



3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We were absolutely delighted to see so many of you at our Careers Convention last night. Our exhibitors all commented on the engagement of our young people and the research they had already carried out into future pathways. Slides from the college, apprenticeship and university presentations will be shared shortly.

We are really grateful to our superb Careers Team for organising this event. They can be contacted at careers@gordanoschool.org.uk for 1:1 appointments, advice to arrange Work Experience (Year 10, 12 and 13) or for post 16 and 18 choices.

Thank you also to Year 8 and Year 11 parents for attending the final information evenings of Term 1. Again, we do hope you found them useful. As promised, please find attached the presentations from both evenings.

[Year 8 Parent Information Evening](#)
[Year 11 Parent Information Evening](#)

The presentations from all of this term's information evenings are available on the website [here](#).

SEND Open Evening - 22nd October

Gordano School is delighted to invite all parents and carers of current and future pupils to 'An Evening of SEND', taking place on Wednesday 22nd October 5.30pm - 7.30pm. The event will provide valuable information, guidance and resources for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This is an opportunity to meet staff and discover the support available at Gordano, learn about resources and services that can help your child flourish, and connect with other parents and carers in the community. Representatives from many local organisations who provide invaluable support to young people and families will also be available to talk to you. You can find more information on our website [here](#), and there is no need to book - simply come along on the evening.

Activities Week 2026 - Year 9

The Year 9 Activities Week 2026 brochure is now live! It has been emailed to parents and carers, containing all the key information and instructions on how to sign up. You can also view the brochure on our website by clicking [here](#).

Look out for the Year 7 Activities Week launch coming next week.

Thank you from the PE Team

As the school currently has only one minibus, some parents of students in Years 9 and 10 have very kindly offered to drive a few boys to matches, which has enabled the whole squad of 20 plus students to get to rugby games. A huge thank you to those parents from Mr Reddrop, PE Team and me. It is very much appreciated.

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World Mental Health Day - 10th October

Once again, we will be promoting awareness of World Mental Health Day on 10th October and will be focusing on mental health through assemblies, tutor time activities and pop-ups. The focus for World Mental Health Day this year is the impact on young people of repeated exposure to news coverage of conflict and crisis.

We are asking students to wear one item of yellow on Friday 10th to promote awareness of supporting mental health.

The Student Health Guide (mentioned in last weeks' parent letter) has numerous resources on mental health. A link to the digital magazine has been made available to all students (now including an age-appropriate version for Years 7 and 8) via ClassCharts.

Data Protection - Privacy Notices

Gordano School Privacy Policies are available to view on the school website, please use this link:

[Gordano School - Policies & Statutory Documents](#)

Sports Centre activities for the whole community

The GoShine Sports Centre and Facilities at Gordano School in Portishead isn't just for students - it's a fantastic community facility available for everyone aged 16+. With affordable gym memberships starting at just £15 per month, a range of fitness classes and sports facilities for hire, as well as pay-as-you-go classes, there's something to suit everyone. Find more information [here](#).

Portishead Youth Centre

Activities on offer to young people this term include sports such as netball and football, a board games night and Friday drop-in sessions. You can see the full weekly programme [here](#).

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 1

Monday 6 October	Year 10 River Holford Geography Trip 1
Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day
Tuesday 7 October	Year 10 River Holford Geography Trip 2
Tuesday 7 October	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 8 October	Year 10 River Holford Geography Trip 3
Thursday 9 October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10 October	Hello Yellow Day
Monday 13 October	Year 13 Design & Technology Amalgam modelling trip

Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Wednesday 15 October	Year 11 Weston College Visit (Learning Hub)
Thursday 16 October	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip to Minehead
Tuesday 21 October	Year 11 GCSE Art Mock Exam
Tuesday 21 October	Year 11 Futures Evening
Wednesday 22 October	SEND Evening
Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 October	Year 11 GCSE Art Photography Mock Exam
Thursday 23 October	Year 11 BTEC Trip - Geography
Friday 24 October	Year 10/11 photo mop up session
Monday 27 to Friday 31 October inclusive	Holiday