



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope you have had a good start to the summer holiday. I am writing to you today to outline the arrangements for the start of the new term. We very much look forward to welcoming your child into their new year group and hope you find the information below a useful starting point in helping your child prepare.

Thursday 3rd September – INSET Day

Friday 4th September – INSET Day

Monday 7th September – Year 7 and Year 12 only

Year 7: We ask Year 7 students to arrive in full school uniform at **8.55am** and go to the Main Hall where they will be welcomed by staff. Year 7 students do not require PE kit on their first day. Students will have an assembly at the start of the day and then take part in several orientation exercises to help them find their way around the school and settle in. After lunchtime, Year 7 students will have their first lessons. During the day students will also have their school photograph taken, biometrics will be set up for the canteen system if we have permission and students will be given their Yondr pouch and will visit our unlocking stations ready for day 2.

Year 12: Year 12 students should arrive at **8.45am** and make their way promptly to the Sixth Form Hall. They will be met by the Sixth Form team and will be registered, pick up their timetables, collect their lanyards, and be given a time slot to have their photo taken. Some students may need their fingerprints taken to use biometric payment – we will advise them how and when to do this. Students then proceed to their assembly in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre. During the day Year 12 students will have time with their tutor. Students will be allowed to sign out at lunchtime if they have no lessons timetabled for Periods 5 or 6.

Tuesday 8th September

Year 7: We ask Year 7 students to join us on Tuesday 5th September at **10.45am** (Breaktime). This allows us to run our induction programme for the older year groups in the morning session, and it also gives Year 7 students a slightly later start following their busy induction day. After breaktime, students will go directly to their lesson which they have on their timetable for Period 3 that day. Staff will be supporting students who are unsure where to go.

Years 8 to 11: Students need to arrive at **8.35am** in full school uniform, ready to go to their tutor bases promptly at 8.40am. Students **MUST** remember to bring in their Yondr pouch. They must lock their mobile devices in their pouch on entry to the school as they did so brilliantly last academic year. Spot checks will take place in the extended tutor time that morning. Students are required to wear full school uniform on their first day and will not require a PE kit. Students will have an extended tutor time in the morning which will also include a welcome back and expectations assembly and lessons will start from Period 3 that day.

Students should have been made aware of any new tutors or tutor bases already, but details will also be posted on the doors of the Student Centre and at the In/Out doors at the start of term in September.

Year 12: to arrive at **10.45am** (Breaktime), ready for the start of their lesson at 11.15am.

Year 13: to arrive at **8.55am** in the Sixth Form Hall for their induction assembly.

Gordano School - Timings of the School Day 2026-2027 All Students Years 7-13		
	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu	Fri
Registration	8.40	8.40
P1	9.05	9.15
P2	9.55	10.05
Breaktime	10.45	10.55
P3	11.15	11.20
P4	12.05	12.10
Lunchtime	12.55 (bell at 1.35)	1.00 (bell at 1.40)
P5	1.40	1.45
P6	2.30	XXX
End	3.20 (Year 7 & 8 at 3.15)	2.35 (Year 7 & 8 at 2.30)

Uniform Information and Expectations

To view the detailed information regarding school uniform please visit our [Uniform & Equipment webpage](#). We look forward to seeing students arrive in full school uniform at the start of term.

As a reminder, please be advised that nose piercings, including clear retainers, are not permitted for Years 7-11. Nose piercing can take several months to heal, so we request that parents do not permit their children to have this done until the end of Year 11 as they will need to be removed daily for school.

There has been a significant increase in the amount of nail varnish and false nails being worn to school. A reminder to parents and carers that these are not permitted in Years 7-11, so please ensure that your child does not return to school in September wearing nail varnish or false nails.

Lunchtime and Canteen arrangements

The current menu (until the end of Term 1 in October) is available [here](#), and you can find more information about our catering offer on the [Dining page](#) of the website.

Equipment List

Please note that we are having a big push on students having the correct equipment from September: [Gordano Equipment List](#). Students will receive an A1 for not having the correct equipment. If a student receives 3 x A1s in a term this will result in an after-school detention. All points positive and negative will go towards their House total in the race for the House Championship.

Please can your child also bring a refillable water bottle.

Desirable but not essential:

- highlighters
- glue stick

Please note that Tippex or any other correcting fluid is not permitted in school.

Parental Information Evenings in September

In the new academic year, we will be hosting parent information evenings for each year group. Please find below the relevant dates for your diary. We will send further details nearer the time.

Information Evenings	
Year 7	10 th September 2026
Year 8	28 th September 2026
Year 9	14 th September 2026
Year 10	15 th September 2026
Year 11	29 th September 2026 and 19 th January 2027
Year 12	9 th September 2026 and UCAS 30 th June 2027
Year 13	17 th September 2026

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](#)

We look forward to welcoming your child to school at the beginning of the academic year. Have a wonderful summer holiday from us all at Gordano School.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September	INSET Days
Monday 7 September	Years 7 and 12 only at school for 8.45am
Monday 7 September	School Photographs for Year 7
Tuesday 8 September	Years 8 to 11 at school for 8.35am
Tuesday 8 September	Year 13 at school for 8.55am
Tuesday 8 September	Years 7 and 12 at school for 10.45am
Tuesday 8 September	School Photographs for Year 10
Wednesday 9 September	6pm Year 12 Parental Information Evening
Thursday 10 September	6pm Year 7 Parental Information Evening
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	SENCO 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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