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25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the start of Term 5 and we hope that you were able to have an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. As I explained to our community during our Monday Broadcast, whilst it is a short term (5 weeks) there is an array of vital activities taking place this term. We spoke about the importance as a community of ensuring our students in Year 11 and 13 are well supported by their peers throughout the start of the GCSE and A Level written examinations and practical examinations which started this week, as well as walking through many other events planned over the term.

This week we enjoyed a wonderful 'Drama Showcase' on Wednesday evening, courtesy of the KS3 Drama group and the cast of 'No Regrets' (who I watched perform this play at Bristol Old Vic as part of the National Youth Theatre Connections project at the end of last term). The standard of performance was exceptional; testament to the effort and commitment of all involved.

We look forward another brilliant evening of performance at next week's Dance Showcase, 7pm on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th April [Gordano School - Gordano Dance Showcase 2025](#)

Parent Survey 2025

Every year we ask parents/carers to complete a survey about their child / children's experience at school. This takes place across all the schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, giving us really valuable information about your views and helps the school to further support pupils in future. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey by **Friday 9th May 2025**.

Please click on [this link](#) to complete the survey.

All feedback from parents is really helpful. Alongside sharing your views in the annual survey, if you have any questions to ask, points you want to raise or concerns you'd like addressed, please do contact the school directly at any time during the year and we will respond to your query. You can contact us using the mailbox email address: mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk.

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Year 11 information

We will be emailing all Year 11 parents this week and again next week, in the first instance with information about shirt signing and celebration days, then with details about in-school study and study leave. If you are a Year 11 parent/carer and you do not receive these communications, please do contact the school Mailbox and we will make sure you have the information you need.

Talk to support you with navigating the online world with your children

We have arranged for PAPAYA (parents against phone addiction in young adolescents) to deliver a talk for parents entitled 'Self-Esteem and the Selfie' on Wednesday 21st May from 7pm till 8.30pm. This will comprise a presentation by Dr. Susie Davies on the link between smartphones, social media, and mental health, followed by a discussion on solutions for families and communities.

We are keen to have space for as many families as would like to attend, so have opted to make this an online event. If you would like to attend, please complete [this form](#). A link to the talk will be sent nearer the time.

Summer Reading Challenge - volunteers needed

North Somerset Library Service are looking for volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Challenge for primary school aged children. Ideal for anyone aged 14 upwards, this is a great way for students to gain customer facing experience. See the [poster](#) for more information or visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/src-volunteering.

Anti-Social Behaviour in the Community

Sadly, the police have reported some incidents of anti-social behaviour over the Easter break - some of which involve our students. The police have asked us to encourage parents to have discussions at home about respectful community behaviour and to highlight that ASB will not be tolerated; the police work closely with residents and other agencies/organisations (including school) to ensure individuals are identified if they become caught up in this type of behaviour. We need to encourage our young people to make smart decisions about their peer choices and what they do out in the community.

Christian Union - Student Event- Wednesday 30th April 2025


Students are invited to bring their lunch and listen to our next guest speaker

**Science & Faith :
Friends or Foes?**

Come and hear from someone
who's lived some of the big questions!

Prof. Andrew Halestrap
Emeritus Professor
of Biomedical Science
at the University of Bristol

Bring your questions. Bring your curiosity...
and your lunch if you want
Weds 30th April, Lunchtime, 6th Form Hall



Everyone welcome – no matter your beliefs
Hosted by the Christian Union

Shine Holiday Clubs this May Half Term

Shine Holiday Clubs are running in Portishead this May Half Term at Gordano School and Portishead Town FC.

We have loved seeing so many children come along and look forward to welcoming more of you! **For a limited time, get 20% off using the code Early Booker in your basket** (valid until Sunday 4th May.)

For children aged 5 to 12 years, the day runs from 09:00-15:30 with late stay hours available if you need them. There are loads of different fun activities running including Outdoor Adventure, Football Fundays, Creative Colour Craze, Racquet Sports, Cricket and so much more!

Shine are Ofsted Registered so you can pay via Childcare Vouchers and the Tax-Free Childcare Scheme.

For Football Fundays at Portishead Town FC, [click here](#).

For other activities at Gordano School, [click here](#).

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 5

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 28th April to Wednesday 30th April	Year 13 A-Level Textiles Exam
Monday 28th April to Thursday 1st May	GCSE Art and Photography Exam
Monday 28th April	Dance Show Technical Rehearsal
Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th April	7pm Dance Showcase
Thursday 1st May	Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 2nd May	Sixth Form May Day Challenge
Friday 2nd May	Year 11 Celebration Day (Year 11 students finish school at midday)
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6th to Wednesday 7th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition Group A
Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th May	Year 13 A-Level Art Exam

Tuesday 6th to Wednesday 7th May	Year 12 Mock Art Exam
Thursday 8th to Friday 9th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition Group B
Thursday 8th May	Start of GCSE written exams
Thursday 8th May	5pm - 7pm Year 6 Parental Information Evening
Thursday 9th May	Year 13 Leavers' Celebration
Monday 12th May	Start of A-Level written exams
Tuesday 13th May	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 14th May	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations
Thursday 15th May	4pm - 7.30pm Year 10 Progress Evening
Monday 19th May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 1
Tuesday 20th May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 2
Wednesday 21st May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 3
Wednesday 21st May	Year 12 UWE Business Day
Thursday 22nd May	Year 12 Trip to Oxford University for potential Oxbridge entrants
Thursday 22nd May	6pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May inclusive	HOLIDAY