

A large, faded watermark of the Gordon's logo is centered in the background. It features a crest with a hand holding a key, a banner with the name 'GORDON'S', and the motto 'SEMPER FIDELIS' at the bottom.

# Meet the Head

November 2022

Will begin shortly



# Timings



# Priorities unchanged - ABC

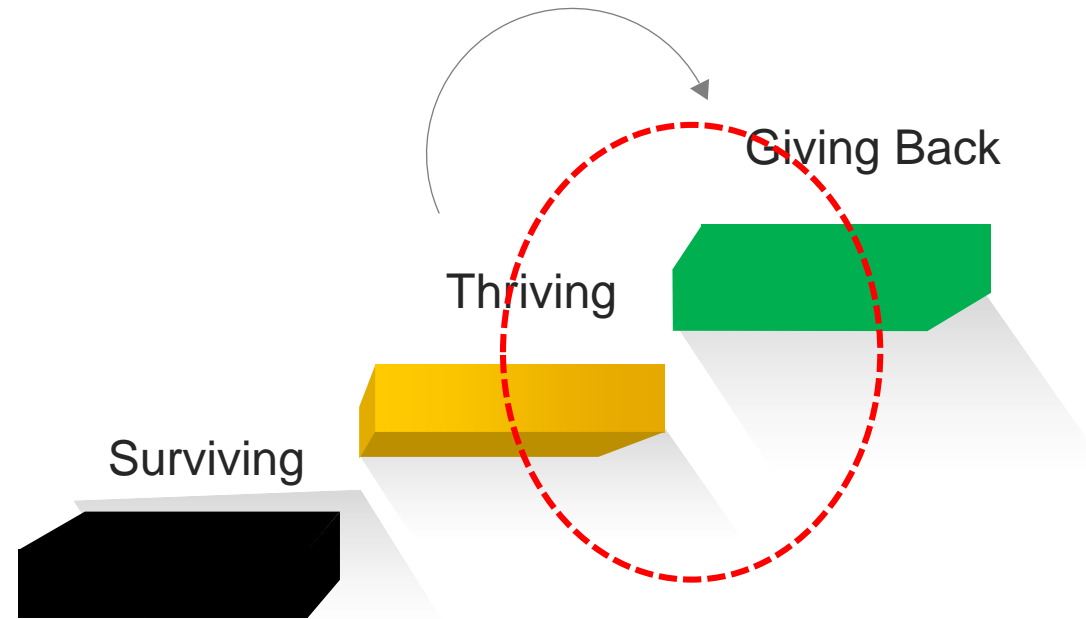




Better Me, Better World



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- 'Excellence Through Effort'
- 'We Before Me'



# Main Strands

1. Gordon's Edge (School → Student)
2. Gordon's more Connected (Student → Student / School / Community)
3. P150 (Foundation → student / staff)
4. Gordon's Brand (Foundation → wider world)



# Gordon's Edge

- What more the School and home can do to give students edges in the workplace (aka cultural capital / social assets)

## Examples

- Wider knowledge e.g. visiting speakers, **careers talks**, wider reading in form time etc
- Wider skills (Big 5 – communication, social, self-management, research and enterprise) e.g. **public speaking**
- Wider experiences e.g. trips & visits, democratic opportunities e.g. **SGB Spring Elections**, Round Square



# Gordon's Edge cont...

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## Examples

- Winning Personalities (character) – Obama video see end
  - Confident humility
  - Character
    - Spirit of service (C)
    - Reliable (I)
    - Hard working (D)
    - Open to new ideas and continuous improvement (E)
    - Resilient (R)
      - Exposure to adversity, competition and failure





# Gordon's more Connected

- What more the students can do to give back to each other, the school and their wider community to make a kinder and more inclusive school

## Examples

1. School – team representation (**especially when they would rather not**)
2. House
  - Families project - Y8-13 groups that gain points for successes e.g. if the family have a 100% attendance week then the family gets a House Point. 'Points make Prizes'
  - Fraternity initiatives e.g. peer teaching ('how can I help'), tuck runs, intra-House competitions
3. Community - MAD 2024



# Project 150 (2035)

1. Digital Strategy
2. Improving provision for the Performing Arts
3. The Water Tower
4. Working toward Carbon Neutral site
5. School Entrance



# Gordon's Family (Future)

1. Gordonian / Alumni development
2. Friends of Gordon's (former parents)
3. Arete Collaborative Trust
  - Sharing better practice
  - Joint procurement
4. Gordon's II



# Current Challenges for Schools

## 1. Overloaded staff

- Emails
- Complaints
- SAR / FOI

## 2. Reading (& Prep)

## 3. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) – ‘We are All Equally Different’

- a. Race / culture
- b. LGBT
- c. Religion
- d. Disability
- e. SEND
- f. Mental resilience
- g. Neuro-diversity
- h. Social Mobility





**Who are you gonna be?**

# Interesting related talks

[Admiral McRaven - Navy Seals speech](#)

[Simon Sinek - Millennials Speech](#)

