



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Thank you to all staff and students who have been involved in our fantastic week of activities celebrating World Book Day. It has been wonderful to see so many members of our school community sharing their love of reading – from staff celebrating the books they enjoy, to our tutor time quiz, a range of popular lunchtime events in the library, and our Design a Bookmark competition, which remains open until 12th March. A huge thank you to Mrs Crosby, Head of English Faculty, for organising such a rich and engaging programme of events.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 13 students on completing their mock examinations this week – a significant milestone in their final year. We wish our Year 13 language students the very best of luck as they take part in their speaking mock examinations next week.

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

STUDENT SAFETY

A concern has been expressed by the community about students in Gordano uniform climbing over fencing put up around works taking place on the new rail line - between Vale/Trinity School/New Railway area. The fencing has spikes on one part of it and could be very dangerous if a child slipped and fell. The fencing is there to keep the site safe and to ensure that only those authorised to work on it have access. Please can you speak with your children about this to avoid a serious incident but also a criminal offence of trespassing on and damaging private property.

ONLINE SAFETY – GAMING

Please be vigilant about a new game called five nights at EpsTEINS. The gamer plays the role of a victim on Epstein's island and has to avoid being sexually exploited. Some students have been overheard discussing playing this; please discuss this at home and check parental controls on social media.

We share again useful guidance to ensure young people can remain safe online and for parents and carers to monitor:

[Top tips for young people to stay safe online](#)

[Advice for Parents and Carers](#)

SECOND TALKING CIRCLE

Students from Years 7 – 11 have been working with Fabienne Vailes on her PhD researching flourishing communities. The second Talking Circle takes place on Wednesday 11th March. We look forward to the students reporting back to the school community after completion of round 3.

LUNCH MONEY TOP-UPS ON PARENTPAY

Please do keep an eye on your child's ParentPay account. We are having a number of students requiring school to phone home to top up accounts on a daily basis and if we can avoid this it would be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support on this.

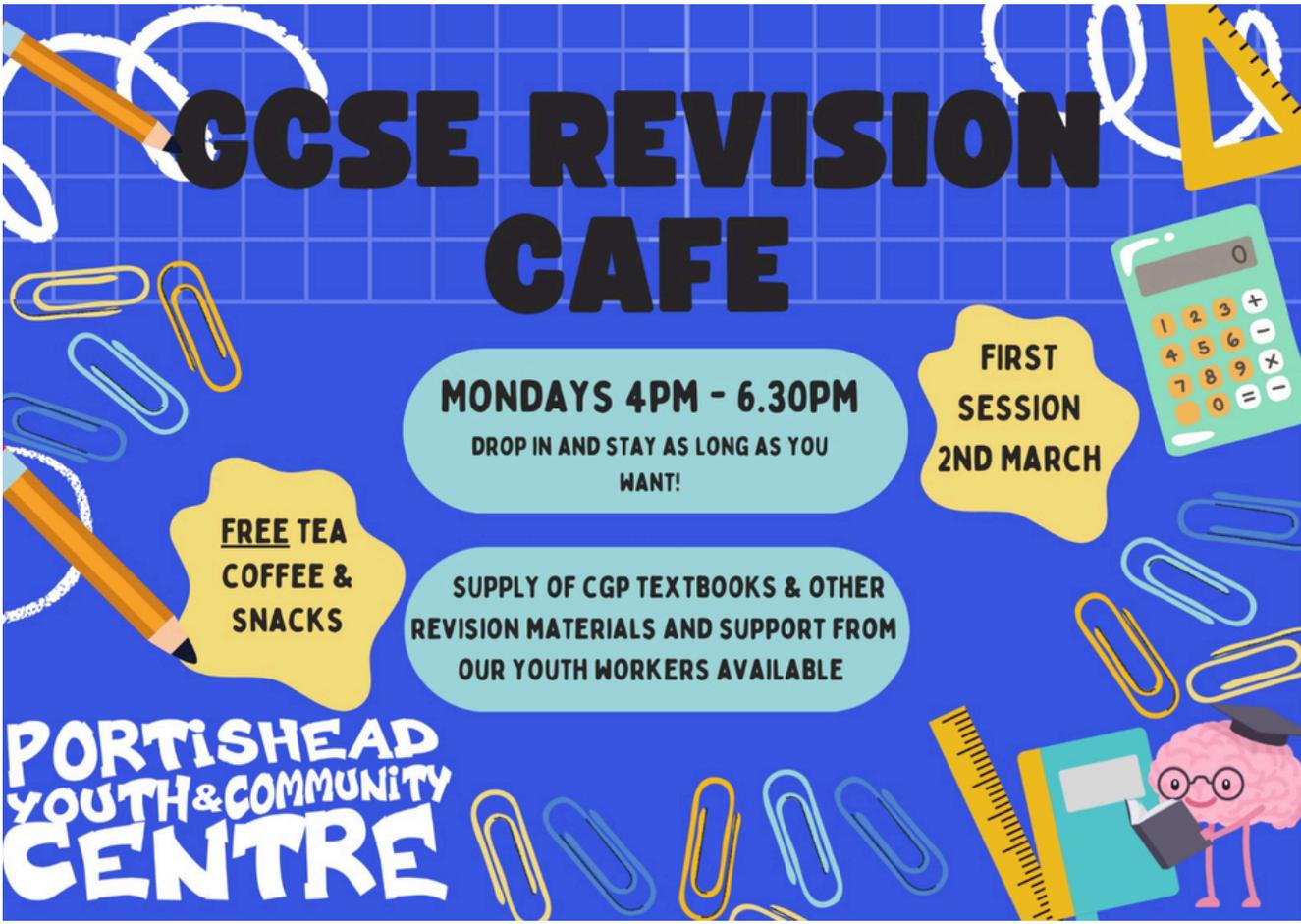
GOVERNMENT SOCIAL MEDIA CONSULTATION

The Government has launched a national consultation on how to improve children's safety and wellbeing online. The consultation, [Growing up in the online world](#), is currently open and will close on Tuesday 26th May 2026. Parents and school staff are encouraged to take part.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP FUND

You will see a new entry on ParentPay for 'Parents in Partnership', a voluntary scheme enabling families to make donations towards projects that enhance the student experience such as subsidising trips, supporting creative arts and improving learning spaces. The option will remain on your ParentPay account throughout the year, allowing contributions at any time, and we look forward to sharing updates on how the funds are used through our Termly News, website, and social media channels. **Please do follow us on Facebook** [@gordanoschool](#) to stay connected.

Every donation, large or small, helps us enrich student life and ensure all students can thrive. *We sincerely thank you in advance for any support you can offer.*



GCSE REVISION CAFE

MONDAYS 4PM - 6.30PM

DROP IN AND STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT!

**FIRST SESSION
2ND MARCH**

**FREE TEA
COFFEE &
SNACKS**

SUPPLY OF CGP TEXTBOOKS & OTHER REVISION MATERIALS AND SUPPORT FROM OUR YOUTH WORKERS AVAILABLE

**PORTISHEAD
YOUTH & COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Portishead Young
Players

NODA
For every stage

Production of



Disney
NEWSIES
JR.

Music by
Alan Menkin

Lyrics by
Jack Feldman

Book by
Harvey Fierstein

Based on the Disney Film
Written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White

Originally Produced on Broadway by
Disney Theatrical Productions

12th to 14th March 2026

Somerset Hall, Portishead.
Thursday & Friday, 7:30pm; Saturday, 1:00pm & 6:00pm
Tickets available from Nortech Computers or online



www.portishead-players.org.uk



This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTL www.mtishows.co.uk

KEY DATES FOR TERM 4

Saturday 7 March	Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training Days
Monday 9 to Friday 13 March	Year 13 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 9 to Friday 13 March	Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams
Monday 9 to Friday 13 March	Cromarty Charity Week
Wednesday 11 March	Year 11 History trip to The Globe
Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 March	Year 10 GCSE Drama Performance Exam
Thursday 12 March	6.30pm - 10.45pm Drama trip to the Old Vic
Friday 13 March	Sixth Form Photo
Monday 16 to Friday 20 March	Learning Hub Functional Skills Maths Exams
Monday 16 to Friday 20 March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Monday 16 March	5.30pm Year 6 Parental Welcome Evening
Monday 16 March	Year 13 A-level Music Recital (all-day exam)
Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March	Year 10 Cambridge National Sports Studies Assessments
Tuesday 17 March	3.30pm Years 8 and 9 General Knowledge Quiz
Wednesday 18 March	Year 10 Mock Interview Day
Thursday 19 March	4pm – 7.30pm Year 9 Progress Evening
Monday 23 to Friday 27 March	Year 11 DT Mock Exam Week
Monday 23 to Friday 27 March	Book Fair in the School Library
Tuesday 24 March	Trip - NS Schools Dance Festival, Weston
Tuesday 24 March	Easter Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March	6.30pm Easter Concert
Wednesday 25 March	Y12 HE+ Programme trip to Kings of Wessex
Wednesday 25 March	Year 12 and 13 History trip to University of Bristol
Wednesday 25 March	Sixth Form trip to Tilbury Douglas in Clevedon
Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March	Year 12 Mock Art Exam
Tuesday 31 March	6pm Parent Forum
Tue 31 March and Wed 1 April	Y11 GCSE Dance Choreography/Performance Exam
Wednesday 1 April	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations
Wednesday 1 April	4pm – 7.30pm Year 12 Progress Evening
Thursday 2 April	Spring Forward Dance competition trip (after school)
Friday 3 April	GOOD FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 6 to Friday 17 April	HOLIDAY