



GORDON'S SCHOOL

SENIOR HOCKEY PROGRAMME AND SCHOLARSHIPS



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WHAT WE OFFER:

- A Level and BTEC level 3 courses combined with an Elite Hockey Programme.
- The opportunity to train at first class facilities including one floodlit astro on school site, and two floodlit astros at Woking Hockey Club. A new sports hall for indoor hockey and a fully equipped fitness centre, including the benefits of an Athletic Development Coach.
- **A Level Results:**
 - 31% of entries graded A* - A
 - 65% of entries graded A* - B
 - 86% of entries graded A* - C
- **BTEC Results**
 - 31% of entries graded D* - D
 - 75% of entries graded D* - M
- Rated outstanding by Ofsted

Gordon's School have a number of fantastic high-level hockey coaches who serve all age groups. These include Susannah Townsend MBE, Muhammad Irfan, Ella Burnley, David Mathews and Head of Hockey, Matt Boote. Gordon's currently compete in the Tier 2 league and cup as well as ISC National Competitions and tournaments in outdoor and indoor hockey. In future, we aim to return to the Tier 1 league for our senior teams.

Location:

- The School is based near Woking in West End, Surrey Heath.
- From the M3: Exit at Junction 3 and at the roundabout join the A322 signposted to Lightwater, Woking and Guildford. Travel along the dual carriageway to the roundabout and take the first exit onto the A319, Bagshot Road.

1ST AND 2ND TEAM PLAYERS RECEIVE:

Pre-Season:

- The School has pre-season training including an invitational tournament against top hockey schools in the area.
- There will be fitness testing during pre-season as well as skill sessions.
- The team will also discuss the 'Playbook' which underpins the philosophy of the team.

Competitive Fixtures:

- The School plays in a number of county and regional tournaments and competes in the EHA Tier 1 National League and Cup and the ISC National Cup competitions.
- The School also enjoys friendly matches with schools such as Surbiton High, St Mary's Ascot, St George's Weybridge and Reed's.

Professional Clubs:

- The School will facilitate players to play at top local hockey clubs.
- The School will also promote team players to represent their county, regional and national team squads.

Video Analysis:

- School fixtures are recorded and player performance and decision-making are analysed by the coaching team.
- All the footage collected is communicated to players.
- Footage obtained can also be distributed to players' clubs for the purposes of securing player trials and selection.

Sports Physio:

- The sports physio assists specifically with recovery from injury, and works with individual players to prevent further injuries.
- The sports physio works to ensure the all-round health of players.

Athletic Development:

- The scholarship programme includes athletic development with the aim of ensuring that all players develop their physical attributes to the maximum.
- The athletic development team will design individual training programmes.
- Regular physical testing is carried out for individual training prescription, and to develop performance benchmarks for playing standards.

Coaching and Refereeing Courses:

- The School has links with England Hockey and officiating courses, which allow the students to coach at Gordon's, and creates an excellent opportunity for developing leadership skills.

Recent Successes:

- EHA U18 Tier 1 National Quarter Finalists 2020
- ISC Independent Schools Council National Cup Quarter Finalists 2020
- Lord Wandsworth College U18 7 a side Regional Tournament Champions 2019
- King's College School Wimbledon Tournament Champions 2019
- King's College School Wimbledon Tournament Champions 2022
- Gordon's Invitational Tournament Champions 2023



SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Sport Scholarships are offered to students demonstrating excellence and potential in their nominated sports. Students follow a carefully balanced multi-sport programme and this is reflected in the scholarship process. In addition to sport-specific assessments, we also monitor students' physical competency.

As a minimum, candidates are expected to be of county standard (or potential) or above in their chosen sports.

As a Sports Scholar you will enjoy:

(In addition to regular 1st and 2nd team players outlined on the previous pages):

- A sport-specific personal mentor.
- Guidance with goal setting, reviewing and performance analysis.
- Preferential access to sports psychology lectures/seminars.
- Nutritional guidance and advice.
- Access to physiotherapy and support with injury rehabilitation.
- Preparation for the next step of your sporting life.
- An enhanced sense of transferable leadership qualities and the opportunity to put your leadership skills into practice.
- Sport-specific skill sessions.
- Physical screening with Weyside Physiotherapy.
- University experience with access to physical testing and group seminars.
- GPS tracking in training and match days.

Assessment:

The suitable candidates will be invited to an assessment day. This will involve:

- Skill and technical knowledge demonstration in their chosen sport.
- Fitness testing in a variety of components.
- Interview with either the Head Teacher or a Deputy Head and the Director of Sport during which they will be expected to talk convincingly about their commitment and enthusiasm to sport.
- Psychology baseline test.

		PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME: TWO YEAR SCHEDULE	
		YEAR 12	YEAR 13
		INFORMATION	INFORMATION
Athletic Development	Twice Weekly	AD session developing sport specific physical strength and power	AD session developing sport specific physical strength and power
	Termly	Testing: - Height and Weight - Vertical Jump Height - Sit & Reach - 10m & 20m Sprint	Testing: - Height and Weight - Vertical Jump Height - Sit & Reach - 10m & 20m Sprint - Agility Test
Sport Psychology	12 sessions annually	Discussion and improvements on the following topics: - Goal Setting - Team Cohesion - Anxiety and Arousal - Rehearsal and Relaxation - Motivation - Resilience - Dealing with pressure - Self confidence	Discussion and improvements on the following topics: - Goal Setting - Team Cohesion - Anxiety and Arousal - Rehearsal and Relaxation - Motivation - Resilience - Dealing with pressure - Self confidence
	Three sessions annually	Sport Psychology Baseline Test	Sport Psychology Baseline Test
Sport Nutrition	12 sessions annually	Discussion and improvements on the following topics: - Calories and Macros - Micronutrition - Frequency and Timing - Supplementation - Hydration - Meal Planning	Discussion and improvements on the following topics: - Calories and Macros - Micronutrition - Frequency and Timing - Supplementation - Hydration - Meal Planning
Video Analysis	Tri-weekly	Individual and team sessions analysing performance	Team session analysing performance
Skill Session	Weekly	Skill-specific session with HoS/sport coach	Skill-specific session with HoS/sport coach
Community Coaching	Weekly	Assist with coaching younger year groups and partnership environments	Assist with coaching younger year groups and partnership environments
IDPs	Termly	Meeting with HoS to discuss current progress and future development	Meeting with HoS to discuss current progress and future development
University Experience	Annually	St Mary's University: - Physiology - Biomechanics - Sport nutrition	University of Surrey: - Presentation of S&C - S&C training session - Speed & agility testing
Weyside Physio Screening	Termly	Physical screening followed by training plan to assist any weakness and prevent injury	Physical screening followed by training plan to assist any weakness and prevent injury
Insight Talks	Termly	Guest speakers in professional sport and alternative pathways	Guest speakers in professional sport and alternative pathways
Bespoke physio appointments when required			

The performance programme will be split over two years, inclusive of athletic development, sport psychology and sports nutrition.

Athletic Development Focus:

- Speed
- change of direction and agility
- Strength
- Explosive power
- Endurance
- Muscular endurance
- Sport specific conditioning
- Jumping and landing
- Pre/Rehab
- Injury prevention technique

PAST STUDENTS:

- **Ella Jackson** - Selected for Wales U18 squad.
- **Anna Court** - Selected for England at the School Games against Wales U19 and Scotland U19. Also selected for England Hockey DiSE (Diploma in Sporting Excellence) Programme.
- **Hannah Bodoano** - Selected for England Hockey DiSE (Diploma in Sporting Excellence), Guildford HC 1st XI.
- **Maddie Richardson** - Selected for England Hockey DiSE (Diploma in Sporting Excellence), Guildford HC 1st XI.
- **Maisy Ellis** - Invited to the England Performance Centre Basingstoke HC in the National League.

HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates should:

- Complete an application form and attach a letter summarising their sporting activities and achievements over the last two years (no more than one side of A4 written by the student).
- In support of their CV, there should be a sport specialist reference and a behaviour/character reference (these may be from a present coach/teacher from the last two years).
- Submit video footage.

Timeline:

- **Sixth Form Open Evening:** 5th October 2023
- **Sixth Form application deadline:** 24th November 2023
- **Scholarship application deadline:** 1st December 2023
- **Scholarship Assessment day:** 14th January 2024

Please see website for further details and to complete our online Scholarship application form at www.gordons.school.

KEY SPORTS STAFF:

Matt Boote (Head of Hockey): A three-time National League winner along with the South Prem Bucs title with the University of Bath, Mr Boote has enjoyed many successes on the pitch. Mr Boote now plays his hockey at Old Cranleigh HC who compete in the England Hockey Division 1 South. However, his main passion is coaching. Mr Boote has recently joined the Advanced Coaches Programme with Great Britain Hockey and will be looking to advance his coaching to the next level over the two-year programme. Mr Boote is looking forward to continuing to support the hockey players here at Gordon's in order for them to reach their goals.

David Mathews (Hockey Coach): With over 150 caps at U21 and for the senior sides of England and Great Britain, Mr Matthews made his debut for England and Great Britain in 1995 and has played in World Cups, Champions Trophies, Commonwealth Games and European Cups and has been part of three Olympic Games cycles. He scored over 500 goals during his 23 year career for Canterbury and Holcombe Hockey Club and has also played professionally for Amsterdam. An all-round sportsman, Mr Mathews represented his county at U18 level in football, cricket, skiing and tennis. Under his guidance, the Gordon's First Team have enjoyed an unprecedented season this year, lifting the Lord Wandsworth College Tournament Shield, scoring 42 goals and only conceding three as well as beating KCS Wimbledon at their invitational 11-a-side tournament.

Susannah Townsend, MBE: Susannah needs no introduction. A gold and bronze Olympic medallist with Great Britain, we are extremely lucky to have her with us at Gordon's. Susannah will be coaching all age groups whilst also delivering 1-2-1 skill sessions with our scholars.

Ella Burnley: Ella is currently playing her hockey at Surbiton HC who play in the premier league. Ella is in the Elite Development Programme (EDP) with Great Britain. Along with Susannah, Ella will be coaching all year groups as well as delivering skill sessions to our scholars.

Muhammad Irfan (Hockey Coach): Former Pakistan Olympian Mr Irfan brings a wealth of experience to Gordon's, both as a junior and senior national team member. A prolific goal scorer and renowned defender, Mr Irfan played in the 2012 London Olympics; two World Cups; two Commonwealth Games; three Champions Trophies and six Sultan Aslan Shah tournaments during the 12 years he has represented his country. He captained his country in 2016 and 2017 and is keen to introduce 'Asian skills' to Gordon's.

Ian Jones (Elite Performance Manager and Head of Athletic Development): Having graduated University with a first class honours sport science degree, Mr Jones has a high passion for AD and Sport Psychology. In his early career, Mr Jones was involved with Southampton FC Academy, being part of their squad when they reached the youth cup final, and went on to captain his country, representing Wales from U15-U19 level. As a L4 and Youth AD Specialist Coach, Mr Jones has experience of working with Team GB, Portsmouth FC and Southampton FC, as well as multiple semi-professional clubs.

Simon Carr (Physio Support): School physiotherapist with a particular interest in musculoskeletal injuries, also specialising in sports injury prevention, management and rehabilitation.



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