



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this update finds you and your family well.

Last Friday we took a record number of swimmers from Years 7-10 to the North Somerset Championships, and I just wanted to congratulate them on being crowned North Somerset Swimming Champions, a brilliant achievement! I also wanted to share how proud we are of our Year 8 girls football team who got through to the Southern Area finals of the EFL Girls' Cup. Again, the girls were amazing and an absolute credit to the school and after four games ended the day with two wins and two losses, losing to the eventual winners. They have had a superb journey through the stages to get to this point, so many congratulations to all the girls involved.

### **Gordano Music at the Movies – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Please join us for a celebration of all things Film and TV at our annual Spring Concert on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The event will feature performers from all year groups sharing what they have been working on this term. Expect everything from Pitch Perfect to Planet Earth in a celebration of the exceptional musical talent this school has to offer.

Tickets are £5 each and can be bought through EventBrite on the link [here](#), or cash on the door. The event starts at 6.30pm in the school hall and will run for approximately 2 hours with an interval. There will be refreshments available. We will repeat the same programme on both evenings.

Thank you for all you do to support music at Gordano; these events would not be possible without you!

### **Year 11 Mock Exams**

Year 11 will be taking their mock exams next week. Each day students will need to register with their tutor, as normal, at 8.45am. Please remember that students need to read the 'Key Exam Information' document that has been sent to both students and parents via ClassCharts. Students need to ensure they know when and where their exams are taking place, and bring the correct equipment to each exam. Also, can we please ensure students are wearing the correct school uniform at all times, to minimise the disruption at the start of the exams.

### **Year 11 Prom**

The Year 11 Prom is booked for 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Cadbury House. More information, including payment details, will follow in the next couple of weeks.

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## **Behaviour concerns**

At Gordano we have high expectations around behaviour and respect within our community. When students' behaviour does not meet the expectations of the school, we will always ensure that we act rigorously and in line with our Behaviour Policy, which can be viewed on the school website. We also recognise and are proud of the fact that the vast majority of our students at Gordano School meet our high expectations every day.

In order for us to ensure that we can support all our students effectively, can we ask you to encourage your child, if they ever have any concerns to report them to:

- a member of our staff body as soon as possible
- to speak with their tutor
- to speak to a member of the safeguarding or pastoral team
- Additionally, students can also report concerns online or remotely via our [Student Concern Log](#)

This will ensure that we can address any matters that may arise.

We have been doing a lot of work on improving behaviour both inside and outside the classroom, through:

- Focus in our Monday Broadcast messages each week
- Outside agency support e.g., the Police have delivered sessions to Year 9 on the impact of antisocial behaviour and social media
- Key area of focus for teaching and learning observations
- Review of our 'Focus' area and new staffing
- CPD (Continuing Professional Development) sessions for staff

Thank you in advance for your continued support in helping us achieve the standards of behaviour we expect at Gordano School.

## **Chris Hemmings talk**

As part of our focus on behaviour, we wish to work to strengthen the bridges between home and school in terms of expectations. To this end, we would really encourage parents to [sign up](#) to the online seminar Chris will be delivering on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm so that you can understand the message that has been delivered to your children and support in their understanding of it. You can see more about the work Chris does [here](#).

## **Homework Review**

Thank you so much for supporting your children through understanding the new processes and routines around setting homework; we have been really impressed with how students have responded to the changes.

Now we have been through a few cycles of the new system, we would invite parents to give any feedback they may have through [this form](#). All comments are welcomed, from positive improvements you have noticed through to constructive feedback you may have. Any adjustments we go on to make/not make will be in direct response to staff, parent and student voice.

### **Equipment expectations**

Please can you continue to support your children with coming to school properly equipped: with a pencil, pen, ruler and rubber as a minimum. We also ask that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have a reading book with them (either one of their own or one they have borrowed from the school library), ready for tutor time and DEAR (Drop Everything and Read).

### **School Health Nurse Webinars**

The School Nursing Team at Sirona Care & Health are offering a series of free webinars for parents and carers covering topics around children and young people's health and wellbeing. The next webinar is on 6<sup>th</sup> March focusing on Emotional Wellbeing - for more details or to book a space please see the flyer below.

[School Health Nurse Webinars Flyer 2023](#)

### **Reminder to complete Data Checking/Biometric Consent forms**

You will have recently received a Data Checking Sheet for 2022-23 by email asking you to check and confirm that the data held by the school for your child is correct and up to date. If you have not yet responded, please use the link in the original email to confirm the data we hold is correct or notify us of any changes, and to give/refuse biometric consent. Your consent is needed by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March for your child to be registered on the biometric payment system. If you did not receive the original email, please contact our [Data Team](#) and they will send this to you.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



**Headteacher**