

Gordano Learning

Director of Year 9: Mr Dickinson

Learning Update

Year 9 have continued to impress us this term with their effort and engagement both in the classroom and beyond. Their first Achievement Review of the year went home this week: we will be seeking feedback from parents and students in term 3 in relation to the new effort descriptors.



Wednesday 12th and 13th of December saw several Year 9 students on stage as part of this year's Christmas concert. The talent, dedication and camaraderie on display across year groups was inspiring and uplifting: huge thanks and congratulations to all involved and to parents and carers for their support.

Moving outdoors, Gordano has just been awarded the highest number of Duke of Edinburgh starters in the South-West, with 196 Year 9 students embarking on their bronze award. We look forward to hearing about their progress on their various expeditions in 2024.



Whilst students might not want to think about Term 3 now, please find on the next page an overview of topics across the curriculum for terms 3 and 4. A reminder that we come back on Thursday 4th January, week 1. In the meantime, we wish all Gordano families a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Key Dates

Thursday 4th January: Term 3 starts

Friday 9th February: Term 3 ends

19th/20th February: INSET Days

March 5th- 8th: School Production

Year 9 Learning: Terms 3 and 4

Subject	Term 3	Term 4
English	Trends in literature Short stores and extracts from Shakespeare's' plays	
Maths	Percentages; Loci and Constructions; Assessment 2 & TRIO	Perimeter & Area; Sequences & Graphs
Science	Biology B2 Including Diffusion, Osmosis, Cell differentiation, Circulatory System and Transpiration. Chemistry continue C2 Including Purity, separating mixtures and Bonding Physics Continue P1 and P3 Including Changes of state, Pressure, Static and charge and Simple circuits	
Ethics (including PSHE)	For PSHE please also see letters about specific topics from the Head of Department which will be sent home in advance Ethics & PSHE Relationships Community	For PSHE please also see letters about specific topics from the Head of Department which will be sent home in advance Ethics & PSHE Community
RS (Twilight)	Christian beliefs	Christian Practices Relationships
History	British Civil Rights Tudors Stalin's Russia	1920s America
Geography	Changing Climate and Resource Reliance	Resource Reliance
Travel and Tourism	Travel and Tourism Organisations	Travel and Tourism Organisations
French/Spanish	Life at school	My hobbies
Dance	Dance styles	Group performance
Drama	Inspector Calls: The Performer	Performing a Monologue
Music	Queen: 'Killer Queen' and Melody	Queen: 'Killer Queen' and Structure
Product Design	Depending on which class students are in they will be studying one of these topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pewter Casting 3D Printing Bird Box 	Depending on which class students are in they will be studying one of these topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pewter Casting 3D Printing Bird Box
Graphic Design	Card Modelling	3D Printing
Food and Nutrition	Making Food Choices	Diet and Good Health
Textiles	Youth Culture hoodies	Youth Culture hoodies
Creative i-Media	Design Principles	Producing Design Documentation
Computing	Algorithms and computational logic	Programming Techniques
Core PE	Hockey, Netball, Football, Basketball, Badminton, Fitness	
Business Studies	Spotting a business opportunity	Making the business effective
Health and Social Care	Communication	Safeguarding
Psychology	Cognition and Behaviour	Research Methods and Development