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22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

At the start of term 1 we launched our new communications system of operating a monitored email account. Thank you to all parents who are now using the mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk email account to contact the school. Please do continue to use this as the main method of email contact. You can find further details on the 'contact us' part of the school website - [Gordano School - Contact Us](#)

Lundy House Charity Events

On Friday 29th November Lundy House are holding a fundraising day for their chosen charity DeafBlind UK. Students can join the fun with these activities:

Wear a purple top: Students can bring in £1 and wear a purple top to show support

Raffle & Bake Sale: At breaktime students can buy a tasty treat and enter the raffle to win exciting prizes

Staff vs Student Dodgeball: At lunchtime students take on the staff in a dodgeball match, tickets will be sold at the door

Christmas Concerts 17th and 18th December at 6.30pm

Join us at the Gordano School Christmas Concert for an evening filled with festive music, joyful performances, and holiday cheer! The Jazz Band, Drumline, Barbieshop and many more performers look forward to welcoming you.

Tickets are £5 (£2 for students) and are available to book in advance [here](#), or you can pay on the door.

Year 8 Places still available for Activities Week 2025

Year 7 and 9 residential bookings are now closed; however, we've been able to extend the deadline for the Year 8 day-trips and experiences offered for Activities Week 2025. There's still time to pay the deposit via [ParentPay](#) to secure your child's place until Monday 2nd December. Take a look at the Year 8 brochure [here](#). Please contact our [Trips Team](#) with any queries.

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Local Governing Body Update

Following recent parent governor and staff governor elections and some new appointments to the board, below is a list of the current Gordano School local governing body. Further information, including meeting dates, constitution and terms of office, can be found on the [Governors page](#) of the website, or queries can be directed to the Clerk to Governors, Sarah Vincent clerktogovernors@gordanoschool.org.uk.

Neil Willey - Chair of Governors

Louise Blundell - Headteacher

Sarah Packer - Vice Chair and Designated Governor for Disadvantaged Students

Helen Hall - Designated Governor for SEND

Greg Garrett - Parent Governor

Nathalie Kenyon - Parent Governor

Joanna Humphreys - Parent Governor

Claire Hargreaves - Community Governor

Mike Jones - Community Governor

Rebecca Collis - Community Governor

Kate Lee-Wells - Community Governor

Tanya Beer - Community Governor

Nichola Muir - Staff Governor

Pre-loved Uniform

Our pre-loved uniform shop has been refreshed with the latest donations. We have a wide variety of blazers, PE kits, shirts, trousers, skirts and ties. Additionally, we offer revision guides, some of which are brand new and others are the current recommended editions.

To explore our shop, please visit our website [here](#). All orders can be collected by parents or students from Main Reception.

We also welcome donations of good condition uniform. However, please note that PE hoodies and skorts are no longer part of the PE kit and should not be donated.

GCSE Pod

GCSE Pod are offering a parent webinar on supporting your child with exams. Although this is not until Thursday 27th February 2025, registration is open now. There is also a webinar for students on exam readiness on Thursday 6th March 2025 and one specifically for Year 10 students on Friday 21st March 2025 in preparation for their Year 10 mocks. We strongly recommend students and parents in Year 10 and 11 take advantage of this resource and sign up by following this link: [GCSEPod webinars for Teachers, Parents and Students](#).

Congratulations also to all of our Year 11 musicians who have been diligently recording their performance coursework over the last two weeks.

School Catering Update - Pizzas

One of our most popular grab and go items with students is the pizza, and we understand that the nutritional value in this option is sometimes questioned by parents. Aspens have asked us to make parents aware that their pizzas are made in-house with low sodium bases and 'hidden' vegetables in the sauce. Nutritionist data confirms the in-house pizza has 40% less calories, 329% less salt, 552% less sugar and 44% less saturated fat content compared to a typical high-street pizza, and also confirms that it meets school food standards for portion sizes and the appropriate balance of carbohydrates and protein.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 2

Monday 25th to Friday 29th November	Year 11 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Wednesday 27th November	Careers Teatime Networking
Thursday 28th November	Year 9&10 UPS trip to Weston-super-Mare Fire Station
Monday 2nd to Friday 13th December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 2nd December	Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam
Tuesday 3rd December	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 4th December	Year 9 Travel & Tourism trip (group 1)
Tuesday 10th December	Year 9 Travel & Tourism trip (group 2)
Tuesday 10th December	Year 12 Art trip to Bath Art Exhibition and Gallery
Wednesday 11th December	Flu Vaccinations (Years 7 and 8)
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Textiles Mock Exam
Thursday 12th December	Flu Vaccinations (Years 9 and 10)
Monday 16th to Friday 20th December	Sixth Form RAG Week
Monday 16th December	Flu Vaccinations (Year 11)
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 17th December	Sixth Form Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	6.30pm Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18th December	Year 7 - Year 11 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	5pm - 6pm A-Level Certificate Evening
Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term - 12.30pm finish for students
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January inclusive	HOLIDAY