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18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a positive week. At Gordano this week we have welcomed Challenge Partners into school for the last 3 days. Challenge Partners are a group of 6 senior leaders from other schools across the country who support us in exploring all areas of the school from curriculum, behaviour and attitudes, personal development and leadership. It has been a positive experience and I will feedback their findings once we have received their report. I would like to thank all students who took part in student voice activities across the days from Year 7 through to Year 13.

Roadworks and student arrival at school

We have had a significant number of roadworks on the approaches to school from all directions recently, and some of these will continue in the coming days and weeks. Please be aware that if students are late as a result of these, they must enter school through the front gates, these are the only gates that will be open after 8.45am. If students are dropped in the coach park, off Clevedon Road, they will need to walk back down the pavement to the front gates. Due to the number of roadworks and the impact on traffic in the area, we will be delaying the implementation of our new lates system (detailed in last weeks' communication). However, we would still ask for your support in ensuring a punctual (and safe) arrival at school for students.

Homework Review

Thank you so much for your responses to our homework survey. Having considered Staff, Student and Parent voice, the key areas we are focused on improving as part of our review are:

- The setting of purposeful tasks
- Clear communication (both in mode of task-setting and nature of task)
- Support for students in school
- Consistent rewards for completion of homework
- Supporting students to manage their time

More information will follow in due course ahead of the January re-launch of our homework policy.

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Safeguarding

Please see the link below for guidance on Twitch and how to support your child in using it safely. Also, just a reminder that Twitch has a minimum age sign up of 13.

[Twitch Parent Factsheet](#)

Gordano Swim Team

We are sending all our best wishes and good luck to our Swim Team this weekend as they head off to the London Olympic Centre to take part in the ESSA 64th Secondary Schools' Team Championship National Finals. We look forward to hearing all about your experience.

Huge Congratulations to our Cross Country Team

This week 12 schools entered the North Somerset Cross Country Championships, and we were one of only a handful of schools who fielded a full team in every age group. 17 of the 34 runners we took during this afternoon finished in the top 12 and will now go forward to represent North Somerset in the Avon Schools Championships in January. The performance of the team meant that Gordano was crowned North Somerset Champions for 2022. Well done!

Cases of headlice in Year 7

We've been made aware of a small number of cases of headlice in Year 7, we would ask that parents check their children's hair to prevent any further spread.

Christmas Concert and the Carol Service

Please see attached the up-to-date information regarding our Christmas musical events.

Wishing you a restful and relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher