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2nd August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good start to the summer holiday. I am writing to you today to outline the arrangements for the start of the new term. We very much look forward to welcoming your child into their new year group and hope you find the information below a useful starting point in helping your child prepare.

Monday 2nd September – INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd September – INSET Day

Wednesday 4th September – Year 7 and Year 12 only

Year 7: We ask Year 7 students to arrive in full school uniform at **8.45am** and go to the Main Hall where they will be welcomed by staff. Year 7 students do not require PE kit on their first day. Students will have an assembly at the start of the day and then take part in several orientation exercises to help them find their way round the school and settle in. After lunchtime, Year 7 students will have their first lessons. During the day students will also have their school photograph taken and biometrics will be set up for the canteen system if we have permission.

Year 12: Year 12 students should arrive at **8.35am** and make their way promptly to the Sixth Form Common Room. They will be met by the Sixth Form team and will be registered, pick up their timetables, collect their lanyards and be given a time slot to have their photo taken if this was not done during Bridging Week in June. Some students may need their fingerprints taken to use biometric payment – we will advise them how and when to do this. Students then proceed to their assembly in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre. During the day Year 12 students will have time with their tutor. Students will be allowed to sign out at lunchtime if they have no lessons timetabled for periods 5 or 6 (the Sixth Form elective programme runs on Wednesday afternoons but will not be starting for two weeks).

Thursday 5th September

Year 7 – We ask Year 7 students to join us on Thursday 5th September at **10.45am** (Breaktime). This allows us to run our induction programme for the older year groups in the morning session and it also gives Year 7 students a slightly later start following their busy induction day. After breaktime, students will go directly to their lesson which they have on their timetable for Period 3 that day. Staff will be supporting students who are unsure where to go.

Years 8 to 11 – Students need to arrive at **8.40am** in full school uniform, ready to go to their tutor bases promptly at 8.45am. Students are required to wear full school uniform on their first day and will not require a PE kit. Students will have an extended tutor time in the morning which will also include a welcome back and expectations assembly and lessons will start from period 3 that day.

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Students should have been made aware of any new tutors or tutor bases already, but details will also be posted on the doors of the Student Centre and at the In/Out doors at the start of term in September.

Year 12: to arrive at **10.45am (Breaktime)**, ready for the start of their lesson at 11.15am

Year 13: to arrive at **8.55am** in the Sixth Form Hall for their induction assembly

Gordano School - Timings of the School Day 2024-2025		
All Students Years 7-13		
	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu	Fri
Registration	8.40	8.40
P1	9.05	9.15
P2	9.55	10.05
Breaktime	10.45	10.55
P3	11.15	11.20
P4	12.05	12.10
Lunchtime	12.55 (bell at 1.35)	1.00 (bell at 1.40)
P5	1.40	1.45
P6	2.30	XXX
End	3.20 (Year 7 & 8 at 3.15)	2.35 (Year 7 & 8 at 2.30)

Uniform Information and Expectations

To view the detailed information regarding school uniform please follow [this link](#) to a letter from Mr Mailey. We look forward to seeing students arrive in full school uniform at the start of term.

As a reminder, please be advised that nose piercings, including clear retainers, are not permitted for years 7-11. Nose piercing can take several months to heal, so we request that parents do not permit their children to have this done until the end of Y11 as they will need to be removed daily for school.

There has been a significant increase in the amount of nail varnish and false nails being worn to school. A reminder to parents and carers that these are not permitted in years 7-11, so please ensure that your child does not return to school in September wearing nail varnish or false nails.

Lunchtime and Canteen arrangements

The [new menu for Autumn/Winter](#) is now available for Terms 1, 2 and 3, and you can find more information about our catering offer, including a reminder for students to bring a refillable drinks bottle to school, on the [Dining page](#) of the website.

Equipment List

Essential:

- minimum two pens (blue/black ink)
- ruler
- pencils
- eraser
- protractor
- pair of compasses
- scientific calculator
- reading book
- water bottle

Desirable:

- highlighters
- glue stick
- pencil sharpener

Please note that Tippex or any other correcting fluid is not permitted in school.

Parental Information Evenings in September

In the new academic year, we will be hosting parent information evenings for each year group. Please find below the relevant dates for your diary. We will send further details nearer the time.

- Thursday 12th September Year 12 in the Sixth Form Hall
- Monday 16th September Year 9 in the Main Hall
- Tuesday 17th September Year 10 in the Main Hall
- Thursday 19th September Year 13 in the Sixth Form Hall
- Monday 30th September Year 8 in the Main Hall
- Tuesday 1st October Year 11 in the Main Hall
- Thursday 17th October Year 7 in the Main Hall

We look forward to welcoming your child to school at the beginning of the academic year.

Yours faithfully



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 1

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September	INSET Days
Wednesday 4th September	Years 7 and 12 only at school for 8.45am
Wednesday 4th September	School Photographs for Year 7
Thursday 5th September	Years 8 to 11 and Year 13 at school for 8.45am Years 7 and 12 at school for 10.45am
Thursday 5th September	School Photographs for Year 10
Friday 6th September	Year 12 and 13 Electives Launch
Thursday 12th September	Year 12 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Monday 16th September	Year 9 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Tuesday 17th September	Year 10 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Wednesday 18th September	Sixth Form Autumn Electives begin (lessons 5 & 6 on Wednesdays)
Thursday 19th September	Year 13 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Thursday 26th September	European Day of Languages
Thursday 26th September	Year 6 Open Evening (school finishes at 2.30pm)
Friday 27th September	INSET Day
Monday 30th September	Year 8 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Tuesday 1st October	Year 11 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Thursday 3rd October	Gordano Careers Convention 6pm - 8pm
Friday 4th October	Year 6 Open Morning 9.45am - 11am
Monday 7th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 1)
Tuesday 8th October	Parent Forum 6pm
Wednesday 9th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 2)
Wednesday 9th October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11th October	Hello Yellow Day
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October	Year 11 GCSE History Trip to Munich
Monday 14th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 3)
Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Thursday 17th October	Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Minehead/Porlock Weir
Thursday 17th October	Year 7 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 GCSE Art Mock Exam
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 Futures Evening 2pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October	Year 11 GCSE Art Photography Mock Exam
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	HOLIDAY