13th November 2026

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

What a fantastic evening we enjoyed last night at our annual Sixth Form Open Evening. It was a pleasure to welcome so many Year 11 students and their families to explore everything our Sixth Form has to offer. We hope visitors left with a real sense of the opportunities, experiences and community that make Gordano Sixth Form such a special place to study and grow. A huge thank you goes to our staff and current Sixth Form students whose enthusiasm, professionalism and willingness to share their experiences helped make the event such a success.

I would also like to thank our students for the respect and maturity they showed during the two-minute silence on Remembrance Day. In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Hinchliffe and Bethan for their beautiful rendition of the Last Post, which added a poignant and memorable element to our commemoration. Thank you, too, to all of the students who proudly wore their formal uniforms, including those representing the cadets, Scouts and other uniformed organisations. Your participation helped make the occasion especially meaningful.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

PSHE BULLETIN FOR TERM 2

The bulletin below gives an outline of what each year group will be studying in PSHE lessons in November and December 2026. If you have any queries about PSHE themes or topics please contact us via mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk and mark your email for the attention of your child's Head of House or Miss Trevethan, Head of PSHE & Ethics.

PSHE Bulletin November- December

Students in all year groups study **core** Ethics & PSHE. Each year students will study 3 units:

1. Bodies and Boundaries
2. Philosophy and Belief
3. Citizenship and society

Where else can I go for help and support?

- Your Head of House, tutor or PSHE teacher
- The Resilience Box (more on this from Mrs Thomas soon)
- The NSPCC and NHS Websites
- Kooth
- Your PSHE teacher will always let you know of other support available for specific topics

Things coming up in extended tutor time and assemblies:

- Fire safety
- Remembrance
- Anti-bullying
- Train safety
- Gratitude

NSPCC kooth

Below is an outline of what each year group will be studying between September – October 2025. You will notice some similar topics and themes across year groups. This is deliberate to build upon learning and ensure age appropriateness of content. Any queries please contact your Head of House or Miss Trevethan, Head of PSHE &Ethics.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
- Puberty - Hygiene - Figures in the Old Testament - Prophethood - Eve - Abraham - Moses - Deborah - Ruth - Naboth - David	- Phones - Periods - Chatbot and AI - Phone addiction - Sleep - Islam - The 5 Pillars - Muhammad - Mosques - Men, women and family in Islam - Religious symbols and dress	- Ways of viewing identities including gender identity - Intersex conditions - Love languages - Conflict resolution - Consent - Online grooming - Upskirting - Contraceptives - Condom demonstration	- Pornography and body image - Sexual Health - Endometriosis/ PMOS/ Erectile function - Breast and testicular cancer - Basic life support - Organ transplants - IVF - Dignity/ sanctity of life - Euthanasia	- Anonymous question box on sexual health and relationships - Forgiveness - UK Laws - Concepts of Justice

** If your year 7 or year 8 class is shared between two teachers, your unit order might look slightly different. Please contact your teachers or Miss Trevethan for details.



PHOTOGRAPHS – YEARS 7, 10 & 11

The Year 11 individual photos will be available to order shortly, the group photo will be available to order in January. There will be an additional photography session taking place during tutor time on Friday 11th December for Year 11 students who missed the original date. This session is also open to students in Years 7, 10 and 11, if your child was absent for their school photo in Term 1, please email mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk for them to be added to the student list.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – VEHICLE ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL SITE

For the safety of all our students, parents, carers and staff, we kindly remind everyone that vehicles should not enter the school site to drop off students in the morning or collect them at the end of the school day.

Unless you have made a specific arrangement with the school, please ensure that alternative arrangements are made for dropping off and collecting your child outside the school grounds. This is an important safety measure to help protect everyone on site and reduce congestion during busy drop-off and collection times. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us to keep our school community safe.

RETURN OF THE MASKED SINGER EVENT

Can you guess which teacher is hiding behind the mask? Get ready for fantastic performances, fun and lots of laughs.

Students - gather your friends, make your predictions, and join us for one of the most exciting lunchtime events of the year!

Tickets are just £2 and available NOW on ParentPay. All proceeds support our House Championship Fund.

Who will be unmasked? See you there to find out!



NORTH SOMERSET HAF (HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD) BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

There have been some changes to HAF eligibility – information below.

HAF Eligibility
HAF-funded activities are available to school-aged children who attend a North Somerset school and meet the **Targeted Free School Meals (FSM)** eligibility criteria.

There is a recognition that some families experience additional challenges or vulnerabilities and access to activities, food and positive experiences during the school holidays would make a real difference. There is a 15% discretionary allocation available to support children and families who may not meet the core eligibility criteria but would benefit from accessing HAF provision.

Winter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Bookings
There are lots of exciting activities available across North Somerset this Winter, including ice skating, theatre trips, multi-sports, gymnastics, family swimming, gym sessions, arts and crafts, Mendip Activity Centre experiences and other festive activities.

Families can view the activities and make bookings through the EEQU booking page: https://eequ.org/northsomersethaf

BREAKFAST AVAILABLE IN THE DINING HALL EVERY MORNING

With the weather getting colder, students arriving at school early might like to warm up with our breakfast offer, designed to give students the perfect start to their morning! A range of breakfast items are available to purchase in the Dining Hall every morning from 8am, along with free porridge pots. Please see the breakfast menu on the Gordano School - Dining webpage for details.





www.ticketsource.com/gordano-school

This week our targeted reading interventions are underway for Year 7. If your child is involved, please look out for an email and please ask them about how their first session went.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



KS4

A high-concept speculative thriller that takes the best of BLACK MIRROR and SEVERANCE to explore surveillance, capitalism, AI ethics and social inequality.

READING AT HOME

Don't forget the school's platform which gives students free access to a wide range of audiobooks. All the information needed can be found HERE.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

Wednesday 11 to Thursday 19 November	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 16 to Thursday 19 November	Functional Skills English Exams
Tuesday 17 November	Year 11 Textiles Mock Exam
Thursday 19 November	Years 10/11 General Knowledge Quiz
Thursday 19 November	Tutor Evening
Friday 20 November	INSET Day 4
Monday 23 November to Friday 4 December	Year 11 Mock Exams Weeks
Wednesday 25 November	Careers Teatime Networking
Thursday 26 November	SENDCo Surgery
Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 December	Year 11 GCSE Mock Art Exam
Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 December	Year 11 GCSE Mock Photography Exam
Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 December	Christmas Concert
Thursday 10 December	SENDCo Surgery
Monday 14 to Friday 18 December	Sixth Form RAG Week
Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 December	Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam
Tuesday 15 December	Sixth Form Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16 December	Year 7 - 11 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 December	A-Level Certificate Evening
Friday 18 December	Last Day of Term - 12.30pm finish for students
Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027 inclusive	Holiday

FREE JUDO COURSE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

6-week Women's & Girls' Judo Beginners Course

6th January – 10th February 2027

✅ All 6 weeks of training FREE
✅ Judo kit provided
✅ No experience needed
✅ Women and Girls aged 12+

Interested? Complete our short application form to register your interest.
12 participants will be selected to take part completely free of charge!



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