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29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Since September we have been really proud of the effort and resilience shown by all of our students and especially our students in Year 11 and 13 who have a lot ahead of them this academic year. We wish all of our Year 11 students and Year 10 students taking RS the very best over the next two weeks as they embark on their mock exams, and a huge well done to the Year 11s who have completed their French/Spanish speaking mocks over the last week. Please see the announcement from Mr Beesley on ClassCharts for all the details and arrangements that are in place for the fortnight coming. Also, a reminder to our Year 11 students that the applications for Sixth Form are now open. You can find all the information that you need on the [school website](#).

### Flu Vaccinations Reminder

If you have not already done so, please complete the [consent form](#) for the flu vaccinations taking place on the following dates:

*Wed 11th December - Years 7 and 8*

*Thu 12th December - Years 9 and 10*

*Mon 16th December - Year 11*

Please complete this form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine, to assist Sirona with the planning of these sessions.

### Parent Forum postponed

Please note that the Parent Forum meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3rd December will be postponed until Tuesday 11th February 2025.

### Sixth Form RAG Week

This year the Sixth Form RAG week promises to be even bigger than previous years! Running from Monday 16th to Friday 20th December, the Sixth Form will be hosting a number of events and dress up themes throughout this final week of term to raise money for the Caring in Bristol and Cancer Research charities. Lower school students can also get involved by watching the Students Vs Staff Dodgeball game on Tuesday 17th and visiting the Christmas RAG fair on Wednesday 18th after their Christmas lunch. We will also be supporting Caring in Bristol by collecting donations of goods that will be delivered to the centre to support people experiencing homelessness this Christmas. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the two charities we are supporting, this can be made via ParentPay. All donations will be very much appreciated.

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### **Final reminder for Year 8 bookings for Activities Week 2025**

There are only a few days left to book a Year 8 place for your child for Activities Week 2025 before the 2nd December deadline. You can view the Year 8 brochure [here](#), and pay the deposit via [ParentPay](#) to secure your child's place. If you have any queries, please contact the [Trips Team](#).

### **Swimming Success**

Recently Radio Bristol came to visit Gordano School, where they interviewed our Head of PE, Emma Harradine and two of our elite swimmers, Jamie and Sam to talk about their experiences and successes of the sporting provision at Gordano and the journey of our amazing swim team as they head on the road to the ESS National Swim Finals. You can listen to the recording by clicking on the link below (20 mins 30 seconds in)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0k24tx8?partner=uk.co.bbc&origin=share-mobile>

Eight of our swimmers took part in the National relay finals in Birmingham on 16th November. This was a huge achievement and an opportunity to swim against the best schools and best swimmers in the country.

Both teams did themselves proud. Out of the top 30 teams, their final positions were as follows:

Senior boys medley relay - 17th  
Intermediate boys medley relay - 18th  
Senior boys freestyle relay - 27th  
Intermediate boys freestyle relay - 19th

### **Teatime Networking: Sports Focus**

Our 'Sports' teatime networking event last night was a great success, with representatives from SGS College, Bristol City Robins Foundation, and Portishead Academy of Gymnastics coming together to share their knowledge and expertise with our students. It was a great way for everyone to get inspired about future career pathways in sports. One student said, "It was great to meet people who work in sports and hear about all the opportunities out there!".

### **NSPCWT Survey**

North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together (NSPCWT), the local forum for parents and carers of children with SEND and additional needs, is undertaking its independent annual survey which seeks parents' experiences of using education, health and care services locally. The results of the survey will be shared with the local area SEND Improvement Board and support strategic leaders in understanding needs and planning services. The forum is encouraging all parents of children with additional needs and/or disability aged 0-25 to complete the survey, whether they have an Education Health & Care Plan, receive SEN Support, or are awaiting further support from services. Parents and carers who complete the survey can enter a draw to win one of eight Amazon E-vouchers, with a top prize of £100.

The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSPCWTSurvey2024>  
NSPCWT can be contacted via their [Facebook](#) page or via email at [admin@nspcwt.org](mailto:admin@nspcwt.org).  
The survey will close on 15th December 2024.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



**Ms L Blundell**  
**Headteacher**

### Key Dates for Term 2

Monday 2nd to Friday 13th December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 2nd December	Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam
Tuesday 10th December	Year 12 Art trip to Bath Art Exhibition and Gallery
Wednesday 11th December	Flu Vaccinations (Years 7 and 8)
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Textiles Mock Exam
Thursday 12th December	Flu Vaccinations (Years 9 and 10)
Monday 16th to Friday 20th December	Sixth Form RAG Week
Monday 16th December	Flu Vaccinations (Year 11)
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 17th December	Sixth Form Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	6.30pm 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