



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

It was wonderful to celebrate the end of the Year 11 exam season with the shirt signing event on Monday. We have been so impressed by the way Year 11 have navigated an intense schedule of exams, calmly, diligently and with real resilience. We look forward to welcoming them back for Year 12 Bridging Day on Monday and then to their final (and for many the most exciting!) celebration with the Ashton Gate Prom on Tuesday evening.

Similarly, the last Year 13 Exam was on Wednesday so we will be joining this brilliant year group to mark the end of seven years of secondary school at their prom on Thursday.

The end of these formal exams has coincided with the Year 10 mock exams and the Year 12 end of year exams. Year 10s can be seen around the school site in social times with flash cards and textbooks, quizzing one another; their commitment to doing their best has been truly impressive. Year 12 return back to lessons after two weeks of study leave to support their exams, and are busy preparing for their Futures week, of post 18 preparation and Work Experience. We are so proud of all our KS4 and 5 students and the way they are expectational role models for our younger year groups.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Blundell".

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

UNIFORM CHANGE DUE TO HOT WEATHER

The weather forecast suggests temperatures look set to reach 30 degrees again next week, and so we will be offering students the option of wearing their Gordano PE kit to school to ensure their comfort and wellbeing. This will take effect from Monday for the whole of next week and we will continue to review the situation and will advise parents when students need to return to normal uniform.

If students are not wearing the correct uniform or PE kit, this will need to be corrected and this may result in you receiving a call or students being sent home, therefore please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform/PE kit.

KEEPING TEENS SAFE ONLINE

Online safety guidance tends to group all under-18s together, which means it's often too broad to be genuinely useful, especially with teenagers.

Younger children may accept boundaries set by adults without much pushback. Adolescents are different. As they develop their own sense of agency, well-intentioned advice from parents and teachers can quickly become background noise. Getting teenagers to follow online safety guidance is one challenge; getting them to internalise it is quite another.

Bitdefender has published some practical thinking on how to approach this with teenagers specifically. Find out more by following the link below:

[How to keep teens safe online](#)

MASKED SINGER EVENT - 10TH JULY

A reminder that tickets are still available for the much anticipated second Masked Singer Event taking place on Friday 10th July in the Main Hall at lunchtime. Students can watch a series of fun performances and try to guess which member of staff is behind the mask.

Tickets are available at a cost of £2 via ParentPay. All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the House Championship Fund.

The talent at the first event was incredible; you can see some videos on our website here: [Gordano School - House Captains Lead the Way with Spectacular Staff 'Masked Singer' Event](#)

YOUNG CARERS AT GORDANO SCHOOL

At Gordano School, we recognise that some students have additional responsibilities caring for a family member or sibling. We are committed to ensuring young carers feel supported, understood and able to succeed. A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who helps look after a family member which might involve practical help, emotional support or caring for siblings. If any of this sounds like you, please visit our website [here](#) which outlines the support that is available to all our Young Carers.

PARENT FORUM - TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026

The last Parent Forum for this academic year will be held on Tuesday 7th July 2026, 6pm - 7pm. Please add any ideas for items you wish to discuss to this [form](#) and submit by Friday 26th June 2026.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

A reminder that parents can still make voluntary donations via ParentPay to support Parents in Partnership at Gordano School. Thanks to your generosity, we are almost at our target to purchase outdoor furniture for students to enjoy during breaks and lunch time. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us get closer to creating this valuable space for our students.

GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

Visit the [Summer Savings website](#) for information on new measures coming into effect this summer to reduce the cost of days out, travel and getting around for families with children. Find information on reduced VAT on children's days out, free bus travel for children in August, ideas for free and low-cost things to do this summer, and details of wider cost of living support.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHANGES

From September, the government is expanding the eligibility criteria for free school meals. We wrote to families recently with initial details, however there is now further information available on the Lighthouse Schools Partnership website. We would strongly encourage all parents to review this information and apply if they believe they meet the new criteria. FAQs can be found here [Lighthouse Schools Partnership - Changes to Free School Meals - September 2026](#). The links below provide further information on the changes and how to apply:

[CHANGES TO FSM](#)

[CHANGES TO FSM - How to apply](#)

To apply online (preferred method) please follow this link:

[Free school meals | North Somerset Council](#)

Alternatively, there is a paper application form if required:

[LSP-Free-School-Meals-Application-Form.393243167.docx](#)

If you have any queries around this process, please contact Charlotte Thomas (Assistant Head Inclusion KS4) via mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk

TEMPORARY CLOSURES AT TWO COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Portishead Town Council would like to inform you of upcoming temporary closures at two community facilities while essential maintenance works are carried out.

- The **Slade Road Play Area** will be temporarily closed on **Tuesday 23 June and Wednesday 24 June** to allow for maintenance of the equipment.
- The **Lake Grounds Skate Park** will be closed from **Monday 22 June to Thursday 25 June** for essential maintenance works to be completed. These works are important to help keep the skate park surface in good condition for everyone to enjoy.

All works are weather dependent and may be subject to change.

YEAR 10 - LAUNCH OF 'MY CHILD AT SCHOOL' PARENT PORTAL

As part of our recent transition to BromCom, we will shortly be making the accompanying parent portal My Child At School (MCAS) available to parents and carers in Year 10. This will enable you to view your child's timetable, attendance and reports and update your contact details held by school. You will be kept informed if any additional modules are added to MCAS going forwards.

MCAS is already available for Years 7-9, we will be rolling the system out to individual year groups during Term 6. Year 10 Parents and Carers will receive an email on Monday 22nd June with details of how to access MCAS. Please contact mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk with any queries.

OUR TIDE STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Students in Years 10 to 13 are invited to sign up for the OurTide free workshop. Please see the flyer below or the [webpage](#), and use the QR code or [this link](#) to sign up.

Curious about Tidal Energy in the Severn Estuary?

Join us for a day of science and technology activities and learn more about renewable energy...right on your doorstep!

Open to students in Years 10-13.

**Tuesday 1st Sept, 10:00am
– 3:00pm
Clevedon Sailing Club, BS21 7QU**



Sign up to secure your free place!



CAN YOUR BUSINESS HELP US TO RAISE MONEY – AT NO EXTRA COST TO THEM?

Do you own a business or work for a company that makes regular online purchases? Gordano School can now benefit from easyfundraising Business Buys, a simple way for businesses to raise free donations through everyday spending. Whether it's office supplies, IT equipment, travel bookings, accommodation or maintenance supplies, thousands of suppliers will donate to Gordano School when you shop via easyfundraising, at no extra cost to you. Staff can also sign up individually for their own online shopping too. We are currently fundraising for outdoor furniture and supplies for our Nurture Garden and would be so grateful for your support. Sign up here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gordano-sch/>

Please remember to install the browser extension so you never miss a donation opportunity (it will automatically pop up and remind you whenever you're shopping with a participating retailer, making it quick and easy to support Gordano School with every purchase) [Gordano School - Please Support Gordano School Through Your Online Shopping.](#)

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DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN HIRE OUR OUTSTANDING FACILITIES?

Our school offers a variety of spaces available for hire, suitable for everything from meetings and workshops to sports events, creative and community activities. Alongside classrooms and multipurpose rooms, we have specialist areas including drama and dance studios, cookery spaces, and a large hall with a stage ideal for performances or events.

For more information, see [Facilities to Hire at Gordano School](#) or contact info@Go-Shine.uk.



FACILITIES FOR HIRE

AT GORDANO SCHOOL

- Astro / 3G Pitch
- Grass Pitches
- Sports Halls
- Gymnasium
- Squash Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Meeting Rooms
- Cookery Rooms
- Lecture Theatre
- Hall with Performance Stage

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

Monday 22 June	Year 12 Bridging Day
Tuesday 23 June	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 25 June	Year 13 Ball at The Bristol Hotel
Friday 26 June	Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Years 7 - 9 Activities Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 10 WEX Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 12 Futures Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold expedition - Snowdonia
Wednesday 1 July	5.30pm - 6.30pm Year 12 UCAS Parent Info Evening
Monday 6 to Friday 10 July	Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams
Tuesday 7 July	Year 6 Induction Day
Tuesday 7 July	Weston College Taster Day trip
Tuesday 7 July	6pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 July	Sports Day preliminary events
Thursday 9 July	Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 9 July	Year 12 Silly Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 9 July	Year 12 A-level Arranging Music mock exam
Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Weds 15 and Thur 16 July	Creative Arts & DT Festival
Thursday 16 July	Reserve Date for Sports Day
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of term for students - 12.30pm finish
Thursday 23 July to Wednesday 2 September	SUMMER HOLIDAY

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