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28th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week our Year 10 students participated in Mock Interviews; an initiative designed to give them invaluable experience in preparing for the workplace. Conducted in partnership with local businesses, the interviews offered a real-world insight into the recruitment process and helped students develop key skills for their future careers. The mock interviews were met with high praise from the local employers involved. Many commented on the impressive calibre and maturity of the students, highlighting their confidence, communication skills, and professional attitudes. A huge well done to our Year 10 students and our grateful thanks to our local business partners who gave a day of their time to support us with the process. We know that students really enjoyed the day.



It is also a timely reminder for any student who has not yet secured their Year 10 Work Experience placement for July.

We also thought you might like to hear some of the lovely comments from interviewers below - we are so grateful for community support at events like this:

- **Weston College** - *'ALL the students were amazing, very polite and friendly and it was a pleasure to attend!'*
- **Viper Innovations** - *'Very organised and students were prepared and professional, well done to the school, great event'*
- **Berry Rowan Recruitment** - *'The event is always well organised and everyone is helpful and friendly throughout. All students had CV's with them this year and I found them to be engaged in the process and impressive with their well thought out answers. Their ambition, confidence and overall commitment to the exercise, despite the initial nerves, was really refreshing.'*

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Keeping in Touch Surgeries next term

I hope that the communication in these weekly updates has been worthwhile and that we have enabled you to keep abreast of news including via our new [Termly Newsletters](#) and regular posts on our [Facebook page](#).

With such a large school community and a great many activities and events, Gordano is a busy and fast paced educational environment. In this context, we have structures in place to ensure any concerns or queries can be dealt with efficiently by the appropriate member of staff and the introduction of our Parent Mailbox this year has also aided this. Thank you for your support in utilising mailbox@gordanoschool.org to enable us to consistently manage your communications to us.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and I really do value getting to know the parents and carers of our school community. We are very happy to listen to any broader questions or concerns and ensure these concerns are resolved with the relevant member of staff.

To assist with this, we are delighted to introduce Keeping in Touch Surgeries which will launch in Term 5, with initial sessions running every Wednesday 4pm - 5pm in 15-minute slots with a member of SLT.

Details on how to book will be shared next week.

Incidents at Portishead Library building

We have been notified of a number of incidents at the end of last week where young people have breached the safety fencing and climbed on the scaffolding at the Portishead Library building. This scaffolding will be in place until the Easter weekend, and we ask parents to speak to their children about the risks of breaking into maintenance sites and climbing scaffolding. The unauthorised access triggered alarms set by contractors, and the incidents have been reported to the police.

Final Deadline for Activities Week Payments

Just a reminder that the final deadline for payments for Activities Week 2025 for all year groups is **Monday 31st March**. Please log on to [ParentPay](#) to make any outstanding payments. If you have any questions, please contact the [Trips Team](#).

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the book fair last week. It raised £161 worth of book commission for the school library.

Changes to recycling and waste collections in North Somerset

North Somerset Council have asked us to share with parents that they are introducing a new reuseable red recycling bag, collecting a wider range of recycling materials, launching a new app, and switching black bin collections from fortnightly to three-weekly later this year. To find out more scan the QR code below or visit the website [here](#).

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend!

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher



Making recycling easier

Things are **changing** in 2025

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www.n-somerset.gov.uk/threeweekly

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Key Dates for Term 4

Monday 31st March to Wednesday 2nd April	Year 10 GCSE Drama Performance Exam
Tuesday 1st April	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April	Year 11 Dance Choreography and Performance Exam
Thursday 3rd April	4pm - 7.30pm Year 12 Progress Evening
Friday 4th April	Year 13 Drama trip to Bristol Old Vic
Monday 7th to Friday 18th April inclusive	HOLIDAY

Key Dates for Term 5

Monday 21st April	EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th April	Year 11 GCSE Textiles Practical Exam
Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th April	Year 13 A-Level MFL Speaking Exams
Wednesday 23rd April	Year 7 General Knowledge Quiz
Thursday 24th April	Year 13 A-level Music Composition Arrangement Exam
Thursday 24th April	3.30pm - 4.30pm Careers Teatime Networking
Thursday 24th April	4pm - 7.30pm Year 8 Progress Evening
Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 28th April to Wednesday 30th April	Year 13 A-Level Textiles Exam

Monday 28th April to Thursday 1st May	GCSE Art and Photography Exam
Monday 28th April	Dance Show Technical Rehearsal
Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th April	7pm Dance Showcase
Thursday 1st May	Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 2nd May	Sixth Form May Day Challenge
Friday 2nd May	Year 11 Celebration Day (Year 11 students finish school at midday)
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6th to Wednesday 7th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition Group A
Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th May	Year 13 A-Level Art Exam
Tuesday 6th to Wednesday 7th May	Year 12 Mock Art Exam
Thursday 8th to Friday 9th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition Group B
Thursday 8th May	Start of GCSE written exams
Thursday 8th May	5pm - 7pm Year 6 Parental Information Evening
Thursday 9th May	Year 13 Leavers' Celebration
Monday 12th May	Start of A-Level written exams
Tuesday 13th May	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 14th May	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations
Thursday 15th May	4pm - 7.30pm Year 10 Progress Evening
Monday 19th May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 1
Tuesday 20th May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 2
Wednesday 21st May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 3
Wednesday 21st May	Year 12 UWE Business Day
Thursday 22nd May	Year 12 Trip to Oxford University for potential Oxbridge entrants
Thursday 22nd May	6pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May inclusive	HOLIDAY