitive to sensory information are invited to a Period 7 for private study.

Period 7 prep support – students who struggle with organising and completing prep are invited to Period 7 prep support to help them manage their prep and develop as independent learners.

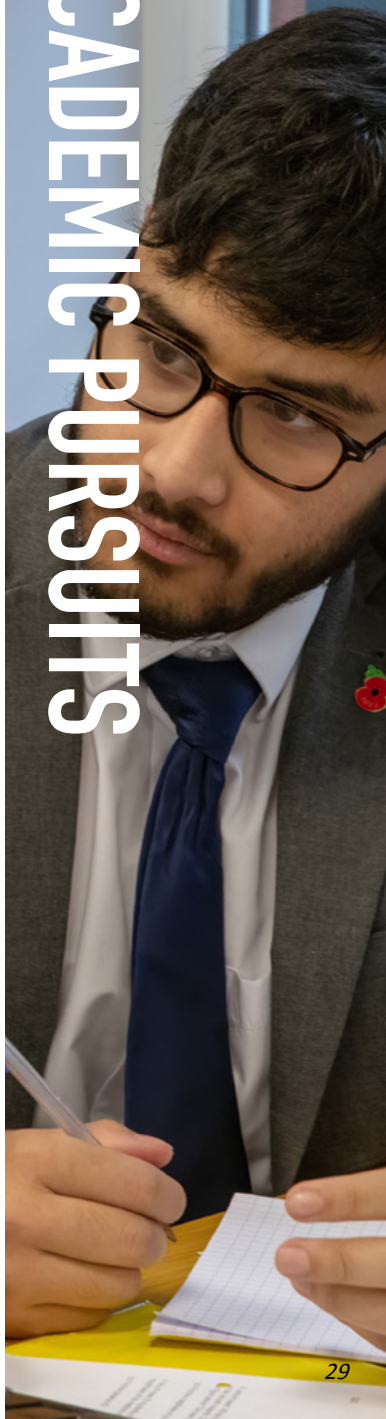
Literacy Support – students who struggle with literacy are invited to learning support where an intense focus is placed on helping them master areas of struggle and providing a place for additional overlearning of concepts to take place outside of the classroom.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

## MANDARIN

A fantastic opportunity to learn a language that is the world's most widely-spoken! A native speaker will teach the group.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open



# ACADEMIC PURSUITS

## MAT/STEP CLUB

This P7 focuses on problem solving questions and looking at past papers for admission tests into a variety of universities including Oxford and Cambridge. It is to support students with their applications and to help them develop problem-solving skills required for these admission tests.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y12-Y13	All year	Open

## MEDICAL, VETERINARY AND DENTAL SCHOOL PREPARATION

Weekly sessions prepare students for the BMAT test with practice papers and revision techniques. Interview preparation: discussing work experience, medical ethics and current issues in the NHS. Guidance on further reading.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y12-Y13	All year	Invite

## MISSING MAPS

Each year, disasters around the world kill nearly 100,000 and affect or displace 200 million people. Many of the places where these disasters occur are literally 'missing' from open and accessible maps and first responders lack the information to make valuable decisions regarding relief efforts. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to map areas where humanitarian organisations are trying to meet the needs of people who live at risk of disaster and crises. Our students volunteer to map local detail such as neighbourhoods, street names, roads, buildings and evacuation centres.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y9-Y13	All year	Open

## MINDFULNESS STORY WRITING

Selected students come together to practice mindfulness meditation. Once in a calm state, they hear the first line of story and enjoy the creative freedom to finish it, as well as illustrate it.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y9	All year	Invite





# ACADEMIC PURSUITS

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

MUN is a simulation activity encouraging 'delegates' to find solutions to global problems such as humanitarian, political, environmental and economic issues in the spirit of unity brought about by the real United Nations. Skills needed include communication, quick-thinking and confidence under pressure. Successful participants will represent Gordon's at a range of national day and residential conferences.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

## OXBRIDGE PREP AND INFO APPOINTMENTS

Students in Year 12 are introduced to the Oxbridge process. Meetings take place with a former student who talks about life at Oxford/Cambridge and gives insights into the admissions process and challenges. Lunchtime drop-in sessions are offered to students who miss these meetings. A talk on Oxbridge is delivered in February as part of the Higher Education evening, at the start of the UCAS process.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y13	All year	Invite

## PERSONAL FINANCE

Ever wanted to know how money works? Join Finance Society to gather tips and expand your financial knowledge!

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y12-Y13	All year	Open



## PRIVATE STUDY

Students in Y10 and Y11 have the opportunity for silent private study time in order to enhance their academic studies. Students attending this session are expected to fulfil prep attendance as usual.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y11	All year	Open

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking is a vital skill that students develop and use throughout their academic careers and in their everyday lives. Additionally, the impact that a confident and thoughtful speaker can have within classes and the wider school is invaluable. This activity allows students to build on their skills and enter national competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## QUIZZICAL MINDS

Created by our very own Quiz Master, Mark Eaden, this is an opportunity to familiarise our Year 7 students with quiz preparation. They learn all about the world of quizzing, understand how important it is to read and quiz! Whether looking at Pointless, Tenable or Who Wants to be a Millionaire, our Year 7s knowledge is tested and tried.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y8	All year	Open



# ACADEMIC PURSUITS

## ROBOTICS CLUB

This is a chance to design and program different robotic items, bringing creativity and science together. It is a popular Period 7 where students work together to build a robot.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y8-Y11	All year	Open

## SCIENCE CLUB

An activity aimed at stimulating the scientific mind, taking lessons in the lab a step further.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y9	All year	Open

## SPANISH BOARD GAMES

For those students who are trying to take their Spanish knowledge and understanding to the next level, by playing fun board games in Spanish.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## STEM CLUB

This challenge is for students interested in the sciences, maths, engineering, business studies, economics and IT. It is hoped that amongst other projects, this club will enable teams of students to deploy CAD/CAM software to collaborate, design, analyse, manufacture, test, and then race miniature compressed air powered cars made from a F1 model block.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y10 & Y11-Y13	All year	Invite

## UCAS MEETINGS (Y13)

Mr Jones is available by appointment to meet parents regarding any UCAS concerns or queries. Appointments are made via Mrs Hall on [ghall@gordons.school](mailto:ghall@gordons.school)

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y13	Autumn	Open

## YEAR BOOK (Y13)

Year 13 students are you interested in publishing and writing? Are you organised and creative? Join our Year Book Editorial Team to organise, write and help publish the Year 13 year book. Bring your creative ideas to ensure that this student-led publication is one you and your fellow students will want to treasure and look back on in years to come!

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y13	Spring	Open



# ACADEMIC PURSUITS

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE (Y10)

Have you ever watched Dragons' Den or The Apprentice and consider yourself to be the next Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden or Sir Alan Sugar? Working in teams, you will set up your own real company, develop a business idea, and then produce and sell, thereby creating a unique platform to test your entrepreneurial skills.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10	Autumn, Spring	Open

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE (Y12 AND Y13)

The Young Enterprise Company Programme requires students to set up a real company, develop a business idea, and then produce and sell this. Experienced business mentors will pass on their expertise and knowledge and there will be regular trade fairs and competitions against other schools.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y12-Y13	All year	Open

# ACADEMIC PURSUITS



# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES



**T**he importance of Creative Arts is extremely valued at Gordon's School. We understand the grand scale of enjoyment that it provides the students but also concentrate on the transferable skills that are imperative to every student looking to be successful in the working world. Our aim is that all students, enjoy, engage and strive to achieve excellence.

All students will take part in a Creative Art session during the week from Year 7-Year 9 and then have the choice from Year 10 and upwards. Due to this, we therefore provide an extensive Creative Arts program ranging from Art, Drama, Dance, Music, Pipes and Drums, Cooking and DT, to name a few. Within this programme we have classes such as the School Productions, Orchestra, Prop Making, Choirs, Art Clubs, Technical Theatre and many more.

For any further information please contact Miss Kathryn Moore [kmoore@gordons.school](mailto:kmoore@gordons.school)

## ACTING FOR STAGE (LOWER SCHOOL)

Acting for stage will focus on students honing their stagecraft for theatrical performance. Students will work with a range of texts and styles in order to build confidence, stage presence and develop their acting ability.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y9	Autumn	Open

## ART

Invited students will have a chance to develop their foundational skills in order to widen their artistic abilities. They will undertake workshops and specialist sessions with the aim of working towards entering internal art exhibitions and competitions and national and international competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y11	All year	Invite

## ARTS AWARD (SILVER AND GOLD)

For those who have already achieved their bronze award students have the opportunity to pursue Arts Awards to a higher level.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES





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## AUDITION TECHNIQUE (UPPER SCHOOL/SIXTH FORM)

Audition technique will explore what makes a 'good' audition. Whether students are thinking of drama, applying for drama schools, or want to build confidence on stage, this activity will focus on individual students and improving all aspects of their stagecraft.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	Autumn, Summer	Open

## CELLO GROUP

A student-led group for cellists that rehearses one morning a week.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

## CHOIR: BOYS'

Entry to the Boys' Choir is by audition. This group meets once a week after school to prepare music for school chapel services and external events such as competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y8	All year	Invite





## CHOIR: GIRLS'

Entry to the Girls' Choir is by audition. This group meets once a week after school to prepare music for school chapel services and other events such as competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y8	All year	Invite

## CONCERT BAND

Open to anyone who has reached Grade 1 standard or above on a woodwind, brass or string instruments. Concert Band meets every Wednesday morning at 8am in the old swimming pool. The band rehearses for internal and external events. We ask for commitment to these weekly sessions to ensure a high standard is maintained.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

## CRAFT CLUB

A new activity on the programme – students will be able to experience a whole range of different activities to create their unique pieces using a range of materials including paper, needlecraft (eg cross stitch, quilts) stone and mosaic.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Autumn, Spring	Open



# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES

## DANCE (Y7 TASTER)

Led by dance specialists, Lower School Dance will provide students with a platform to express themselves and develop their love for dance. Each session will be focused on a variety of styles and genres to refine students' dance skills. Students will be able to showcase their work at performances throughout the year.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7	All year	Invite

## DANCE (LOWER SCHOOL)

Led by Dance specialists, Lower School Dance will provide students with a platform to express themselves and develop their love for Dance. Each session will be focused on a variety of styles and genres to refine students dance skills. Students will be able to showcase their work at performances throughout the year.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y9	All year	Open

# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES



## DANCE (UPPER SCHOOL/SIXTH FORM)

Led by Dance specialists, Upper School/Sixth Form Dance will provide students with a platform to express themselves and develop their love for dance. Each session will be focused on a variety of styles and genres to refine students' dance skills. Students will be able to showcase their work at performances throughout the year.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	All year	Open

## DJEMBE DRUMS

Members of the djembe activity will learn how to play the instrument together as a part of an ensemble involving practical and listening skills under the tuition of our professional djembe player Mr Walker.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## DJ SKILLS AND MUSIC TECH

Run by a professional DJ this Period 7 activity deals with different aspects of DJ and technique and music technology.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open



# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES

## DRAMA (Y7 TASTER)

The Year 7 taster for Drama will introduce students to a range of foundation skills which will enable students to flourish on stage. The taster will aim to build confidence and creativity in order to instill a passion for performance.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7	All year	Invite

## DRAWING CLUB

Drawing Club is run every day and is open to all students. This will be a place where students can refine their drawing skills and learn new techniques.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## HONK!

Our junior jazz band for beginner brass and sax players up to grade 4/5.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

## JAZZ BAND

Jazz Band is a high-level group for more advanced jazz performers lead by a professional jazz musician. It runs once a week after school.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

## LAMDA

LAMDA lessons involve working 1-1 with a trained acting and public speaking professional; leading to exams and obtaining UCAS points towards university applications. If you have a paid LAMDA lesson, then this Period 7 is offered to you. This session will allow you to come together with other LAMDA students, to practice and share your exam work, offering a social and developmental opportunity. This Period 7 runs from 8.00am - 8.40am.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

## MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE

A specialised series of workshops that will allow students to perform a range of scenes from a large variety of musical theatre productions. Sessions will be focused on enhancing students' acting, singing and dancing skills.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	Spring	Open

## MUSIC THEORY (GRADE 1)

Beginner musicians who wish to learn the basics of music theory - leading up to taking the ABRSM Grade 1 theory exam.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open





# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES

## MUSIC THEORY (GRADE 5)

Students who wish to take the higher grades in their instrument or in singing will need to take their Grade 5 theory, available as a Period 7 activity.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## ORIGAMI

NEW! After popular student demand, you asked, we listened. We are now running an origami club for Gordon's students. Take part in producing origami, also known as paper folding. This is the art of folding objects out of paper to create both two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## ORCHESTRA

Orchestra is the elite ensemble for the top players on each instrument. The group meets once a week after school to rehearse and perform classical repertoire for internal and external events.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Invite

# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES



## PAINTING WORKSHOP

A series of painting workshops where students can learn new techniques with different painting mediums. Here they will be able to build a portfolio of paintings that focus on different subject matter and painting styles.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## PERFORMING SHAKESPEARE

Practical, workshop-based sessions which focus on approaching and understanding a range of texts from William Shakespeare. The workshop focus on applying contemporary twists to Shakespeare classics.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	Autumn Term	Open

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Invited students will have a chance to develop their camera handling skills and work towards becoming great photographers. Students will advance to learn a range of editing skills in order to produce high quality photographs, which can be entered into national and international competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y11	All year	Invite

# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES



## PIPES AND DRUMS

Pipes and Drums takes place in the Band Room every day and is open to any student in the school. Students do not require any previous musical experience to take part. If students know what they want to learn, they can start with immediate effect, otherwise students can expect to spend some time learning tenor, bass, snare or pipes before selecting one on which to concentrate. Students demonstrating commitment to Period 7 and enthusiasm for learning are eligible for lessons funded by the school on the snare drum and bagpipes.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## PLAY WRITING (LOWER SCHOOL)

A series of writing workshops led by the Drama Department in order for students to develop their play writing skills and begin to get creative in their writing for stage.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y9	Autumn	Open

## PLAY WRITING: NEW VIEWS

A series of writing workshops led by the Drama Department in order for students to develop their play writing skills and enter into the 'New Views' Play Writing competition run by the National Theatre. The winning play will be performed at the National Theatre by a professional cast.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	Spring Term	Invite



## PUBLIC SPEAKING

The work world has changed, public speaking and presentations skills are now an expectation in the work place. Do you want to improve your public speaking and presentation skills? If you do then this club offers you the tools in which you can develop these vital skills, with the opportunity to take part in Gordon's own TED Talks at the end of each term.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## POP CHOIR

This group runs at lunchtime and is open to anyone who loves to sing pop songs and prepare music for school events and competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y9	All year	Open

## POP SINGING TECHNIQUES

A Period 7 activity for those who love to sing in the pop style and want to develop their vocal abilities.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## PRINT CLUB

Print Club is all about learning new printing techniques such as lino printing, screen printing, mono-printing, stencilling, polytile and more.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y10	All year	Open



# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES

## SEMPER FIDELIS SINGERS

SFS is the school's elite vocal ensemble for those who wish to pursue choral singing to a high level. This group prepares music for school events, chapel services and competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y9-Y13	All year	Invite

## SONG WRITING

Song writing is a Period 7 activity for anyone who wishes to develop their song writing abilities.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## STRING GROUP JUNIORS

Open to anyone who has reached Grade 1 standard or above on a string instrument. String group meets one morning a week in the old swimming pool. The group rehearses for internal and external events. We ask for commitment to these weekly sessions to ensure a high standard is maintained.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## STRING GROUP

A group for our more experienced string players that rehearses weekly for internal and external events.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

# CREATIVE ARTS ACTIVITIES



## STUDIO PLAY(S) (UPPER SCHOOL/SIXTH FORM)

Students are invited to audition to be involved in Gordon's Studio Play(s) in the Spring Term. Students will work with a Director and will progress through focused rehearsals towards a performance week in an intimate theatrical environment.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	Spring Term	Invite

## TECH CLUB

Get hands on with Theatre Production. Tech Club caters for those with an interest in drama, theatre, video and music. Students will have plenty of opportunities to be involved with different aspects of the school productions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## UKULELE (YEAR 7 TASTER)

Part of the Year 7 performing arts carousel. A crash course in playing the ukulele.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7	All year	Invite



# LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

**G**ordon's students are expected to complete a minimum number of volunteering hours, which count towards the Honours Programme.

Students can select a range of Lower School activities in order to serve the school and assist with coaching, training and peer teaching, or assist with hosting other schools on Saturday mornings during fixtures as well as a range of other opportunities. Please see the inside back cover for the volunteering options grid.

# LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE



## CCF LEADERSHIP

Students are able to become leaders in the different areas within the CCF. They can help teach the younger year students and gain valuable leadership skills. They can also attend a great number of week long adventurous training and leadership courses.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y11-Y13	All year	P7

## CHARITY AMBASSADORS

Is philanthropy important to you? Do you enjoy giving back? If so, why don't you develop this role as your Service option to help create more opportunities for Gordon's to give back to society. You can organise, lead and manage charity events and collections.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	As required

## LINK

Come and join our vibrant, varied student group who are focussed on making Gordon's a safe place for everyone to be who they are. This group targets inclusion of race, neurodiversity, disabilities and LGBTQ+ and gender. Activities include fundraising, educating staff and students in a safe place for discussion.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	8am - 8.20am



# LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

## PARENT TOURS

We need friendly and professional representatives to guide visiting parents around the school. Mostly occurring September- December. Skills required: knowledge of classroom locations and the Sixth Form.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Ad hoc

## PEER TEACHING/MENTORING IN THE CLASSROOM

Hoping to be a teacher? Want to help others develop? Why don't you peer teach as your Service option? Speak to the Head of Department where you want to help out to arrange this and get your hours signed off in your planner.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y11	All year	P1 - P6

## RESIDENTIAL READING MENTOR Y7 WOOLWICH

Are you a natural with young children? We are looking for someone to read to Year 7 children at bed time in Woolwich House. Suitable for Residential Boarders.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7 and Y12	All year	Eve & Form



## RUGBY REFEREES

Do you love working in sports? Do you have, or are interested in gaining a refereeing or umpiring qualification? If you have a qualification already, we will pay you after you have completed 20 hours of service if this is your Service option. If you have this qualification funded by Gordon's you will pay us back by choosing this as your Service option.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	Autumn, Spring	Ad hoc

## SPORTS COACHING

Do you love working in sports? Would you like to help our staff in delivering sports P7?

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y12-Y13	All year	As required

## VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Are you friendly, enthusiastic and looking for an opportunity to develop your customer service and communication skills? Saturday morning hosting involves setting up refreshments, welcoming parents and guests and liaising with the catering team. Hours can be flexible, however a minimum of two hours is preferred. Locations include the pavilion and the burger van.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10-Y13	All year	9am - 12noon

# OUTDOOR PURSUITS

**O**utdoor Pursuits build self-confidence and self-esteem which is fundamental in any young person's development. The students are encouraged to take up these opportunities here at Gordon's School.

For any further information please contact Mr Philip Fox [pfox@gordons.school](mailto:pfox@gordons.school).





## COMBINED CADET FORCE

### COMPULSORY Y10 TUESDAYS

The CCF exists to develop powers of leadership by promoting qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. Membership is compulsory in Y10. Students can choose between the Army, Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force cadets

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y10	All year	Open

## ORIENTEERING

Orienteering exercises and challenges both the mind and the body. The aim is to navigate in sequence between control points marked on a unique orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. Gordon's participate in local competitions.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y7-Y13	All year	Open

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH (DOFE)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is not a P7 activity. Students may be expected to participate in the expedition on a weekend/holiday or utilise the opportunities provided through Gordon's extensive Co-Curricular programme to complete their volunteering, physical, skills and, for Gold, a residential. Students are encouraged to complete some of these activities within the community. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is compulsory in Year 9 with the training taking place in the spring term during Period 7.

Year Groups	Terms	Invite / Open
Y9-Y13	Spring, Summer	Open

# OUTDOOR PURSUITS





# STUDENT LED SOCIETIES

**S**ocieties were introduced in recent years at Gordon's and offer older students the opportunity to create and run their own co-curricular groups.

The societies range from academic to cultural and creative based groups. Societies often have a group of student leaders, who are able to plan the society's meetings as well as events involving the school as a whole. Students can take part in as many societies as they wish, and they provide an excellent opportunity for new students to meet students with similar interests in a stress-free and inclusive environment. And if you feel there is a gap in the society market, you can always talk to the co-curricular team and start up your own!

For any further information please contact Miss Jasmine Asghar [jwarner@gordons.school](mailto:jwarner@gordons.school)

**LITERARY SOCIETY**

**SCHOOL PAPER SOCIETY**

**MUSIC SOCIETY**

**WELL-BEING SOCIETY**

**POLITICS SOCIETY**

**STAR CITIZEN SOCIETY**

**DRAMA SOCIETY**

**FASHION SOCIETY**

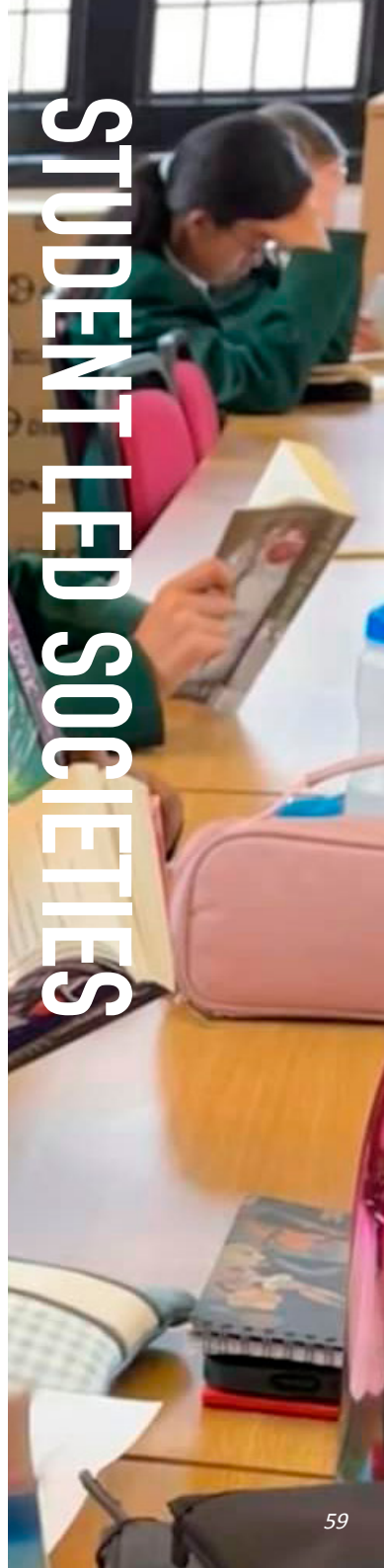
**FINANCE SOCIETY**

**ECO SOCIETY**

**CULTURE SOCIETY**

**FILM SOCIETY**

# STUDENT LED SOCIETIES



## SCHOOL REPRESENTATION AND COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES POLICY

The core principle that guides everything we do is **Putting Students First**.

### 1. Definition

School representation includes sports fixtures and events, public performances and appearances, non-compulsory school trips, performances in creative arts, or any occasion when a student could be associated directly with the school.

### 2. The School's Commitment

- a. Ensure students are safe.
- b. Provide the resources, opportunities and time for students to discover and develop their talents and interests.
- c. Ensure students are engaged, appropriately challenged and know how to improve.

### 3. A Student's Commitment

- a. Regular high attendance and an attitude to learn and improve
- b. Bring the correct equipment and kit
- c. Commit to representing the school, if selected and give 100%.

### 4. Expectations & Commitment for All

- a. **At all times students, parents and staff are expected to be courteous, diligent, enthusiastic, resilient and act with integrity (see appendix 1).**
- b. All students Y7-11 are expected to represent the school, if selected, in sport **in the major sport of that term** unless permission has been granted by the head of sport. In such cases, students are expected to represent the school in another sport or activity eg debating, MUN, chess.
- c. Commitment should be to the school first, ahead of local clubs or other activities. This includes a commitment to training/preparation/rehearsal sessions on specified days for P7, including Saturday and being available to represent the school as and when required.
- d. One-off absences will not be granted, apart from for exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Director of Sport. It is essential that the activity leader is informed before the absence occurs.
- e. In instances where a student is selected to play for more than one school team and it is neither reasonable nor possible for the student to represent both teams, the Director of Sport will decide, in consultation with the student, which team takes priority. Where there is a clash with another co-curricular activity the Director of Sport will make the final decision in consultation with relevant parties.
- f. Training will be scheduled, and teams will be selected on the basis of a student's sex, not gender, to allow fair opportunities for students in the major sports. We endeavour to ensure that opportunities to participate recreationally are available in all sports through the P7 co-curricular programme.

### 5. Out of School Activities

Gordon's is too small a school to lose our best students to out of school activities. With the exception of county, regional or national level representation students **should not** expect to be released from training/rehearsals and representing the school for an alternative activity. All requests should be made in writing to the Director of Sport at least 24 hours in advance.

## 6. Representation at County Level in Sport

- a. **As a student of Gordon's School selected for county trials or a county team, commitment should still be to the school team unless there is a date clash.**
- b. Parents **and** students are requested to contact the relevant Head of Sport informing them of any date clashes, discussing whether any negotiation is possible, particularly for key school fixtures (such as County Cup competitions). All reasonable attempts should be made to ensure a student can play for the school when required. Gordon's School recognises the fact that on occasions county commitments may have to take priority.
- c. Sports coaches will notify parents **and** students regarding dates if Gordon's School teams qualify for further rounds in a competition, with sufficient notice whenever possible.

## 7. Representation at a Regional/International level in Sport

- a. Gordon's School acknowledges the time, pressures and commitment required to be successful at this level and will fully support students/students in their sports representation.
- b. Dates for training/competition at this level are to be given to the relevant sports coach in advance and the athlete will represent the school whenever possible.

On occasions it may be appropriate to discuss the individual circumstances for temporary absence from school team commitments. In this case please contact the Director of Sport or the relevant sports coach to discuss the situation. Decisions made will be at the discretion of the school in liaison with parents.

## 8. Missing Lessons/School

Academics matter and every effort is made to ensure that training, rehearsals, activities and competitions do not thoughtlessly cut across lessons. However, many events are not dictated by school and in these instances the following rubric applies:

Representation (on-site or off-site)	Lessons
1. Competitive fixtures/creative arts events	Students allowed to miss lesson time if they need to leave early for an away fixtures, performances or competitions.
2. County/International or major whole-school production	Students allowed to miss lesson time.
3. External event eg club tour/ event, individual tournament, national championships.	Parents should seek permission to be absent from school (including Saturday school) from the Head Teacher.

In cases 1-3, the head of sport/activity or teacher in charge is responsible for communicating which students will miss lessons **at least 24 hours in advance.**

Where a HoD or parent is concerned about a student's absence for the event e.g. they are significantly behind in their work or the lesson to be missed is critical and cannot be rescheduled, then the HoD or parent should raise these concerns with teacher in charge of the event/activity, in good time. **Last minute changes jeopardise the school's chances of performing well and may in some cases result in the School having to withdraw from the event altogether, disappointing all other students involved and potentially our ability to re-enter in the future.**

In the event of an impasse a member of SLT must be notified.

## 9. Clinics

Year 11 clinics predominantly take place at lunch time.

Sport and co-curricular activities take priority during Period 7, games afternoons and Saturday mornings. In the event that an academic subject needs a student to attend a clinic or other academic event this must be decided, in consultation with the sport or activity leader.

## 10. Inter-House Competitions

Inter-House competitions take precedent over training / rehearsals and non-competitive events e.g. friendlies.

## 11. Effort Grades

Students with effort grade 3 or more or where there are concerns about their behaviour will be reviewed by the Director of Sport or activity and may be placed on report or a **NSA (next steps advice) card**.

In extreme or persistent cases the parent OR head of sport / activity may withdraw the student from the team / group / activity.

## 12. Attire and Appearance

Students whose appearance does not comply with the School Uniform & Appearance Policy may be excluded from representing the school. This includes extreme haircuts which are referred by HoH to Assistant Head (Pastoral).

Students who fail to wear appropriate attire before a fixture or activity may be excluded from that fixture or activity. **Students who attempt to travel to a fixture or activity without the expected attire will not travel.**

## 13. Sixth Form

As role models in the school community it is expected that our most talented students will support the school and be willing show commitment to develop Gordon's School. Y12 and Y13 students are expected to represent the school in sport or any co-curricular activity. Students in receipt of a Gordonian Award or a sports or creative arts scholarship may have their awards reviewed for non-participation.

## 14. Annual prizes, Colours, Sixth Form Scholarships and Gordonian Awards

These awards are open to students who have done all of the above and have consistently prioritised playing / performing for the School.

## 15. Special Note

Students will be asked to play up a year in any sport unless parents request in writing, to the Director of Sport, that their child does not do this.



# GORDON'S SCHOOL

## TABLE OF VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEERING TYPE		DETAILS	
Sports representation	→	⇒	1 per fixture (Year 12/13)
Sports tournament	→	⇒	5 max per event (Year 12/13)
House prefect duty	→	⇒	1 per hour
Helping assist teachers in class	→	⇒	1 per lesson
Sports hosting	→	⇒	1 per hour
Inset Prefect duties	→	⇒	1 per hour
Assisting P7	→	⇒	1 per hour
Refereeing sports fixtures	→	⇒	1 per match
Assisting Houseparent	→	⇒	1 per duty
Drama performance	→	⇒	5 max per day
Drama rehearsals	→	⇒	5 max per day
Model United Nations	→	⇒	5 max per day
Reading to younger years	→	⇒	1 per session
Friday Marching	→	⇒	1 per session (Year 12/13)
Parade	→	⇒	1 per session
Music recitals / concerts	→	⇒	5 max per event
Sixth Form team volunteering	→	⇒	1 per hour
Open Mornings/Tours	→	⇒	1 per session
Library assistance	→	⇒	1 per hour
Outside volunteering	→	⇒	1 per hour

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