



28th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Appointment of new Deputy Headteacher

I am delighted to announce that Jonathan Mailey, currently Deputy Headteacher at Robert Blake Science College, Bridgwater, has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Gordano from September. Jonathan excelled in a very competitive field and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Arrangements are almost in place to cover the summer term in light of Danny McGilloway's departure at Easter and these will be clarified for parents and students next week.

With Louise Blundell (new Headteacher), Jonathan Mailey (new Deputy Headteacher) and Carolyn Tipler (serving Deputy Headteacher) I know that the school will be in the very best hands as it begins its next chapter in September.

Spring Concerts, 29th and 30th March

This week we see the performances of our Spring Concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets are on sale via Eventbrite on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gordano-school-spring-concerts-tickets-299047919377>

Talks by St. Giles Trust, Thursday 31st March

We have been given the opportunity to work with the charity St. Giles Trust, who do great work with young people in helping to raise awareness of, and prevent, Child Criminal Exploitation. The charity is coming into school on Thursday to work across our year 8 - 13 groups.

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Day for Ukraine and Sixth Form RAG Fair, Wednesday 6th April

On Wednesday 6th April we will be hosting a 'Day for Ukraine', combining it with our annual Sixth Form RAG Fair, to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee and show our solidarity with those affected by the terrible events unfolding in Ukraine. It will not be a full non-uniform day, but students will be able to wear blue and yellow items of clothing if they wish. More information to follow later in the week.

Early Closure, Thursday 7th April

School will finish at 3pm on Thursday 7th April for the Year 9 Progress Evening.

End of Term 4, Friday 8th April

The last day of term will be a full day, finishing at the normal time (2.35 / 2.40pm)

Planning for Activities Week, July 2022

The planning for this year's Activities Week has been particularly challenging this year due to the particularly complicated logistics of organising an 'entirely new' set of trips and activities. We are working to ensure that all arrangements are in place for a really successful week, but please accept our apologies if communications or responses to queries have been slower than you might hope. We have a team of staff working on each of the year-group schedules and will issue further communications as soon as we are able. We will also be writing separately today to Year 8 parents and carers, so please look out for that.

It has been a tough few days for the school community following the distressing news shared last week. Although very hard for us all, I have been so proud of the incredibly mature response of students, the composure of our staff and the support of the parent body at a very challenging time for us all. Yet again, the coming together of the Gordano community in a time of challenge has been such a reassurance and has made a real difference.

Kind regards



Tom Inman
Headteacher