

GORDON'S SCHOOL

Headmaster: Denis Mulkerrin CBE, MA

Ofsted – Gordon's is outstanding in all areas

Following a two day inspection of boarding, Ofsted Inspectors have described Gordon's as outstanding in all areas. Their report is on the Ofsted website under boarding schools, and also on the Gordon's website. Almost uniquely for any school, Ofsted made no recommendations for action.

Quotes from the report include:

- ◆ "Gordon's provides an outstanding level of care for the pupils who board there"
- ◆ "The strong leadership of the school ensures that all the pupils have their welfare promoted and protected by robust and detailed systems which are underpinned by a committed group of staff"
- ◆ "Pupils have a strong sense of loyalty and commitment to their peers and school"

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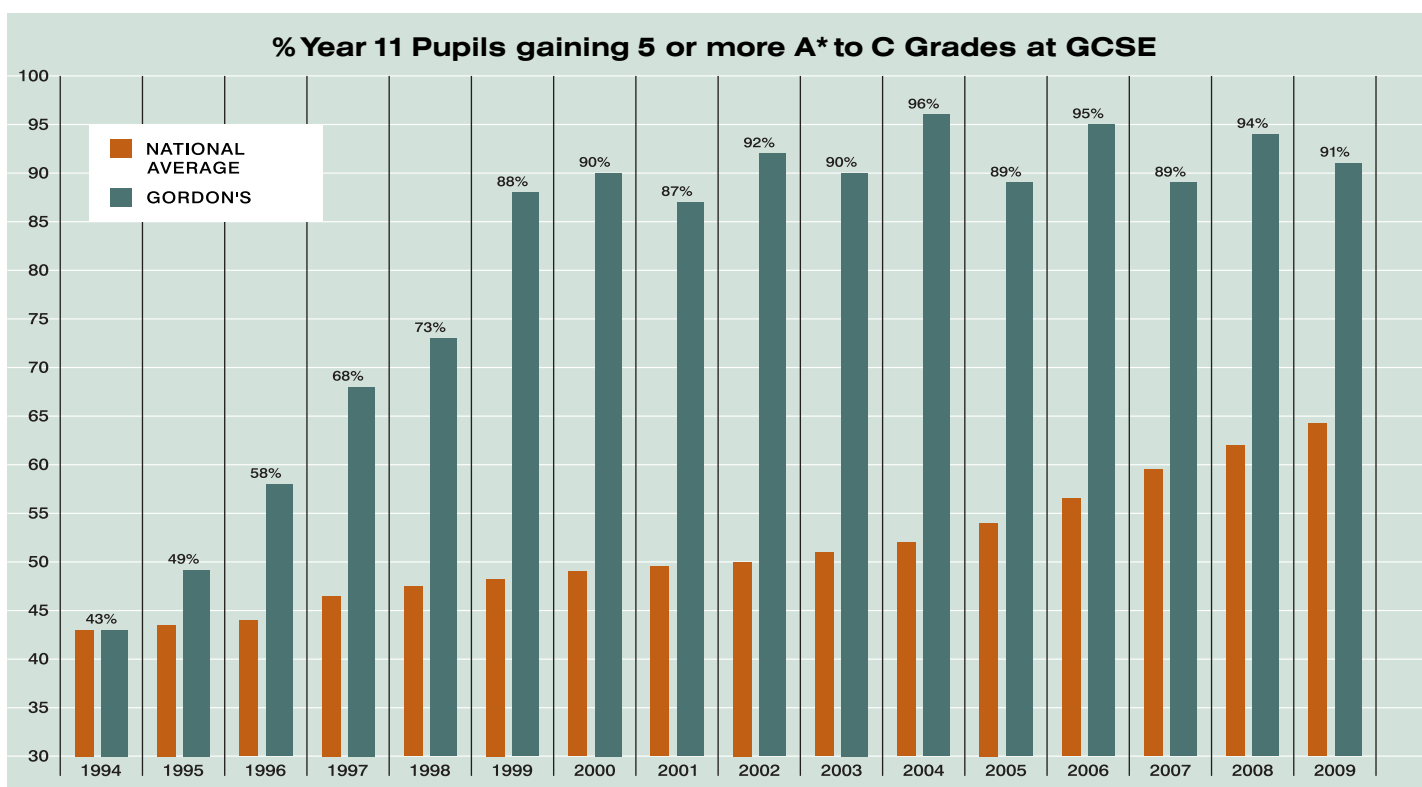


Becky Westwood leading the Pipes and Drums at the Annual Gordon Memorial Parade in London.

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- ◆ “The boarding in the school is relaxed, open and homely and there is an emphasis placed on respecting each other and showing courtesy and manners to everyone”
- ◆ “The school offers excellent guidance on the promotion of healthy lives and lifestyles”
- ◆ “The standard of catering in the school is outstanding”
- ◆ “Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe - the provision is outstanding. Within the school there are always adults around to support the pupils and to address any incidents or issues”
- ◆ “Boarders do not feel there are bullying problems at the school. The school approach ensures that there is an embedded culture in which bullying is regarded as unacceptable”
- ◆ “Pupils are very clear as to what behaviour is expected from them”
- ◆ “Behaviour is observed to be very good with pupils showing civility and respect for each other as well as to visitors and members of staff”
- ◆ “Pupils have numerous opportunities to voice their opinions and complaints”
- ◆ “Systems in place to protect pupils are detailed, rigorous and subject to regular scrutiny and review”
- ◆ “Pupils are encouraged and supported to take part in diverse activities as part of their development and growth”
- ◆ “There is a strong belief in the school that there is something at which each pupil can enjoy and excel, whether that is academically, in sport, drama, music or hobbies”
- ◆ “The level of support available to boarders is exceptional. The high level of availability and accessibility of the staff means that support, advice and reassurance are readily available. Boarders report that “there is always someone to talk to”.
- ◆ “The individuality and different backgrounds of boarders are valued and celebrated”
- ◆ “The process of inducting new boarders is sensitive and nurturing”
- ◆ “It is clear that the views of the boarders are valued and the relationships between the staff and pupils ensure that respect and tolerance are key values in the school”
- ◆ “The boarding areas of the school are of a very high standard”
- ◆ “The level of communication between all members of staff in the school is excellent. Each pupil’s needs and concerns are known to the relevant staff. The staff team is managed and supported by a senior management team who are experienced and knowledgeable, and who provide excellent oversight of the running of the school”
- ◆ “The promotion of equality and diversity is outstanding”





Fantastic results on A-level Day.

Sixth Form University Success



Andrew Thornback – Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Andrew Thornback, achieved straight A grades at A-Level and has gained a place at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to read Medicine.

Richard Mochrie also achieved straight A grades at A-Level and has gained a place at St John's College, Cambridge to read Engineering. Richard is also an international gymnast.

Other students who achieved straight A grades at A-Level were:

Charles Banks (Bristol) taking Veterinary Science

Hannah Casling (Durham) taking Modern Languages

Sarah Crew (University College, London) taking Medicine

Josh Buckland (Warwick) taking PPE

Daniel Hine (Exeter) taking Economics

Jessica Papworth (Leeds) taking History

Josh Sharpling (King's College, London) taking Dentistry

Cameron Young (Edinburgh) taking Biological Sciences

Another 55 students from Gordon's gained places at university.



Richard Mochrie – St John's College, Cambridge.



GCSE Results Day.

Sports Highlights



*Clockwise from above:
Members of the 1st XV Rugby.
Gordon's at Eton College.
Paul King at Lords.
Woking Netball Champions.
Augusta House –
Athletics Champions.
Sports Day.
Scott Campbell – Surrey
400 Metre Champion.*



Congratulations to:



- ◆ The 18 athletes from Gordon's selected to represent NW Surrey in the Inter-District County Team Championships
- ◆ Emma Maurer, Andrew Thornback and Jess Wilkinson all selected for the Surrey County cross country team
- ◆ Girls Under 16 Surrey County Team Swimming Champions
- ◆ National Girls Under 16 Freestyle Relay swimming Runners up
- ◆ North West Surrey Mixed Team Swimming Champions
- ◆ Under 19 Football team on a successful tour of Ipswich
- ◆ Under 19 Hockey Team on a successful tour of Ipswich
- ◆ Swinley Forest Invitation Girls Cross-country Winners
- ◆ Heathfield St Mary's invitation swimming gala U15 Winners
- ◆ U12 District 7-a-side Rugby Champions
- ◆ U14 District 7-a-side Rugby Champions
- ◆ U15 District 7-a-side Rugby Champions
- ◆ U12 District Netball Tournament Winners
- ◆ U14 District Netball Tournament Winners
- ◆ U13 Mixed Hockey Area Tournament Winners
- ◆ U14 Girls District cross-country team champions
- ◆ U16 Girls District cross-country team champions
- ◆ U16 Boys District cross-country team champions
- ◆ U15 Girls District Football champions
- ◆ Michael Lusty, James Mole, Scott Campbell, Dami Tijani, Jack Winckley & Felix Moore, all selected for the District athletics team in the Surrey County Championships
- ◆ Boys Woking District Cycling Team Champions
- ◆ Guildford County Boys Relay Team Winners
- ◆ Scott Campbell - Surrey 400m Champion
- ◆ U13 Boys District Athletics Championships Winners
- ◆ U14 Girls District Athletics Championships Winners
- ◆ U14 Mixed St Georges Invitation Athletics Match Winners
- ◆ Guildford County Boys Track Relay Match Winners
- ◆ Alex Macqueen - Surrey Schools Golf Runner-up
- ◆ Alex also represented Surrey at cricket.
- ◆ U12 District Rounders Champions
- ◆ U14 District Rounders Champions
- ◆ U12 District Cricket Champions
- ◆ Tom Bradshaw represented Middlesex County Cricket team
- ◆ U15 Girls District Cricket Champions
- ◆ U14 Boys District Cricket Cup Winners
- ◆ U13 Boys District Cricket Cup Winners
- ◆ U18 District Netball Tournament Winners
- ◆ U16 Surrey Girls Swimming relay (freestyle) Runners-up
- ◆ U16 Surrey Girls Swimming relay (medley) Runners-up
- ◆ U16 District Netball Tournament Winners
- ◆ U14 Camberley 10-a-side Rugby Tournament Winners
- ◆ U13 Camberley 10-a-side Rugby Tournament Winners
- ◆ Natasha Carr & Emily Maurer both selected to represent Surrey in the Inter-County Cross Country championships

Michael Gove MP inspecting at “Annual”





Dressing up for the year 11 Prom.



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Service at the General Gordon Statue.



A snowy day at Gordon's.



James Copas.



China House Girls celebrating winning the Longmoor Cup.



Year 7 Camp – Dressed up!

Gordon's service at the Tyne Tot Cemetery in Belgium.



Sixth Form Induction Day.

Belgium Battlefields Trip

All Gordon's Year 9 pupils recently went on a day trip to Belgium as part of their history studies on World War One. The visit included stops at Ypres, the Passchendaele Museum, Essex Farm Commonwealth Cemetery and Langemark German Cemetery.

The highlight of the trip however was the service of remembrance led by Rev Robinson at the famous Tyne Cot Cemetery. Here everyone gathered around the memorial cross to the sounds of Gordon's bagpipes played by Matthew Wilman and Murray Syme. The service ended with the playing the Last Post by Susannah Bevan, and Reveille. Hundreds of people visiting the cemetery, including other school parties, joined us in this moving tribute to the fallen, and many commented on the uniqueness of the Gordon's service.



Morgan Parsons, Fraser Young and James Meyjes hiking in the Tatras Mountains.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Under the expert leadership of Phil Fox, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Gordon's has achieved a record number of passes. There were 17 Golds, 54 Silvers and 84 Bronze Awards.

Nine students went to Kenya during July and August where they undertook community work which involved building new classrooms. They went on a Wildlife Safari, climbed Mount Kenya, which is the second highest peak in Africa, and did white water rafting.

Twenty students went to Poland & Slovakia and were led by Phil Fox to the High Tatras Mountains. They also visited Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

Eleven students went to Ecuador where they canoed the upper reaches of the Amazon, climbed two high Andean peaks and also climbed Mount Cotopaxi.

Expeditions planned for 2010 include Nepal (Everest Base Camp), Kenya, Bavaria and Norway.



1. Resting at the top of Mount Kenya.

2. Kenya Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition, with elephants!