



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Throughout this year, our young people have shown real leadership and compassion through their fundraising efforts for their chosen charities during House Charity Weeks and our Sixth Form-led RAG Week.

This week it has been the turn of Cromarty House, who have organised a fantastic range of activities led by students and supported by the House team and tutors. Cromarty have chosen to support Macmillan Cancer Support, and their efforts truly reflect our school values: encouraging our students to dream big in the impact they can make, do their best in organising and participating in these events, and give back to causes that make a meaningful difference in the wider community.

A huge thanks to everyone involved.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Blundell', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

Please find attached a letter from Aspens regarding a meal price increase which will commence after the Easter holidays. The new Spring/Summer menus will be available on the school website soon.

[Aspens Letter to Parents Price Increase Apr 2026](#)

PARENTS/CARERS ATTENDING SPORTING EVENTS

We have received some queries from parents as to whether they can come and watch sporting events at school. If the event is taking place on school premises during the school day, then we're unable to allow parents on site to spectate due to safeguarding reasons. If the fixture is outside of school hours, parents can come onto the school site from 3.45pm when the majority of students have left. Thank you for your understanding.

VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

The Year 9 Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations are taking place on Wednesday 1st April.

If you haven't already done so, please provide consent via [this link](#) as soon as possible to assist Sirona with planning and vaccine ordering. Please also complete the form if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine as Sirona require a response for all students.

EQUIPMENT CORRECTION

The school is focusing on ensuring that all students arrive at school each day with the correct equipment needed for learning. Year 7 are in full swing with this and are doing a great job at being ready to learn each day. We will be starting this process with Year 8 and 9 on Monday 16th March. A reminder of expectations is below.

Having the appropriate equipment—such as pens, pencils, rulers, books, and any subject-specific materials—plays an important role in supporting students to engage fully in lessons, develop independence, and make the most of their learning time (See full list below). When students are properly equipped, lessons can begin promptly and learning disruptions are minimised.

From 16th March, Tutors will be consistently checking that students have the required equipment and reinforcing our expectations. Students will be rewarded for having the correct equipment each day. Students without the correct equipment will be given a demerit on ClassCharts and if they are missing equipment on 3 occasions within a term they will be referred to an after-school detention. We do have a small supply of equipment which we will give to students when required, when this happens it's important that they look after it and ensure they don't damage or lose it.

We kindly ask for your support in helping your child prepare their school bag and pencil case each evening or morning, ensuring they are ready for the school day ahead. By working together, we can help students develop strong organisational habits that will benefit them throughout their education.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions or require assistance regarding equipment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Equipment Checklist



1. Pencil Case
2. Black Pen
3. Purple Pen
4. Ruler (at least 15cm)
5. Pencil
6. Rubber
7. Sharpener
8. Protractor
9. compass
10. Calculator
11. Yondr pouch



any Casio Classwiz
or other model able to display fractions

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP FUND

You will see a new entry on ParentPay for 'Parents in Partnership', a voluntary scheme enabling families to make donations towards projects that enhance the student experience such as subsidising trips, supporting creative arts and improving learning spaces. The option will remain on your ParentPay account throughout the year, allowing contributions at any time, and we look forward to sharing updates on how the funds are used through our Termly News, website, and social media channels. Please do follow us on Facebook [@gordanoschool](https://www.facebook.com/gordanoschool) to stay connected.

Every donation, large or small, helps us enrich student life and ensure all students can thrive. We sincerely thank you in advance for any support you can offer.



There's still time to get your tickets for the 2026 Easter Concert, taking place on 24th and 25th March from 6.30pm.

Join us for an evening filled with outstanding musical performances, showcasing the incredible talent of our students — from rock bands and soloists to the drumline and Jazz Band.

Book your tickets [here](#) or use the QR code below.



HAF PROGRAMME EASTER ACTIVITIES



A promotional poster for HAF Easter activities. At the top, there is a row of ten colorful Easter eggs in shades of blue, purple, yellow, and pink. Below this, a red banner with white text reads 'SAVE THE DATE'. To the right of the banner, the hashtag '#HAF2026' is displayed. Under the banner, the text 'Bookings go live' is followed by 'Friday 13th March at 9am' in a bold, underlined font. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Young people who receive benefits related free school meals are invited to book onto our free HAF Spring Activities.' To the right of this text is a simple line drawing of a rabbit sitting and facing left. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code. To its right is the HAF logo, which consists of the letters 'HAF' in large orange font, with 'NORTH SOMERSET' in smaller orange text above 'HAF'. Below 'HAF' are three circular icons: a paint palette, a target, and a milk carton. To the right of these icons, the text 'Holiday Activities & Food' is written in bold black font. At the very bottom, a line of text reads: 'For more information about HAF please visit: [About the HAF programme](#) | North Somerset Council'.

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#HAF2026

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HAF NORTH SOMERSET
Holiday Activities & Food

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Easter HAF bookings will go live at 9am on Friday 13th March and can be booked via the [online booking system](#). Children and young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals can access up to 4 free sessions this Easter.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 4

Monday 16 to Friday 20 March	Learning Hub Functional Skills Maths Exams
Monday 16 to Friday 20 March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Monday 16 March	5.30pm Year 6 Parental Welcome Evening
Monday 16 March	Year 13 A-level Music Recital (all-day exam)
Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March	Year 10 Cambridge National Sports Studies Assessments
Tuesday 17 March	3.30pm Years 8 and 9 General Knowledge Quiz
Wednesday 18 March	Year 10 Mock Interview Day
Thursday 19 March	4pm – 7.30pm Year 9 Progress Evening
Monday 23 to Friday 27 March	Year 11 DT Mock Exam Week
Monday 23 to Friday 27 March	Book Fair in the School Library
Tuesday 24 March	Trip - NS Schools Dance Festival, Weston
Tuesday 24 March	Easter Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March	6.30pm Easter Concert
Wednesday 25 March	Y12 HE+ Programme trip to Kings of Wessex
Wednesday 25 March	Year 12 and 13 History trip to University of Bristol
Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March	Year 12 Mock Art Exam
Tuesday 31 March	6pm Parent Forum
Tue 31 March and Wed 1 April	Y11 GCSE Dance Choreography/Performance Exam
Wednesday 1 April	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations
Wednesday 1 April	4pm – 7.30pm Year 12 Progress Evening
Thursday 2 April	Spring Forward Dance competition trip (after school)
Friday 3 April	GOOD FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 6 to Friday 17 April	HOLIDAY

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