



16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a privilege working with our Heads of Creative Art subjects since last summer and watching from a distance whilst they undertake the significant work and thought that has and is going on to support the production of our bi-annual whole school production, which this year is 'Our House' - The Musical. 'Our house' is a vibrant and joyful musical featuring the timeless songs of *Madness*. With high energy performances, engaging choreography and a talented student cast, this is going to be an evening of entertainment not to be missed. We would be delighted if you would join us to watch and celebrate the incredible work of our young people. To purchase tickets, please click on the link below.

 Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th February

 Book tickets here: [Our House - The Madness Musical at Gordano School Main Hall event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Year 9 Options

Thank you to those students who have already completed their options forms and handed them to main reception. There is no rush to submit your forms, and I do hope that students have found the taster sessions helpful. A reminder that the final deadline is **Monday 9th February** and forms do need to be handed into main reception, not the student reception.

Sixth Form Applications

Just a final reminder to all Year 11 students that our Sixth Form application deadline is today (Friday 16th January). Our current Year 11 students will have received an email from 'Applicaa' containing their unique username and password, along with a link to the application website. Students will need to log into Applicaa to apply. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team at sixthform@gordanoschool.org.uk or go to our website [here](#) where you will find all the relevant information.

Attendance reporting

Should your child be too unwell to attend school or have a medical appointment we have simplified the reporting options and will no longer be using the online form. As per the email sent earlier this week, from Monday 19th January please use one of the options below to report your child's absence:

Year 7 - 11 - Student absence due to illness:

Please email attendanceteam@gordanoschool.org.uk or call 01275 841374 **no later than 9.00am on each day of your child's absence** with student name, tutor group and detailed reason for absence.

Year 7 - 11 - To notify us of a medical appointment:

Please email attendanceteam@gordanoschool.org.uk in advance with student name, tutor group, date and time of appointment along with a screenshot of the appointment confirmation. Please also include the time you will be collecting your child (and approximate return to school) or permission for them to leave school independently.

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Year 12-13 - Student absence due to illness or to notify us of a medical/other appointment:

Please email 6thformattendance@gordanoschool.org.uk or call the Sixth Form direct line (01275 841380) no later than 9.00am on each day of your child's absence with student name, tutor group and detailed reason for absence. Please give as much notice as possible of planned appointments. Students are required to sign out via the Sixth Form office or via the QR code.

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

If you haven't yet confirmed whether or not you would like your child to receive the Year 8 HPV vaccination please do so via this link <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2025/consent?v=2> as soon as possible to assist Sirona with planning and vaccine ordering.

Aspens - Meal Deal price change

The cost of a Streateries Meal, Selected Hot Deli or Selected Cold Deli plus Meal Deal Dessert has changed from £2.75 to £2.80. The full price list can be found on our website [here](#).

Change to main reception hours

Main reception and our telephone lines will be open from 8.00am-4.00pm Monday - Thursday and 8.00am-3.30pm Friday, please leave a message outside of these times or email mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk

OTR have relaunched their Shameless programme

This online programme is now launching in an eight-week version and is open to students aged 11-19 in North Somerset who want to learn about body positivity, where beauty ideals come from (and how to challenge them), and building self-compassion and confidence.

Shameless does also touch upon some of the more challenging subjects for our young people including food, nutrition and disordered eating as they feel it is important to include this in a sensitive and neutral manner, signposting to appropriate services in that session.

Details

Where: Online, via Zoom

Day: Thursdays

Time: 16.15 - 17.45

Dates:

29th January, 5th February, 12th February

Break for half-term

26th February, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March, 26th March

This is the link to sign up: Shameless - OTR - North Somerset

Please distribute to as many young people as you would like!

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 3

Monday 19 to Friday 23 January	Functional Skills English Exams
Tuesday 20 January	Year 10/11 Geography BTEC Trip to Manchester Airport
Tuesday 20 January	6pm Year 11 Parental Information Evening
Wednesday 21 January	5.30–6.30pm Year 12 New York trip information meeting
Thursday 22 January	Year 13 Progress Evening
Friday 23 January	Year 11 Mock Results Day
Monday 26 to Friday 30 January	Functional Skills Maths Exams
Monday 26 January	Year 11 Geography River Holford fieldwork trip 1
Tuesday 27 January	Year 11 Geography River Holford fieldwork trip 2
Wednesday 28 January	Year 11 Geography River Holford fieldwork trip 3
Wednesday 28 January	Careers Teatime Networking
Thursday 29 January	Year 8 HPV vaccinations
Thursday 29 January	Year 12 HE+ Programme trip to Kings of Wessex Academy
Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February	Weekend rehearsals for school production
Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 February	School Production
Thursday 5 February	3.35pm Year 8/9 General Knowledge Quiz
Saturday 7 February	Silver and Gold DofE Training Day
Monday 9 to Friday 13 February	National Apprenticeship Week
Monday 9 February	Deadline for Year 9 Options
Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 February	Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam
Monday 9 February	3.35pm MFL Spelling Bee Final
Monday 9 February	Year 7 Street Trip 1
Tuesday 10 February	Year 7 Street Trip 2
Tuesday 10 February	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 11 February	Year 7 Street Trip 3
Wednesday 11 February	Post-18 Apprenticeship Evening
Thursday 12 February	Year 11 Progress Evening
Friday 13 February	INSET Day
Monday 16 to Friday 20 February	HOLIDAY