

# Gordon's School Residential Programme



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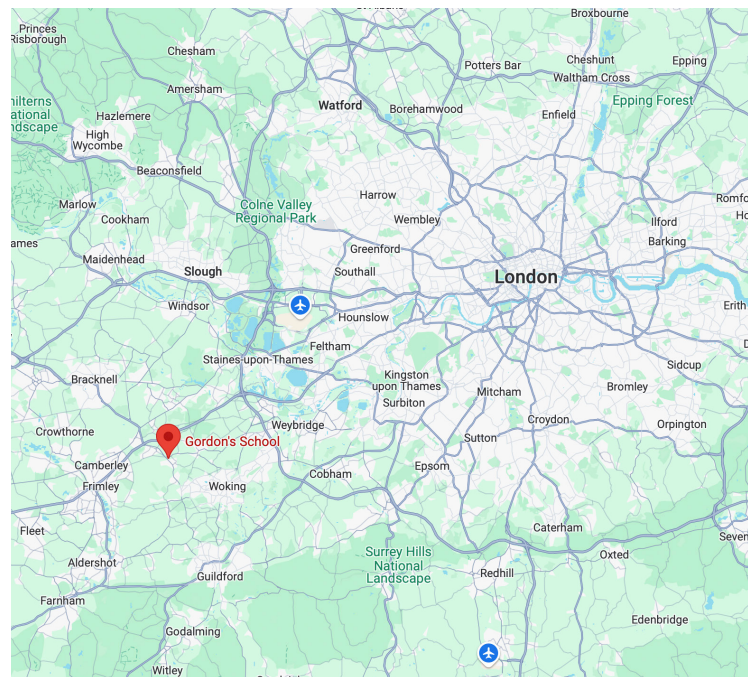
# Location

**Gordon’s School**  
**West End**  
**Woking**  
**Surrey**  
**GU24 9PT**

Founded in 1885 by Queen Victoria, Gordon’s boarding school is located near the charming Surrey town of Woking. This historic school is set in beautiful grounds only 30 miles from London.



The town of Woking is 20 minutes away from Gordon’s. Frequent buses run between Guildford and Woking from the nearby village of West End.



## Transport

From Woking there is easy access to London by train (only 25 minutes away) and to nearby towns such as Guildford and Camberley.

Gordon’s is ideally located for access to both Heathrow and Gatwick airports and the Eurostar.

## By Air

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Gatwick Airport – 45 mins

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Stansted Airport – 1 hr 30 mins

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Heathrow Airport – 25 mins

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Luton Airport – 55 mins

## Eurostar Trains

St Pancras International – 1 hour

# Accommodation on Campus



## Campus

Originally built in honour of British war hero General Gordon as a home and trades school for boys, today Gordon's is one of the most in-demand schools in the UK. Students will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the many excellent facilities of this remarkable institution, which was voted school of the year by the Times Educational Supplement in 2022.



Students will stay in one of three boarding houses:

**Sandringham** contains mainly 2-bed rooms with some 4-bed rooms and 2 larger rooms of 6 beds

**Balmoral House** contains mainly 2-bed rooms with some 4-bed rooms and 2 larger rooms of 6 beds

**Windsor Lodge** contains 2-, 3- and 4-bed rooms

All boarding houses have large, comfortable common rooms with televisions and kitchens. These rooms give students an opportunity to relax during their free time and are perfect for getting together and making new friends.

Entrance to the boarding houses is by secure key codes and each room has a lockable wardrobe space.

Wifi is available.



# Facilities on Campus

## Meals

Accommodation is full board with packed lunches on full-day excursions. The food at Gordon's is renowned for its quality and choice and the kitchen staff organise international-themed days. We are happy to cater to most dietary requirements for a small cost (please notify us in advance).

## Laundry

Students can have their personal laundry washed once a week and bed linens are changed once a week.



## Sports and Recreation Facilities

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Separate drama studio

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Large sports hall

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40 acres of playing fields

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Tennis courts

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Mirrored dance studio

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Art studios



# Sample Programme

## Week One

| Monday               | Tuesday                                         | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                                        | Friday                         | Saturday              | Sunday                            |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Arrival              | Breakfast                                       | Breakfast                                       | Breakfast                                       | Breakfast                      | Breakfast             | Breakfast                         |
|                      | Placement test                                  | English lesson                                  | English lesson                                  | Full-day excursion: London Eye | English lesson        | Full-day excursion: Brighton I360 |
|                      | <b>Lunch</b>                                    | <b>Lunch</b>                                    | <b>Lunch</b>                                    |                                | <b>Lunch</b>          |                                   |
|                      | Sports/ Arts/ Drama/ Dance or Intensive English | Sports/ Arts/ Drama/ Dance or Intensive English | Sports/ Arts/ Drama/ Dance or Intensive English |                                | English through music |                                   |
|                      | Personal time                                   | Personal time                                   | Personal time                                   | Personal time                  | Personal time         | Personal time                     |
| <b>Dinner</b>        | <b>Dinner</b>                                   | <b>Dinner</b>                                   | <b>Dinner</b>                                   | <b>Dinner</b>                  | <b>Dinner</b>         | <b>Dinner</b>                     |
| Unpack and settle in | Team quiz                                       | 50/50 night                                     | Scavenger hunt                                  | Fashion show                   | Themed dance party    | Movie night                       |
| <b>Lights out</b>    | <b>Lights out</b>                               | <b>Lights out</b>                               | <b>Lights out</b>                               | <b>Lights out</b>              | <b>Lights out</b>     | <b>Lights out</b>                 |

## Week Two

| Monday                                          | Tuesday           | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                                        | Friday                              | Saturday                                        | Sunday                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Breakfast                                       | Breakfast         | Breakfast                                       | Breakfast                                       | Breakfast                           | Breakfast                                       | Breakfast                                                         |
| English lesson                                  | English lesson    | English lesson                                  | English lesson                                  | Full-day excursion: Tower of London | English lesson                                  | Full-day excursion: Winchester city walk and Winchester Cathedral |
| <b>Lunch</b>                                    | <b>Lunch</b>      | <b>Lunch</b>                                    | <b>Lunch</b>                                    |                                     | <b>Lunch</b>                                    |                                                                   |
| Sports/ Arts/ Drama/ Dance or Intensive English | African drumming  | Sports/ Arts/ Drama/ Dance or Intensive English | Sports/ Arts/ Drama/ Dance or Intensive English |                                     | Sports/ Arts/ Drama/ Dance or Intensive English |                                                                   |
| Personal time                                   | Personal time     | Personal time                                   | Personal time                                   | Personal time                       | Personal time                                   | Personal time                                                     |
| <b>Dinner</b>                                   | <b>Dinner</b>     | <b>Dinner</b>                                   | <b>Dinner</b>                                   | <b>Dinner</b>                       | <b>Dinner</b>                                   | <b>Dinner</b>                                                     |
| Challenge night                                 | Zombie apocalypse | ECL's Got Talent                                | Music quiz                                      | Casino night                        | Themed dance party                              | Movie night                                                       |
| <b>Lights out</b>                               | <b>Lights out</b> | <b>Lights out</b>                               | <b>Lights out</b>                               | <b>Lights out</b>                   | <b>Lights out</b>                               | <b>Lights out</b>                                                 |

Two full-day excursions per week include a weekly trip to London and one to another destination such as Oxford, Windsor or Brighton. Students will visit some exciting attractions such as the London Eye, Madame Tussauds, Windsor Castle and Brighton I360.

Students on campus can play football, volleyball, touch rugby, tennis, cricket, basketball, badminton and baseball. Afternoon activity options also include dance, drama and arts and crafts. Evening activities enable students to come together and have fun.

# General Information



## Medical Information

All students studying in England should obtain appropriate medical insurance in their own country before departure. Students travelling from EU countries should bring their European Health Insurance with them. Non-EU students should travel with a copy of their insurance policy.

Our on-site team will be happy to assist with making the arrangements for students who require medical attention. We would ask that parents or group leaders inform us at the time of booking about any conditions or relevant medical information which we should be aware of, so we can inform our staff.

Students should cover the cost of transport if required for any medical visits. Group leaders are required to accompany their students to doctors/hospitals. A member of staff will accompany individual students.

## Smoking/Alcohol/Illegal Substances

Smoking is prohibited inside school property. Alcohol is strictly forbidden on campus. Consumption or possession of alcohol or any illegal substances will result in immediate expulsion.

## Safety

We advise all students not to carry large amounts of cash, passport or travel documents on their person during their stay.

## Health and Safety

As part of their welcome orientation students and group leaders are required to attend a short briefing on the safety regulations. The briefing includes an introduction to life in the school, security of personal property and fire safety. Group leaders and students will also receive details of First Aid procedures, which they should follow in the event of an accident.

## Emerald Student Identity Card

All students are issued with an Emerald Cultural Institute student wristband on their arrival. Students should carry their student ID with them at all times and may be asked to produce the card by the security or residential staff.

## Student Supervision

Our team of Managers, Teachers and Activity Leaders provide the highest level of service and ensure that students enjoy every aspect of their stay with us. In orientation students meet residence and activity staff. Minors under 18 travelling unaccompanied are assigned a specific member of staff who will be their reference point for the meet them on a daily basis.

## Discipline and Breach of Conduct

If students’ behaviour or conduct is unsatisfactory or in breach of school regulations, they will be subject to the School’s disciplinary procedures. A serious breach of conduct may result in expulsion.