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18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Our students have done so well this week coping with the torrential downpours, but it has been very welcome to see the sunshine towards the end of the week. We are very lucky at Gordano to have a large dining hall and canteen, please do remind your children that these areas are, even in the rainy season, quite quiet during the second half of lunchtime so please encourage them to use this space if they do not want to be outside.

It was good to see so many of our Year 7 parents join us last night for our final year group information evening - please see [here](#) for a copy of the presentation.

Our Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard since they came back in September. It was good to see their focus yesterday morning as they delved into the walking talking mock in Maths and we look forward to our 'futures' conversations on Tuesday next week. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. We are very much hoping to see many of our Year 11s progress into our sixth form in September, so just a reminder that our sixth form open evening takes place on **Thursday 14th November** from **5.30-7pm**. Please come and have a look at the range of different courses we have available and the wider sixth form offer and support.

Successful start to the season for the Girls Football

Our Year 10 girls competed in the ESFA Football National Cup last Thursday. Following their incredibly successful journey through the tournament last year and reaching the semi-final against Shenfield, this is a team to watch! They won 3-0 with some fantastic football played and great show of camaraderie in this first game back. The goals really were team goals with everyone's effort involved to get the ball in the net.

The Year 9 girls competed in their second match of the ESFA Football National Cup against Kings of Wessex School last Wednesday. They also managed to secure a 3-0 win, after the close 3-2 win against Worle School in the first round. Another well-deserved win to celebrate.

The Year 7s take to their first game of the year and begin their journey representing Gordano on Thursday against Somervale in the Somerset County Cup.

We will keep you updated with all sporting information via the GordanoPE Twitter Account, please do join us.

Student Audiobook Platform

Our audiobook platform has been updated so that all Year 7 students now have access. Students in all year groups can access the platform by visiting the [school library page](#) on the website and following the 'How to access audiobooks' instructions.

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Result of Parent Governor Election

Following the ballot to elect two new parents to the school's Local Governing Body (LGB), I'm pleased to announce that Helen Hall and Joanna Humphreys will be joining the board as elected parent governors. The LGB constitution which includes a full list of governors can be found on the website [here](#).

Thank you to the parents who put themselves forward for this role. At a time when many schools are struggling to find governors, we feel very fortunate that we have parents who are prepared to support the school in a governance role.

Sustainable Portishead Half Term Activity

Portishead Town Council are encouraging children aged 10-14 years to take part in a project over the holidays to increase their knowledge around climate change and energy and find out more about the kind of home they live in, with the chance to win tickets to 'We the Curious'. Find out more information about the Energy Expo event and how to take part in the 'Sherlock Homes House Investigation' [here](#).

Polite Police Reminder about Halloween and Bonfire Night

Our local police have asked us to remind parents and students that any anti-social behaviour over these events will be followed up and encourage students to go to organised events and to be respectful of local residents.

They also ask us to remind students about the dangers - and the law - around buying and using fireworks. Please have conversations with your children about this. We will continue to flag these messages during our Monday broadcast.

Portishead Youth & Community Centre half term activities

During the October half term Portishead Youth & Community Centre is running a session for 8-12 year-olds that includes a workshop with Bristol Old Vic. Participants will then continue the day with making props, costumes, make up etc. The full day costs £41, while the morning workshop at the Old Vic is £26. Year 7 students interested in participating can find more details on their website www.portisheadyouthcentre.co.uk/events.

OTR North Somerset Portishead Hub

OTR are running a new Portishead Drop-In Hub at the Children's Centre on Monday afternoons. Please see this [poster](#) for more details.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 1

Monday 21st October	Year 11 Careers Trip to Weston College
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 GCSE Art Mock Exam
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 Futures Evening 2pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October	Year 11 GCSE Art Photography Mock Exam
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	HOLIDAY

Key Dates for Term 2

Monday 4th to Friday 8th November	GCSE Maths and English exams (Year 12 re-sits)
Tuesday 5th November	Year 7 Geography fieldwork trip to Street (group 1)
Monday 11th to Friday 15th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11th to Friday 15th November	Year 13 LOAF Week
Monday 11th to Friday 15th November	Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams
Wednesday 6th November	Year 7 Geography fieldwork trip to Street (group 2)
Wednesday 13th November	BIMA Digital Marketing Day (Key Stage 4)
Tuesday 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 1)
Wednesday 20th November	INSET Day
Thursday 21st November	Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 2)
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
Tuesday 26th November	Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 3)
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
Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term - 12.30pm finish for students
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January inclusive	HOLIDAY