

Junior School **Welcome**

The Junior School is a vibrant and fun place where children are encouraged to learn through a variety of experiences both in the classroom and outside, in the woods or at the beach. The small class sizes mean we get to know each child individually and can work, together with home, to ensure children are nurtured and thriving as individuals. Our experienced team knows the importance of making sure the first few days in the Junior School go smoothly and are happy. Please be assured that everyone at the Junior School quickly settle any initial nerves or homesickness and make your child feel welcome and happy. Some key staff members are listed below, with House staff and your child's personal Form Tutor usually the first point of contact. In the summer holidays before your child joins, they will be sent welcome information form the Junior School Boarding House introducing the pastoral team.

Principal Lisa Kerr
Head of Junior School Cath Lyall
Bursar Pamela Muir
Assistant Head Curriculum Chris Morgan
Assistant Head Pastoral Emily Warren

House staff

Details included in House Welcome booklet

Matrons, Key Stage Leaders, House Tutors, Counsellors

Communications with parents at any school, and particularly a boarding school, where parents may not be able to visit regularly, are of vital importance. The education of your child is a responsibility which we share - it will be all the more effective if we are acting in unison as we support them. There is a lot of information here which I hope you find useful as your child settles into the Junior School, however this does not replace a chat or catch up either face to face or over the phone, and we look forward to getting to know you too.

Members of staff are always happy to communicate with parents and there is a chance to meet teachers, particularly subject teachers, throughout the year. If you are unable to attend scheduled meetings, it is possible to arrange meetings with teachers at other times.

Head of Junior School's Office

For general enquiries about arrangements and events at the Junior School or advice about whom to consult, you are invited to contact the Head of the Junior School's office on juniorschool@gordonstoun.org.uk or, for information at a whole school level, contact the Principal's office on juniorschool@gordonstoun.org.uk

The Gordonstoun Gateway/Parent Portal

The Gordonstoun Gateway is a secure information area for parents. All parents will receive unique login details to give them access to school documents, school announcements and pupil reports within the first few weeks of term. If you have any difficulties accessing the Gateway please contact ithelpdesk@gordonstoun.org.uk

The Junior School Calendar

The School Calendar is available on a term by term basis and contains all the daily events at the Junior School and Senior School (highlighted online in different colours) for all Year groups. It is easily accessible and can be downloaded to your iPhone, iPad and Android phone using this link: online.gordonstoun.org.uk/calendar. It is updated daily with sports matches, school events and activities. If you have any problems downloading the calendar, please contact the IT Helpdesk: ithelpdesk@gordonstoun.org.uk

