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25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As term one draws to a close, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support over this first term. It has been good to meet with many of you during our information evenings as well as the multitude of other evenings where parents have been on site with us. We have had a very positive Term 1, and students have worked hard to meet our expectations throughout the term. If we could ask that you support your child to arrive on the first day back after half term in their full school uniform and with all the required equipment this would be really appreciated. We will be starting Term 2 with a reminder for all students of our expectations during an extended tutor time.

Thank you also to Year 11 parents and students who we met during our futures evening earlier in the week. It was really interesting having the opportunity to talk individually to all students to look at what happens beyond Year 11. As a reminder, we invite Year 11 students and their parents/carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 14th November from 5pm to 7.30pm. Discover more about our Key Stage 5 courses and how they can lead to employment, higher apprenticeships and higher education. This evening will showcase the exciting choices available to Year 11 students and explain the wide variety of opportunities available in Gordano Sixth Form.

The evening will consist of:

- Three identical Sixth Form talks. These will be held in the Sixth Form Hall at 5.15pm, 6pm and 6.45pm
Please reserve places for one of the talks [here](#)
- Subject marketplaces in the Main Hall and Dining Hall, providing an opportunity to speak with current students and subject teachers about the courses offered
- Post 18 options, subject guidance, electives, pastoral support, SEND, trips and other extra-curricular activities, with refreshments available in the Sixth Form Common Room
- Entertainment from our Sixth Form Band in the Study Plus room, located next to the Dining Hall

We ask that students sign in at either the main school reception or the dining hall using the QR Code provided in these areas at the start of the evening. On the night of the event, a booklet will be distributed, providing a map of the subject marketplace, details of the application process, and subject requirements. Additionally, the Sixth Form prospectus and handbook will be available online on the same day.

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Applications to Sixth Form can be made from Monday 25th November and need to be submitted online via the school website. The link will be provided closer to the date. Please ensure your application is submitted by Friday 10th January 2025. While we will consider late applications, the subjects we offer will be based on the first phase of applications.

Further information regarding Sixth Form can be found on the Gordano School website [here](#).

We are expecting a large turnout on the evening, and parking is very limited on site; therefore, we would strongly encourage you to avoid driving onto site.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 14th November.

INSET Day reminder

Just a reminder that we have our next INSET day on Wednesday 20th November.

Activities Week 2025

If your child has been invited to take part in Activities Week next year - please be reminded that the deposit payment is due on Thursday 31st October. Please see the [Activities Week brochures](#) for payment details and further information.

The non-refundable non-transferable deposit will secure a place for Activities Week, late payments will not guarantee your child a space. If we do not receive a payment by 31st October, your child will be added to the onsite Activities Week programme. If you have any questions, please contact trips@gordanoschool.org.uk.

Supporting student safety over half term:

The following are useful links for parents:

[Library | The National College](#)

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#)

[The National College | CPD for Schools, Trusts, Colleges & Nurseries](#)

[Online safety \(e-safety\) and schools | NSPCC Learning](#)

Wish we all of our families a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 4th November.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 2

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| Monday 4th to Friday 8th November | GCSE Maths and English exams (Year 12 re-sits) |
| Monday 11th to Friday 15th November | Anti-Bullying Week |

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| Monday 11th to Friday 15th November | Year 13 LOAF Week |
| Monday 11th to Friday 15th November | Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams |
| Tuesday 12th November | Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 1) |
| Wednesday 13th November | BIMA Digital Marketing Day (Key Stage 4) |
| Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th November | Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day |
| Thursday 14th November | 5pm - 7.30pm Sixth Form Open Evening |
| Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November | Learning Hub Functional Skills Maths Exams |
| Tuesday 19th November | Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 2) |
| Wednesday 20th November | INSET Day |
| Thursday 21st November | Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 3) |
| Thursday 21st November | Year 10 Travel & Tourism trip to London |
| Thursday 21st November | 3.35pm Years 10/11 General Knowledge Quiz |
| Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November | Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day |
| Monday 25th to Friday 29th November | Year 11 MFL Speaking Mock Exams |
| Wednesday 27th November | Careers Teatime Networking |
| Thursday 28th November | Year 9&10 UPS trip to Weston-super-Mare Fire Station |
| Monday 2nd to Friday 13th December | Year 11 Mock Exams |
| Monday 2nd December | Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam |
| Tuesday 3rd December | 6pm Parent Forum |
| Wednesday 4th December | Year 9 Travel & Tourism trip (group 1) |
| Thursday 5th December | Year 12 & 13 MFL trip to BFI Southbank |
| Tuesday 10th December | Year 9 Travel & Tourism trip (group 2) |
| Tuesday 10th December | Year 12 Art trip to Bath Art Exhibition and Gallery |
| Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December | Year 11 Textiles Mock Exam |
| Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December | Flu Vaccinations (Years 7-11) |
| Monday 16th to Friday 20th December | Sixth Form RAG Week |
| Tuesday 17th December | Christmas Concert all-day rehearsal |
| Tuesday 17th December | Sixth Form Christmas Lunch |
| Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December | 6pm Christmas Concert |
| Wednesday 18th December | Year 7 - Year 11 Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 18th December | 5pm - 6pm A-Level Certificate Evening |
| Friday 20 December | Last Day of Term - 12.30pm finish for students |
| Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January inclusive | HOLIDAY |