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19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I want to start this week's update by passing on a huge thank you to all our students who have started their examinations this week for such a positive start to the exam season. Students' attendance, punctuality and approach has been excellent. We wish them all the best for week two of their examinations. Again, if your child needs any support during this period, please don't hesitate to contact their House Teams.

### **Year 9 HPV vaccinations second dose**

A reminder that the School Immunisation Team will be visiting Gordano on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to administer the second dose of the HPV vaccination to Year 9 students. Parents will have consented to the vaccine when their child received the first dose in Year 8 and will not need to complete another consent form. Any queries about these vaccinations should be directed to Sirona Care & Health – call 0300 124 5515 or email [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net).

### **Year 9 Achievement Review and Progress Evening**

Year 9 Progress Evening is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, and you will receive information in due course on how to book appointments with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress across the year.

Year 9 Achievement Reviews (AR) will follow in the week after Progress Evening. Your child's report will include information on their Target, Projected and Mock grades (in Maths, English and Science only), as well as their Effort and Behaviour for Learning scores, along with detailed information on how to interpret and understand the different grades.

Laura Harding is now on Maternity Leave and Adam Dickinson, Head of Portland House, will be covering her Assistant Head role, including the Director of Key Stage for Year 9. As your children progress into Year 10 in September 2023, David Beesley, Director of Key Stage for Years 10 and 11 takes on academic responsibility for them.

### **Bristol Young Heroes Awards 2023**

Mrs Thomas and Mrs Whaley were delighted to be able to attend the Nominees Evening for the Bristol Young Heroes Awards this week. Gordano are proud to have four students in the grand final on 7<sup>th</sup> July, and we wish Maisy and Ayla, Rhianna and Ted the best of luck!

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### **Pre-loved uniform shop**

A reminder that we run a [pre-loved uniform shop](#) online. The service runs entirely on donations. If you have any good, clean uniform and equipment that you would be happy to donate, we will gratefully have it. As a rule of thumb, if you would be happy to receive an item for your child's use, it will be in good enough condition for another child. Please ensure that any items of clothing that have been donated have been laundered and that name labels have been removed, if possible. Please drop any donations at Main Reception.

Items to donate:

- Any school logo items of clothing - blazers, jumpers, ties and all PE kit
- General uniform items – trousers, skirts. Please do not donate used shirts.
- Revision guides, textbooks, Scientific Calculators (please ensure that these are in good working order)

### **Year 11**

Year 11 students please remember that the Dining Hall is available from 8.15am before every morning exam. There is hot chocolate and toast available, along with the support from subject specialist staff. Also, just a reminder, students need to register at the start of each day with their tutor at 8.45am, and then go to their morning exam venues. If they have an afternoon exam, they go straight to the venues please.

Parents are reminded that Year 11 are expected to be in lessons or exams and to remain in school until half term. Please see the communications from Mr Beesley regarding the Revision Sessions after half term – please sign up using [this link](#).

### **Portishead Town Council Penny Coronation Festival**

This community event takes place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May - find more information [here](#).

Wishing you a restful and relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



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