



Year 7 Parental Information Evening

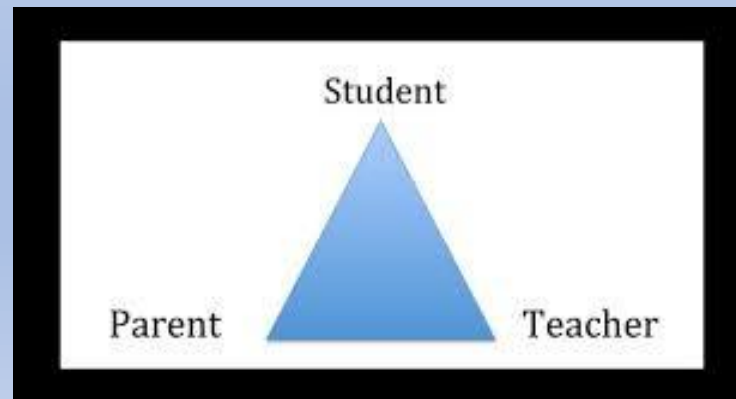
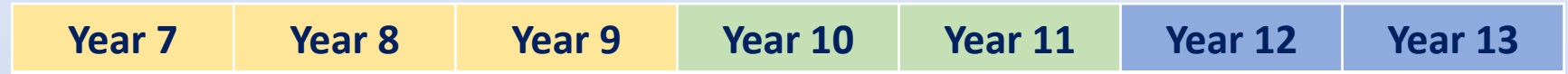
Thursday 10th September 2026

Thank you for joining us this evening.
The presentation will cover the following areas:

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. The Year Ahead**
- 3. Key Dates 2026-27**
- 4. Year 7 Curriculum and Homework**
- 5. Themes: Kindness, Resilience, Sense of Belonging**
- 6. Safeguarding**
- 7. Rewards**
- 8. Losing Things!**
- 9. Classroom Expectations**
- 10. Community Expectations**



The Journey Ahead





Year 7

The year ahead



**NEW SCHOOL –
FRESH START!**



NEW CLASSES



NEW TEACHERS



HIGH EXPECTATIONS



**ESSENTIAL
CURRICULUM
CONTENT**



A great start for Year 7 so far





Mr Snow



Key dates for Year 7

Thursday 8 October	Tutor Reviews
February 9th/10th/11th	Geography Field Trips to Street
February	Year 7 Achievement Review 1 issued
Thursday 25 February	Year 7 Progress Evening
June/July	Year 7 Achievement Review 2 issued



Other Dates of Interest

8/9 December	Christmas Music Concert
Monday 8 February	French/Spanish Spelling Bee
Thursday 20 May	Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 18 June	Inter-House Swimming Gala
28 June – 2 July	Activities Week
Thursday 8 July	Sports Day



The Year 7 Curriculum

Delivered through Gordano Learning





The Year 7 Curriculum

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Whole School Curriculum Rationale

[Click here to find out more about our curriculum thinking and ambition](#)

KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7 - 9)

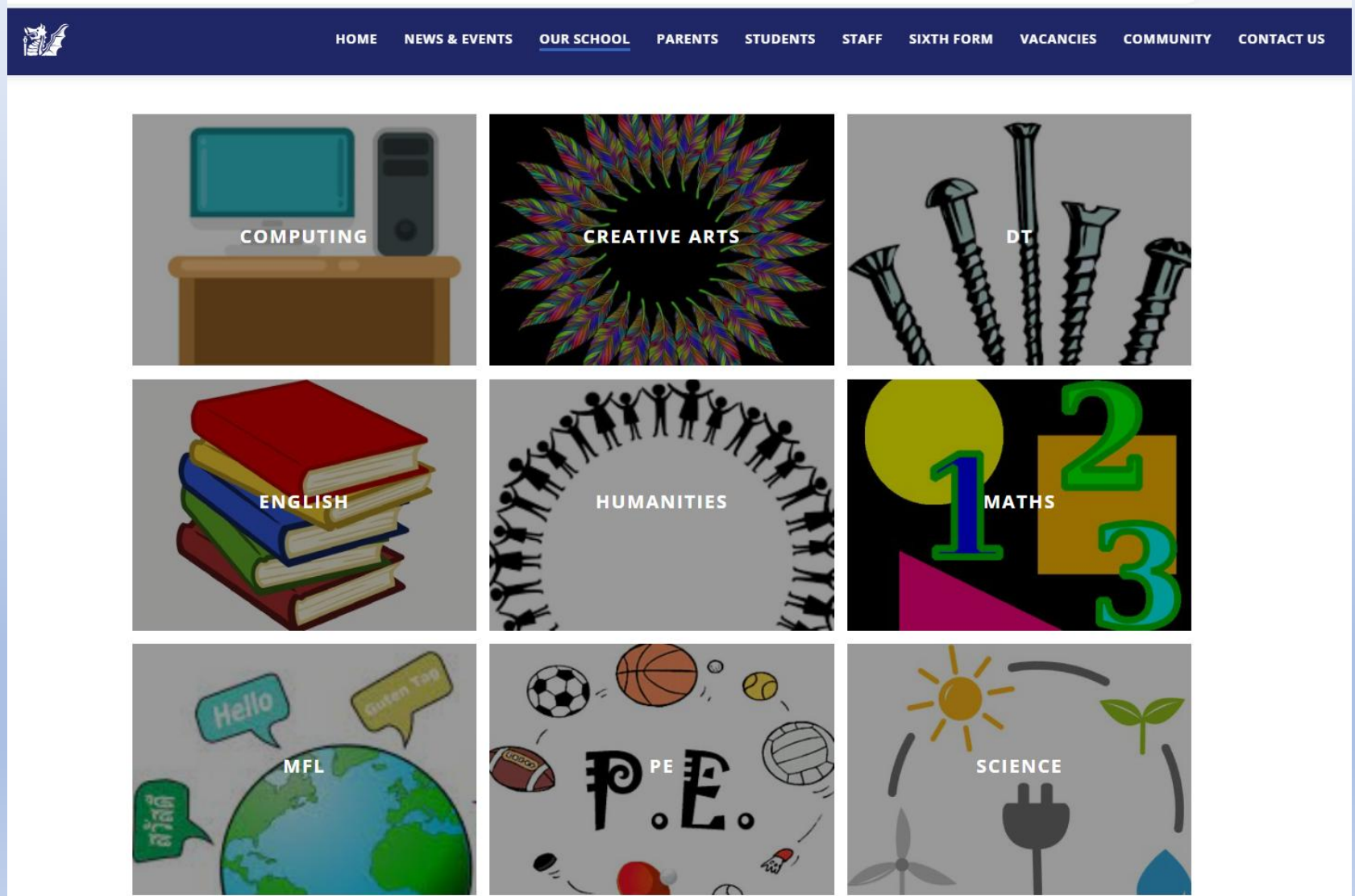
KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10 - 11)

KEY STAGE 5 (YEARS 12 - 13)

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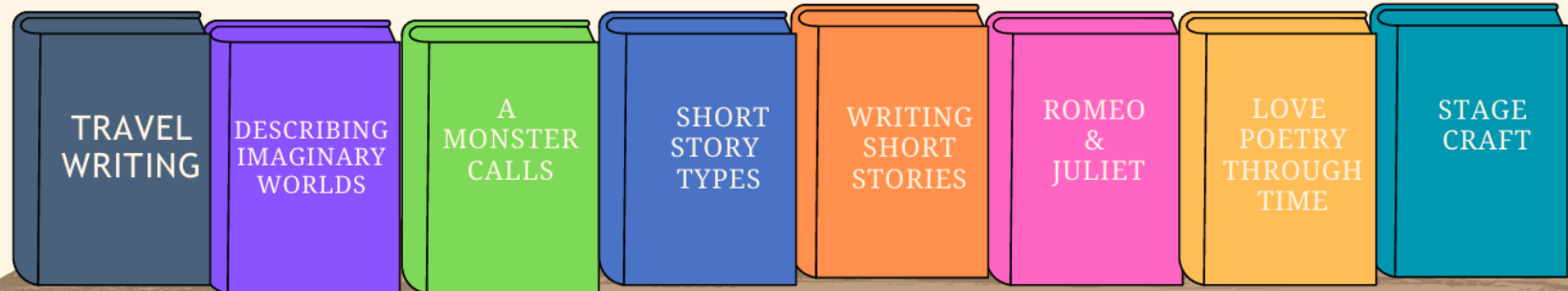




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KS3 ENGLISH



YEAR 7

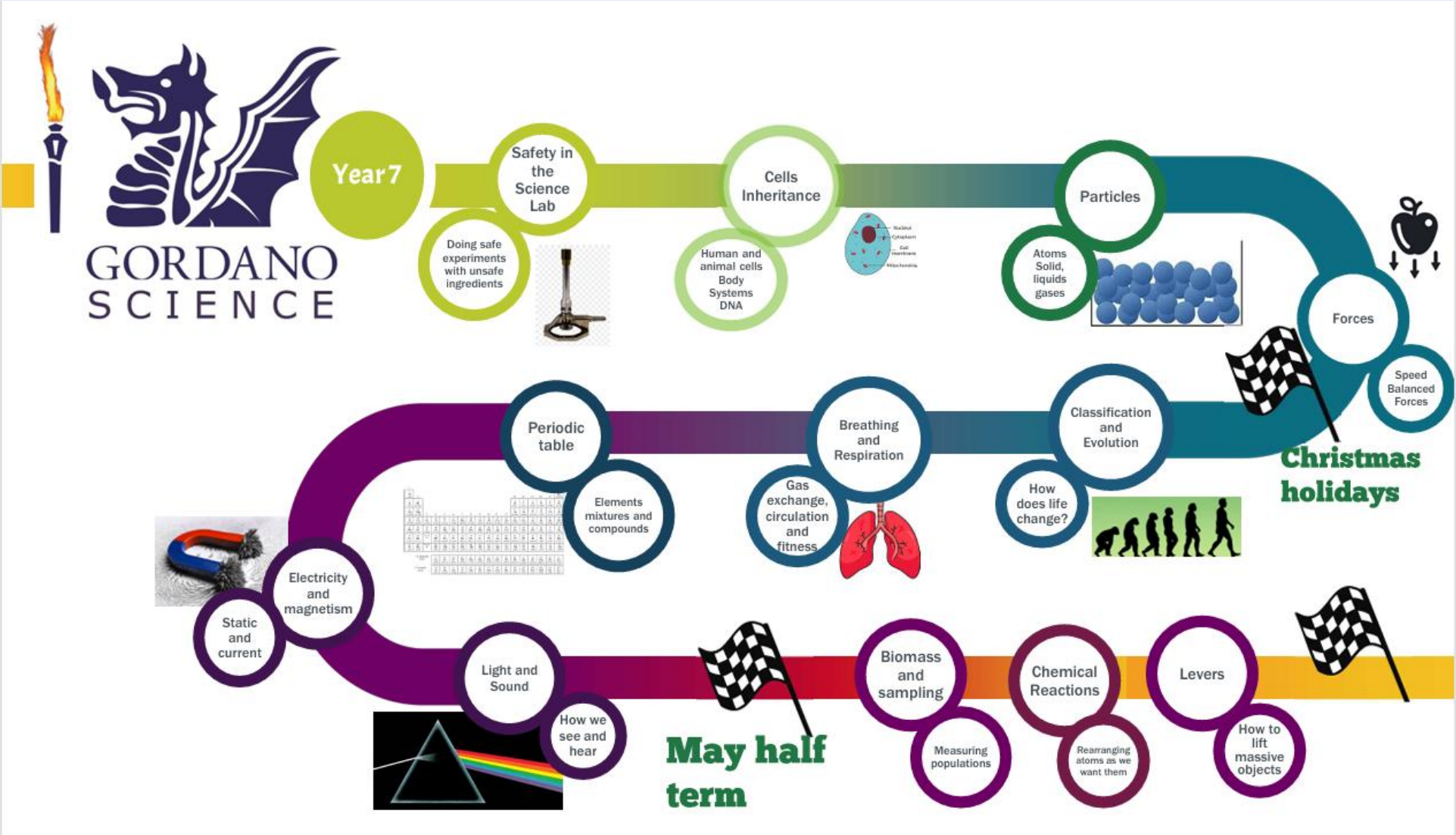


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Year 7 Homework

- Homework at Gordano may look very different from primary school!
- Homework will be set every two weeks on **Tuesdays of Week 1.**
- All homework tasks will be set on  **ClassCharts**
- Homework will not be set straightaway for Year 7
- Subject deadlines will vary over the fortnight (no less than 7 days to complete)
- Homework task should normally take **30-40 minutes** to complete
- Homework support for 2+ missed homework tasks: Wednesday after school





- Reading is one of the strongest predictors of academic success.
- Reading boosts progress across all subjects, not just English.
- Students who struggle to read are at a disadvantage in every exam they take. Across the whole country, one in four 15-year-olds has a reading age of 12 or below, putting them at risk in every GCSE subject.
- Regular readers achieve more. Children who read daily have significantly higher reading attainment scores than those who do not read daily.
- Reading develops more than academic skills. Reading for pleasure is linked to improved learning, confidence, wellbeing and empathy.





Just 20 minutes a day ...

Why read For 20 minutes a day?		
Pupil A reads...	Pupil B reads...	Pupil C reads...
20 minutes a day	5 minutes a day	1 minute a day
3,600 MINUTES PER SCHOOL YEAR	900 MINUTES PER SCHOOL YEAR	180 MINUTES PER SCHOOL YEAR
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90 th percentile on tests	Scores in the 50 th percentile on tests	Scores in the 10 th percentile on tests
If a pupil begins reading when they are in reception, by the end of Year 6, pupil A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, pupil B will have read for 12 school days, and pupil C will have read for 3.		
Which Pupil do You think will be more successful in school...and in life?		



Gordano ***Read to Succeed*** evening will take place on
Wednesday 30th September for parents of students in Years 7-9

[Reading For Pleasure Research](#) | [National Literacy Trust](#) / [Reading comprehension strategies](#) | [EEF/ Reading Facts - The Reading Agency](#) / [New study highlights the importance of reading to the whole school curriculum - GL Assessment](#) / [Introducing 'Closing the Reading Gap'](#)





Supporting Reading at Home

[HOME](#)[NEWS & EVENTS](#)[ABOUT US](#)[PARENTS](#)[STUDENTS](#)[SIXTH FORM](#)

Library

Our wonderful Library is a real hub at the centre of our school, where students can take part in book clubs and homework club, complete research, use the computers, get book recommendations and much more. Our Librarian arranges author visits, book fairs and supports English staff with the planning and delivery of Library lessons.

Librarian: Mrs McGilloway

Opening Times

- 8:15-4:15 Monday-Thursday
- 8:15-3:45 Friday



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Borrowing Books



Audio Books



Library Clubs



Read for Pleasure



Library Events



Book Recommendations

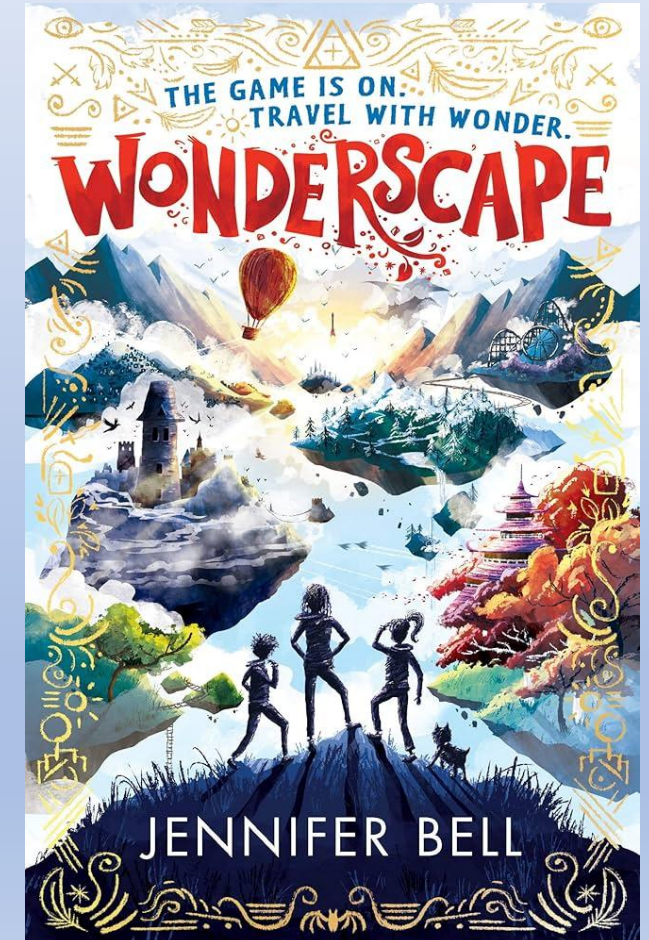


Supporting Reading at Home

AWARD WINNERS



RECENT RELEASES





Mrs Wills



Computer Systems and Passwords

New class charts codes coming to parents soon...

Name:
Email:
Password (or hint):

Exam Number:
(Initial) ClassCharts Code:



Student Accounts Setup Guide

This is a guide to help students set up their digital learning platforms:

1. School Email (**set this up first!**)
2. Class Charts (homework, timetable, merits and announcements)
3. Educake (for Science)
4. Sparx Maths (for Mathematics)
5. SharePoint Pages (other subjects and general support)



Password Sticker

You'll need your password sticker. If you're in Year 7, you stuck it on your Yondr label in your first IT lesson. Keep the sticker safe and don't share it with anyone else.



Take a picture of your sticker!

School Email

Microsoft Outlook is the name of the school email service. You will use this account to log in to other school services.

[Click here to log in to Outlook](#). Your email address is **on your sticker**. You made your password in your first IT lesson, you wrote a hint for it **on your sticker**.



You now have access to a Microsoft 365 account which will mean you can use PowerPoint, Word, OneDrive and more.

Class Charts

Download the Class Charts Student app for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#).

To log in, use the Class Charts Code **on your sticker**. You may be asked for your date of birth.

Your code will only work for the first few weeks in September, contact the mailbox if you need a new code.



Educake (Science)



[Click here for Science's Educake platform](#). To log in, click on the button that reads "Sign in with Microsoft".



After clicking the button, you may be asked to select your school email account. Otherwise, enter your school email account details.

You should now be logged in and able to use the platform.

Sparx Maths

[Click here for the Sparx Maths website](#). You'll be prompted to type the name of our school - "Gordano School".

Click the **blue button** that reads "Log in to Sparx using Microsoft".



Just like Educake, you'll be asked to select your school email account. You may be asked for your date of birth. Afterwards, you'll be able to use the platform.

Student SharePoint Pages

Click on the two links below and save each as a bookmark.

1. [Gordano Student Homepage](#)
2. [Student Resources](#)

You can save all the links and platforms in this guide to your device's homepage as apps for quick access. Here are video guides to help you with this.

[iPhone Guide](#)

[Android Guide](#)

If you have any issues or questions, contact the school mailbox:

mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk





Parental log ins

- ParentPay will be used for catering, trip and other payments
- ClassCharts will still be used for both homework and behaviour updates.
- MCAS is a mobile App that allows you to view your child's school information in real-time. You can view attendance, timetables, track reports and update contacts.



GORDANO EXTRA



A student and parent guide to the
Gordano Extra Curricular offer

CONTENTS

<u>3D Printing</u>	<u>Album</u>
<u>Art</u>	<u>Chess</u>
<u>Christian</u>	<u>Cipher Club</u>
<u>Craft</u>	<u>Culture Club</u>
<u>Dance</u>	<u>D&D</u>
<u>Duke of Edinburgh</u>	<u>Flying Start</u>
<u>Games</u>	<u>History</u>
<u>Karate</u>	<u>Library</u>
<u>LGBTQ+</u>	<u>Model United Nations</u>
<u>Music</u>	<u>Philosophy</u>
<u>Photography</u> GCSE Support	<u>Photography</u> KS3
<u>Sport</u>	<u>STEM</u>
<u>Task Master</u>	

For further information about each club please click
the name above to navigate directly to that page



Finding your place at Gordano: Gordano Extra

- **We want every Year 7 student to find something at Gordano that they enjoy and feel part of.**
- Extracurricular clubs are a great way for students to **make new friends, discover new interests and build confidence.**
- Students can start straight away. Our extracurricular booklet, with details of the clubs students can join now, will be emailed home this week.
- **For Term 2, taking part will be compulsory for Year 7.** Every student will choose at least one extracurricular club to attend.
- There will be a wide range of choices: our aim is for every student to be able to find something that feels right for them.
- We will keep registers so that we can see who is getting involved and make sure all students have the opportunity to participate and feel that they belong.
- **They don't need to wait until Term 2 if something catches their eye, we'd love them to get involved now!**



Merits

- **4676 merits**
- **The lowest number of sanctions**
- **Keep it up!**





Termly expectations assemblies

- It acts as a foundation for a successful and productive year ahead
- It sets a clear tone and understanding of behavioural, academic and cultural expectations for students and all members of the community
- It provides an opportunity to align everyone's understanding of the values, goals and standards of our school community
- It allows us to provide a positive and cohesive environment from the very start



- High expectations of behaviour are crucial because they create a positive and structured learning environment that benefits both individuals and the community as a whole
- This year we are really focussing on, *A sense of belonging*, through **Kindness, Resilience and Teamwork**. This will continue to sit at the heart of everything we do



Attendance and Punctuality

- Students should be on site by 8.35am and at tutor bases ready for 8.40am
- Students should aim for attendance of 96% and above
- Good attendance and punctuality lead to stronger academic progress, disruption-free learning for all and build a strong foundation for life beyond school
- We ask parents to work with the school where there are issues with attendance
- From 1st September 2024 we have adopted the LSP attendance policy (this can be found on our website)
- Term-time holiday can be approved only in extremely exceptional circumstances



Classroom Expectations

Be ready for learning then
Do Your Best!

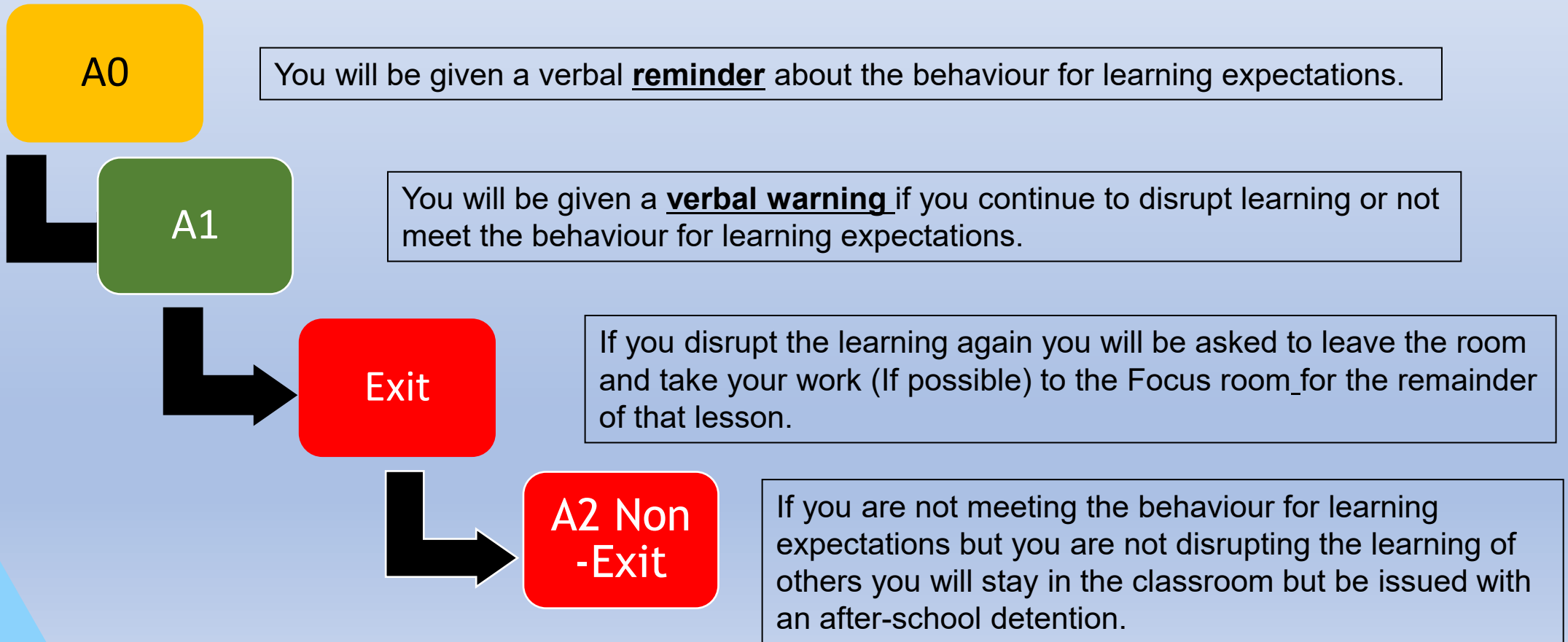


Positive start	✓ Arrive on time ✓ Wear uniform correctly ✓ Line up sensibly ✓ Sit in the correct seat ✓ Coat off ✓ Equipment out ✓ Start the 'Do Now'
Quality Audience	✓ Silent when asked (3-2-1) ✓ Listen in silence ✓ Focus on the speaker ✓ Respect others' opinions ✓ Speak when appropriate
Follow instructions	✓ Do as asked the first time ✓ Question politely if the instruction is unclear
Do your best	✓ Attempt task straight away ✓ Stay focused ✓ Complete as much as you can ✓ Ask for help if you need it ✓ Be resilient ✓ Stay in the lesson
Pride in presentation	✓ Titles and dates underlined ✓ Work neatly laid out ✓ Books/folders free of doodling

Disruption-free
learning for ALL



Failure to Meet Classroom Expectations





Community Expectations



Uniform

- ✓ Wear it correctly and with pride
- ✓ Shirts tucked in
- ✓ Skirts and shorts appropriate length

Moving around the site

- ✓ Stay in appropriate areas for social times (not in stairwells, upstairs or wings)
- ✓ Hands off others
- ✓ Indoor voices when inside
- ✓ Move around calmly and quietly when inside - be thoughtful of others
- ✓ Keep left in corridors and avoid contact
- ✓ Go straight to your lesson



Break and lunchtime

- ✓ Place litter in the bin
- ✓ Eat in the Designated zones
- ✓ Tidy up after yourself
- ✓ Have fun and stay safe
- ✓ Use this time to go to toilet
- ✓ Use this time to fill up your water bottle

Talking to staff

- ✓ Listen to and follow staff instructions, the first time
- ✓ Be respectful when communicating with staff

To and from school

- ✓ Leave room for others when using the pavement
- ✓ Cycle on the road/cycle lanes
- ✓ Be respectful to all members of the public including staff in shops and takeaways



Uniform – thank you!

Blazers – To be worn all the time

Grey school jumpers – can be worn underneath, but not instead of a blazer

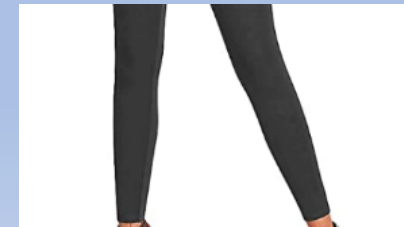
Trousers can be fitted, but must not be tight fitting around the lower leg (please see photos below for guidance).

Shoes must be black and polishable. Cloth material footwear / black trainers are not permitted.

Skirts/Shorts must sit just above the knee. It is not permitted to roll up skirts or shorts. If wearing school uniform shorts/skirts, socks/tights must be grey or black.

Shirts **must be tucked in at all times**

Coats – should be OFF in lessons





Ms Blundell



We are a proudly phone-free school

In June 2025, we became a phone-free school, using Yondr pouches to ensure this, to great success

If students choose to bring a phone to school, it is locked in a pouch each morning and unlocked at the end of the day, when they leave. They are responsible for bringing their pouch each day, storing it in their bags locked.

Your children have taken to the system like ducks to water!

Pouch Forgotten	-1 behaviour point; phone kept in the Student Centre for the day and a 10 minute detention at the end of the day.
Student found with phone out of pouch	-3 behaviour points and a day's internal suspension
Student who does not bring a phone to school	Please put a signed note in their pouch confirming that they do not bring a phone to school.



Overview of Rewards

Student Rewards

Top 5 Students of the Week

House Celebrations

Inter - House Championship

Dream **Big** | Do Your **Best** | Give **Back**

Our Safeguarding Team



Safeguarding our students in the building

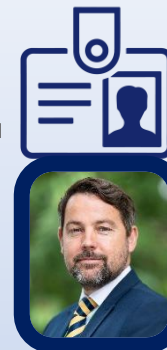
All visitors to the school must sign in at main reception, where they will be issued with the appropriate **'Visitor's lanyard'** (see below) and key safeguarding information. Please report to reception if you have misplaced the lanyard given to you on arrival.

This is to protect you and our students.

If you believe a person is on site and not authorised to be so, please ask them to report to main reception or contact a member of SLT immediately. School staff and Sixth Form students should wear their lanyard and photo ID at all times.

General Safeguarding of Students

If you feel vulnerable at any time you must tell a member of staff. This could be anyone you feel comfortable talking to. You should tell someone about any risk of harm from an adult whether that is at school, at home, on a school trip or on a work placement or in the community. All of our staff have been trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection.



Mr J Mailey
Strategic
Safeguarding Lead

Our specialist Safeguarding team are:



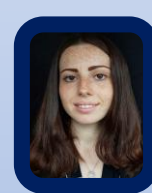
Mrs J Fairs
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs C
Thompson
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs N Curme
Child Protection
Officer



Miss K
Birkenhead
Child Protection
Officer



Miss K Hodge
Child Protection
Officer



Ms M
Gerasimou
Child Protection
Officer



Miss K Hayden
Child Protection
Officer



Mrs C Thomas
Child Protection
Officer

Are you wearing the correct lanyard?



Dream big • Do your best • Give back



Keeping You Safe

☰

Explore Student Concern and Well-being

○

Student Concern and Well-being

•

Book a well-being chat

Create

Student Concern and Well-being

Immersive Reader

Student Concern and Well-being



Year 7



Biscay



Cromarty



Fitzroy



Lundy



Portland



Shannon

[Book a well-being chat LINK TO FORM](#)



+ safe spaces and staff wearing High Visibility jackets at break times.

No recommendations [Recommend Page](#)



Social Media

Under 13 (with parental consent)



13 +



16+

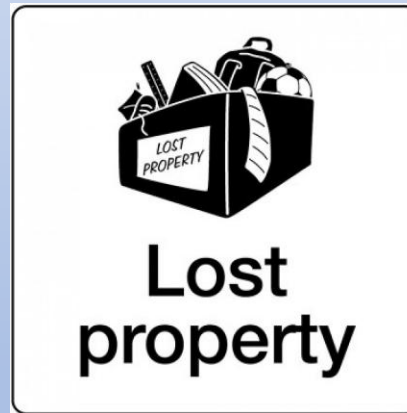


17+



Losing Things!

Getting Lost



Lost Property

Losing Passwords





Parental Communication

Student related queries

Please use our central email address for student related queries mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk. This mailbox will be monitored during normal school hours, and we aim to respond within 3 working days, during term-time.

To help us deal with your query as efficiently as possible, please include the full name of the student, tutor group and the name of the staff member you wish to contact (if known).

We would also like to remind you that key parental communications and information relating to term dates, uniform, catering etc can be found on the [school website](#).

SEND:

To contact the SEND/Student Support Team please email SEND@gordanoschool.org.uk





Parental Communication

Updating student contact and medical information

If you need to update your contact details that we hold for you or your child, or their medical information, please contact the data team by email on datateam@gordanoschool.org.uk

Please note that we are unable to make updates over the phone.

Attendance

Please email attendanceteam@gordanoschool.org.uk **no later than 9.00am on each day of your child's absence** and include the following information:

- Student name
- Tutor Group
- Detailed reason for absence



Gordano is a NUT-AWARE School



- Please do not allow your child to bring any nuts or products which may contain traces of nuts into school.
- We have students and staff with nut allergies who could be seriously affected, so we appreciate your co-operation and understanding.



Free School Meals

Qualifying benefits for Free School Meals

- Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:
 - Universal credit
 - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Changes this year:
 - From **September 2026**, the previous earnings threshold for families receiving Universal Credit has been removed. All children in households receiving Universal Credit can now access Free School Meals.
 - Families should still **apply/register** for Free School Meals, even if their child already receives a meal entitlement. Registration may also help schools receive additional funding through the **Pupil Premium** where applicable.
- If in doubt, apply!
- [Gordano School - Free School Meals & Pupil Premium](#)

Year 7

Activities Week 2027

Monday 28th June – Friday 2nd July 2027

A Week of Adventure and Discovery!

We're thrilled to announce an exciting week of activities for our Year 7 students, including:

A 3-day residential trip to Osmington Bay, Dorset

Hosted by PGL, students will enjoy a range of adventure activities such as:

- Abseiling, zip wires, archery, dragon boating
- Climbing, raft building, beach walks
- Evening entertainment including discos, games, and films

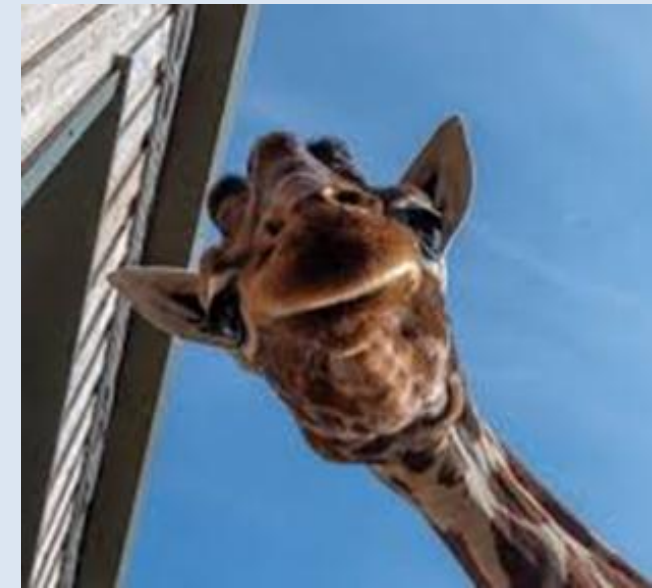
Two additional local trips/activities (details to be confirmed)

Including a day trip to The Bristol Zoo Project

Cost: Approximately £425 (to be confirmed)

Activities Week Brochure: Coming soon – includes full details and booking instructions.

For students not attending the residential trip, we offer a **FREE onsite programme** with teacher-led activities designed to be fun, engaging, and inclusive.





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