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23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. Whilst it has been a shorter week at Gordano this week it has continued to be very busy. Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks to our Senior Students (Year 13) who accompanied me to represent the school on Sunday evening in Portishead to mark Queen Elizabeth's reign in the national minute's silence. It was nice to meet members of the Portishead community and I look forward to continuing to develop further connections. Linked to this, having been supported on Sunday by our Senior Students, this week I have been exploring the provision for student leadership across the school with the member of staff overseeing the programme and gaining an understanding of the impact that our student groups have had helping to shape the school. I do value students supporting the Senior Team by exploring key themes through these leadership opportunities and look forward to working with our student leadership groups throughout the year.

Early School Closure - Thursday 29th September

Due to the Open Evening on Thursday 29th September, school will finish at 12.55pm for all students. We look forward to seeing many of our students returning later in the day to support the event by taking visitors on a tour of the school or helping in a faculty area. If your child would like to help and they have not yet taken a permission letter for you to sign, please encourage them to ask their tutor or House Head early next week. Please note that the Sixth Form independent study areas will also close at this time.

INSET DAY - Friday 30th September

Just a reminder that Friday 30th September is an INSET day.

Gordano Parent Network reminder

This event takes place at 5.30pm on Monday 26th September in the Dining Hall. The topic for this session is "Feelings of anxiousness and worry in your child".

Parents may also be interested to hear that there are still places available on OTR's next 7-week course which starts on October 19th: 'Shameless' is a series of workshops suitable for any young person impacted by issues around body image and self-esteem. More information about enrolment here: <https://otrnorthsomerset.org.uk/what-we-do/shameless/>

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Parent Communications

During the information evenings for parents over the last few weeks I explained that I believe that home, school, child communication is really helpful and important through your child's journey in school. I just wanted to share with you a reminder of the best way of communicating with us over the year as we recognise the importance of the support and communication we receive from our parent body. Hopefully, the following guidance will help to ensure communication is helpful for parents and manageable for our staff, allowing us to continue to work successfully together. We will endeavour to acknowledge your communication with the school within 24 hours and then respond within 3 working days of a contact form being completed (please do not contact staff on direct email addresses). The webform can be found [here](#) and we really appreciate your support in ensuring that communications are necessary and directed to the correct person. Our teaching staff teach classes throughout the day and often deliver extra-curricular clubs or have after-school commitments and therefore immediate communication can be challenging as I am sure you understand. Obviously, where the matter is urgent, staff will endeavour to either respond immediately themselves or pass the matter on to someone else to follow up.

Other avenues to find out information

- Class charts is a very useful source of information about your child. You can track your child's achievements and also any behaviour points, for example if your child is awarded an A0 or an A1 all the information you will need will be in your child's class charts area
- The [school website](#) also has a variety of information available. We are currently updating the curriculum area of the website so that parents can see in more detail the curriculum we teach
- The parent/ student handbook also holds a lot of information which can be looked at [here](#)

Uniform

It's been very pleasing to see so many of our students wearing their Gordano uniform and PE kit with pride. Please can we ask you to get in touch with your child's pastoral team if for any reason they are missing an item or items of their uniform. A reminder that any student wearing the incorrect uniform or missing a uniform item will be given two options:

1. Offered spare uniform to put on for that day
2. Parents/Carers will be contacted to either bring in the correct uniform/give permission for the student to go home and put on the correct uniform

If a student doesn't take one of the above options, they will be placed in the focus room for a full day and will be expected to complete a 20 minute after school detention on the same day. Please can we also remind you that you can also purchase uniform from our second-hand shop, please click on the link for more details www.uniformd.co.uk/gordanoschool We'd like to thank you in advance for your on-going co-operation and support.

PE Leggings

We have had some queries about what leggings are appropriate to wear during PE lessons. Students may wear the Gordano branded blue leggings, or any other plain blue leggings. Any logo should be small and discrete.

And finally...

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 girls football team who travelled to Millfield earlier this week for the first round of the National Cup, winning 6-1 – We were all very proud to hear how well they had done.

I wish you all a restful and relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Blundell', with a small flourish at the end.

Ms L Blundell
Headteacher