



Dream big • Do your best • Give back

21st July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

And within the blink of an eye the academic year has come to a close. This week has been a week of celebrations and yesterday morning we celebrated as a whole school community in our celebration assembly. It was a wonderful review of the academic year enabling us all to recognise the achievements of so many of our young people, who actively involve themselves in so many facets of our community. I would also like to thank our House Captains and Vice House Captains who took the stage in front of their peers to talk through the achievements of each House – not an easy thing to do in front of your peers and staff, but they did so admirably.

I would also like to thank all students and parents who have sent in or completed our ‘thank a teacher’ form which we sent out a few weeks ago. We had an overwhelming response, and it was a delight to be able to share some wonderful comments with our staff.

School phones unavailable 14th – 25th August

Due to electrical testing work, there will be significant disruption to the school’s telephone service during the weeks commencing 14th and 21st August. If you need to contact the school during this period, please do so via email if possible: mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk. A-level results day is on 17th August, and GCSE results day on 24th August, and our contractors will try to keep the phone service running where possible on these two key dates.

Summer Reading Recommendations

If your child/children are looking for something to read over the summer holidays, you can see our librarian’s suggestions for books students might enjoy [here](#).

Electric Scooters

Please see attached letter from Avon and Somerset police regarding Electric Scooters [here](#).

Wellbeing across the Summer

We hope that the summer break allows students – and their families – time to recharge and relax at the end of a busy academic year; we do understand that for some young people, the lack of school structure can impact their wellbeing adversely.

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LIGHTHOUSE
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

While school is closed, if you are worried about your, or someone else's mental health, and want to access support straight away, please try the following helplines or webchats:

Samaritans - call them for free from any phone 24/7 for emotional support on 116 123
Shout - if you're experiencing a personal crisis, are unable to cope and need support, text Shout to 85258 for free, 24/7

Childline - call them for free 24/7 on 0800 1111 or go to the website for a 1-2-1 webchat with a counsellor.

HOPELINEUK for confidential support and practical advice on suicidal thoughts and feelings call 0800 068 4141. HOPELINE UK are open 9am–10pm weekdays, 2pm–10pm weekends.

KOOTH – an online counselling service for people aged 5-16, go to kooth.com, available Monday to Friday midday – 10pm, Saturday & Sunday 6pm – 10pm.

CAMHS Crisis Line - 0800 953 9599

If you need to speak to **Childrens social care**- please contact the front door service on 01275 888808.

If a life is at risk, please call **999** to access support from emergency services.

Staff Leavers

The latter part of any year within a school setting involves recruiting the very best staff we can to continue to provide the best educational experience for our young people. Yesterday, we said a sad goodbye to staff leaving us this academic year to go onto new adventures – promotion, moving area, to new schools and into other areas. We are immensely grateful to them for the passion and dedication they have given during their time at Gordano and wish them all the very best for the future.

Teaching Staff		
Miss Sykes	Mrs Vowles	Mr Mokhtari
Mr Grant	Mr Guillemin	Mrs Lee
Miss Summers	Dr Quickfall	Miss Cotte
Ms Hogg	Mrs Partington	Mr Garner
Miss Orme	Miss Macpherson	

Support Staff		
Miss Shakli	Miss Smart	Mrs Whaley
Mrs Joseph	Miss Ainger	Mrs Lewis
Mrs Parsons		

I would also like to extend a huge thank you and best wishes to two members of staff who are this year retiring after an incredible period of time serving the students of Gordano. Thank you to Mrs Rogers, who has been at Gordano for 25 years and also Mrs Hendricks who has been here for 17 years. Both members of staff have had a huge impact on the lives of the young people at Gordano and we wish them all the very best in their retirement.

New Staff Joiners

In September we will have the pleasure of welcoming a new group of staff into the school and we have been lucky to appoint such a strong field. I know they all look forward to working with your children over coming years...

Miss Muir	KS3 Science
Miss Simpson	English
Miss Chivers	English
Ms Brown	English
Mr Beard	Physics
Miss Piqueras Ricote	Biology
Miss Lomax	Maths
Mr England	Chemistry
Mr Spencer-Smith	Physics
Ms Fawcett-Walsh	MFL
Dr Newnham	Physics
Miss Talwar	Biology
Mrs Webster	Head of IT and Computing
Mrs Cant	English
Mrs Wallis	MFL
Mrs Jackson	Maths
Mrs Hamilton	Biology
Mrs Reid	Humanities

From the whole team at Gordano, we wish our students and families a wonderful and relaxing summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September. All the details for our September start will be sent out next week to all families...

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher