



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

A very warm welcome to the start of a new academic year at Gordano School. It has been a busy and exciting week, and it has been wonderful to see our school filled once again with the energy, enthusiasm and ambition of our students. The start of a new year always brings fresh opportunities, new experiences and the chance for every member of our community to grow, learn and thrive.

A special welcome goes to our new Year 7 students, who have made an exceptional start to life at Gordano. They have approached the week with confidence, curiosity and positivity as they have explored the site, met new teachers and begun forming new friendships. I have loved visiting lessons and seeing their enthusiasm for learning, as well as the way they have supported one another through this important transition.

We were also delighted to welcome our new Year 12 students on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning alongside those joining Gordano for the first time. As they begin the next stage of their educational journey, we look forward to supporting them as they embrace new challenges and opportunities. By Tuesday, the whole school community was back together as students in Years 8 to 11 and Year 13 returned ready to begin the next chapter of their own journeys. Across the school there has been a real sense of purpose and optimism as students have quickly settled into their learning.

During assemblies this week, we spoke about our values, expectations and, importantly, our commitment to creating a strong sense of belonging for every young person. We know that students are most successful when they feel valued, connected and proud to be part of their school community. Our expectations are therefore not simply about routines and standards; they are about creating an environment where everyone feels safe, respected, supported and able to achieve their very best.

At Gordano, we want every student to leave us not only with excellent qualifications but also with confidence, resilience, strong character and a genuine sense that they belong. By working together as students, families and staff, I know we can make this a year filled with achievement, personal growth and many memorable experiences. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to celebrating the successes of the year ahead with you.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

DOUBLE AWARD SUCCESS FOR GORDANO SCHOOL!

We are incredibly proud to have been recognised as one of Portishead's leading community champions, winning both the Community – Give Back Award and the overall Spirit of Portishead Award (jointly with LIFE:ALIGNED) at the inaugural Together Portishead Community Business Awards.

These awards celebrate the dedication of our amazing students, staff, families and community partners, and we couldn't have achieved this without everyone who voted and supported us. Thank you!

Read the full story and find out why Gordano School was recognised for its contribution to the Portishead community here:

[Gordano School - Gordano School Wins Community Give Back Award and Overall Spirit of Portishead Honour](#)

PARENTAL INFORMATION EVENINGS

We have already enjoyed welcoming our Year 7 and Year 12 families to their Information Evenings, and the presentations from these events will be available on the school website shortly.

Over the coming weeks, we look forward to meeting parents and carers from our other year groups during our Parental Information Evenings. These sessions provide an opportunity to share our priorities for the year ahead, outline key information for each year group and ensure that, together, we can support every student to achieve their very best.

Presentation slides will be shared afterwards for those parents unable to attend, but we strongly encourage parents and carers to join us in person if possible. The purpose of each evening is to provide valuable insight into the year ahead and equip you with the information needed to support your child throughout their journey at Gordano.

For families with children in multiple year groups, we do not expect you to attend every session. We recommend prioritising your Year 7 child or any child in an examination year group. All presentations will be shared following the events, allowing you to access any information you may have missed.

Due to space limitations, we kindly ask that attendance is limited to parents and carers only.

Information Evenings	
Year 8 - 6pm-7pm	28th September 2026
Year 9 - 6pm-7pm	14th September 2026
Year 10 - 6pm-7pm	15th September 2026
Year 11 - 6pm-7pm	29th September 2026
Year 13 - 6pm-7pm	17th September 2026 – this will take place in the Sixth Form Hall

FUTURE INSET DAY AND OPEN EVENING

We have one more INSET day this term on Friday 25th September. The day before this (on Thursday 24th September) is our annual Open Evening. On 24th September the school closes early to allow staff to prepare for the evening. Students will be released on that day at approximately 1.15pm, after lunch.

The rest of our Term Dates and INSET days can be found on the school website here - [Gordano School - Term Dates & School Day](#)

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR OPEN EVENING

We are delighted that so many of our students want to support our Open Evening by helping in subject areas and/or acting as a tour guide for our visitors. We always need a large number of tour guides, so if your child is in Years 8-11 and would like to take part, please complete the Open Evening [Parental Permission Form here](#)

If your son or daughter is in Year 7, please note that while we are always very pleased to see our new Year 7 students volunteering to help out in a subject area, this is by invitation, in order to manage numbers – teachers will give out Year 7 helpers' letters to take home. Please note that we only allow tour guides from Year 8 upwards. This is because the older children know the school better and are able to talk to visitors about their experience of being a student at Gordano for a full year or more.

[Please click here to read the letter for full details about student helpers](#)

FOR NEW PARENTS TO GORDANO

We try and ensure that we share pictures of the wonderful things that our students get up to during the day and our main platform for this is our Gordano School Facebook page. If you would like to follow us, then please do. <https://www.facebook.com/Gordanoschool>

WELCOME LETTER FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Dr Gary Lewis, CEO of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership would like to welcome all parents and carers whose children have joined LSP schools this term. Please use the link below to read his letter.

[Letter to parents of children joining LSP schools in September 2026](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: A STRONG START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

Attendance patterns established in September often continue throughout the year, which is why a strong start is so important. Please read [this letter](#) from Mr Mailey explaining why the school is committed to excellent attendance to give every student the best foundation for success at school and how much we appreciate parental support.

LSP HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Please click on the link below to read the LSP Home School Partnership document. This is an important document in terms of what you can expect from us as a school but also outlines the way we are keen to positively work with parents.

[LSP Home School Partnership](#)

BRAND NEW BREAKFAST OFFER

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new breakfast offer, designed to give students the perfect start to their morning! A range of breakfast items will be available in the Dining Hall from 8am. Please see the menu below for details.



TIME FOR BREAKFAST!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the launch of our **brand-new breakfast offer**, designed to give you the perfect start to your morning!

We know how important a good meal is for a productive day, which is why we will be serving up everything you need to fuel your mind and body right here in the **Dining Hall**.

Join us every single day **from 8 AM** to enjoy a fantastic selection of morning favorites. Mark your calendars—this exciting new daily service officially starts on the **14th of September**.

We can't wait to see you there!

STREATERIES

Aspens

BREAKFAST

- Cereal Bowls £1.05
(Corn Flakes & Rice Krispies)
- Buttered Crumpet £1.00
- Belgian Waffles £1.40
- Buttered Toast £.60
- Hash Brown Bites £1.40
- Half Buttered Bagel & Jam £1.30
- Cheese on Toast £1.10
- 7oz Fruit Wedges £1.15
- Whole Fruit £.55

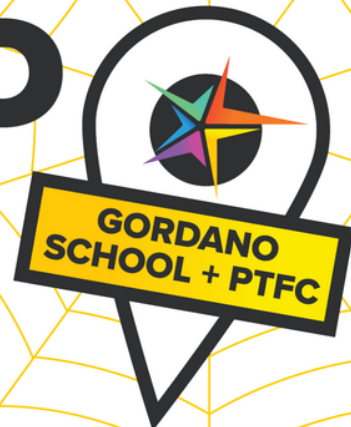
Plus Free Porridge Pots!

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

Monday 14 September	6pm Year 9 Parental Information Evening
Tuesday 15 September	Early UCAS Applications Day
Tuesday 15 September	6pm Year 10 Parental Information Evening
Wednesday 16 September	Year 12 and 13 Electives Launch
Thursday 17 September	6pm Year 13 Parental Information Evening
Monday 21 September	6pm Bronze DofE Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 22 September	6pm Silver DofE Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 23 September	Sixth Form Autumn Electives Begin
Thursday 24 September	European Day of Languages
Thursday 24 September	Year 6 Open Evening (students finish at 1.15pm)
Friday 25 September	INSET Day
Monday 28 September	School Photographs for Year 11
Monday 28 September	6pm Year 8 Parental Information Evening
Tuesday 29 September	6pm Year 11 Parental Information Evening
Wednesday 30 September	5.30pm – 6.30pm Read to Succeed Parent Evening
Thursday 1 October	6pm – 8pm Gordano Careers Convention
Monday 5 to Wednesday 7 October	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Days
Tuesday 6 October	6pm Parent Forum
Thursday 8 October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 9 October	Hello Yellow Day
Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Thursday 15 October	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip to Weston-super-Mare
Thursday 15 October	SENDSCO Surgery
Friday 16 October	Year 10/11 photo mop up session
Tuesday 20 October	Year 11 Futures Evening
Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October	Flu Vaccinations Years 7-11
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October inclusive	Holiday

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Suitable for students in **Years 7–11**.

IN PERSON

5pm – 6pm
WEDNESDAYS

Hangstones Pavilion
Stowey Road, Yatton,
BS49 4HS

HOW TO JOIN

Scan the QR code to book
or visit:

codingbug.co.uk/python-coding-club/



ONLINE

5:15pm – 6:15pm
MONDAYS after school

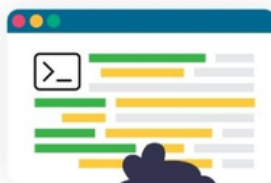
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PORTISHEAD LIONS CAR BOOT SALE

**“The Lions final Car Boot Sale
of 2026 will be on Sun 20th Sept”**
Don't miss out on a bargain or by turning
clutter into cash!



Portishead Lions Club
www.portisheadlions.club
@portisheadlionsclubuk

CAR BOOT
Sunday
20th September 2026
PORTISHEAD SHOW FIELD
(Clapton Lane)

- ❖ Sellers from 8am
- ❖ Buyers from 8:30am
- ❖ Sale closes 1pm

Cars £7 – Vans/Trailers £10

Entry by donation only please
Refreshments available

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The flamingos are a FUNdraiser for Portishead Lions Club

PORTISHEAD LIONS UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN AID APPEAL



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Attention - Your Help Is Urgently Required Humanitarian Aid Collection for Ukraine

In conjunction with Torpoint & Rame Peninsula & Callington Lions Clubs

Saturday 10th October 2026
10am to 4pm in Sainsbury's car park

Items Wanted

- ❖ Baby clothes, nappies, baby products (nappy rash creams, Calpol or similar, baby milk formula, baby soap & shampoo)
- ❖ Female sanitary products, soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, deodorants, talcum powder, toothbrush
- ❖ Pharmacy items – paracetamol or other pain relief, cough remedies, plasters and bandages, antiseptic cream
- ❖ Ukrainian Hospitals need your unwanted prescription medications as these go direct to the Ukrainian Medical Services (items must have a pharmacy label attached and be unused and un-opened)
- ❖ Tinned food if the use by date is at least 2027
- ❖ Unfortunately - No adult clothes or PPE
- ❖ Cash donations received will be converted into medical, sanitary or baby items



**"Please help send some much
needed love to Ukraine
thank you"**

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