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30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been one of celebration. It was a delight to spend Tuesday and Thursday evening at our Year 11 and Year 13 proms to celebrate the wonderful journey of our students through their time at Gordano School. For all our students it would have been the first Prom that they have attended and the atmosphere throughout both evenings was one of happiness and celebration – This was so well deserved after a long exam season, and we wish you all a fantastic summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you for results days in the summer.

### **Final Activities Week Reminders**

Next week is our annual activities week and I am delighted that we have been able to maintain as much of the week as possible. We hope that students are clear about where they need to be next week, and the meeting times and places for each of their trips or day activities.

I will be putting a reminder for Year 8 students on ClassCharts shortly.

For students who are based at school next week they will be taking part in a wide range of exciting teacher led activities. The day runs as normal, and students are asked to meet each day in the gym with Mr Snow at 8.45am to register (Year 7), with Mr Beesley in the Dining Hall at 8.45am (Year 8) and with me in the New Sports Hall at 8.45am (Year 9).

Students are expected to wear their own clothes that are suitable for the weather and comfortable/ appropriate for a range of activities including sports.

**Please note that school will be closed on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July for the base activities due to strike days.**

Base students who have paid to participate in Wild Place, Circomedia Activities or Adventure Bristol:

For base students who are participating in the Wild Place, Circomedia and Adventure Bristol activities these will still be going ahead (even on strike days).

**Wild Place:** Students need to meet at 9am in the Science Department (S2, S3, S4) to register with the trip leader and hand over any medicine. Collection from school at 3pm.

**Circomedia:** Students need to meet in the Sports Hall at Gordano School to register with Mrs Tipler. Collection from school at 2.40pm

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Please note the days for these activities below:

7B1, 7B2, 7C1, 7C2 – Wild Place Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Circomedia Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
7P1, 7P2, 7P3 – Circomedia Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Wild Place Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
7F1, 7L1, 7L2 – Wild Place Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Circomedia Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
7F2, 7S1, 7S2 – Circomedia Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Wild Place Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

### **School uniform online ordering**

To ensure all students are in uniform for the first day back at school in September, our online suppliers would like to remind parents that to ensure delivery before the start of the new school year they should place their orders before 1<sup>st</sup> August. Full details are in the flyer below:

[Price & Buckland Flyer](#)

### **Year 13 volunteering opportunity (and for Year 12 as they turn 18)**

We work closely with Off The Record (OTR) and they have just launched their first ever round of recruitment for North Somerset based Peer Navigators. These are young people aged 18-25 who volunteer to help staff OTR drop-in hubs, as well as getting involved in running some of the other projects they offer. This is a fantastic opportunity for a young person to experience what it is like to be part of a mental health charity and support other young people, whilst gaining valuable career experience and an AQA certificate in adolescent mental health.

Please see the link below for more details and how to apply.

<https://careers.otrbristol.org.uk/vacancies/1168/>

### **Apprenticeship opportunity with the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP)**

The LSP Team are seeking a full time (term time only) Central Team & CPD Administrator. This vacancy is suitable for someone wishing to complete a Business Administration Apprenticeship and could suit a current/former student. You can read more about the opportunity [here](#).

### **Portishead Youth Centre summer activities**

Please see below from Portishead Youth Centre;

Our summer holiday programmes for children aged 8+ are now open for bookings! Children aged 8-12 years can look forward to special trips to Mojo Active, Mountain View Ranch and Crealy, as well as Laser Tag, mini squash workshops and crabbing. Young people who will be in school year 7 from September 2023, up to the age of 17 can join us for our trips to London, Ninja Warrior, Cardiff inflatable water park, Thorpe Park, Pottery workshop and ice skating, plus much more!

Visit <https://portisheadyouthcentre.co.uk/clubs-activities/> for more information and a booking form. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

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### **Activities week and drop off/pick up**

The coach park off Clevedon Road that many of you use to drop off and pick up from is going to be extremely busy next week with coaches. We need to ask you to please drop off and pick up from outside the school site across the week for us to be able to maintain safety for all in the school community. There will be staff in the coach park directing the coach traffic, please always respect their instructions.

We cannot accommodate drop-offs and pick-ups elsewhere on the school site either. As always, our instructions remain that parents must not do this without prior school consent.

### **Safety on-line**

When students use school internet tools, we can safeguard content and access using our safeguarding filters and alerts, however, we are increasingly being contacted by parents concerned about students' use of social media outside school, and ask all parents to have conversations with their children and monitor their use of social media apps and 'digital footprint' and the appropriateness of any comments they post in these groups. For example, WhatsApp requires a minimum age of 16 but relies on the honesty of the child and family to adhere to the age restrictions. If you have decided - together with your child - that they can begin to use it, then it is important that you support them to do so safely. The NSPCC link below provides further information on WhatsApp:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

and more general online safety advice:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

We wish you a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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