



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

We have reached the end of another wonderful Activities Week and what a fantastic week it has been. One of the greatest highlights has been spending time with our incredible young people and seeing them embrace every opportunity with such enthusiasm, resilience and good humour. Whether on residential visits, day trips, work placements or activities in school, they have represented the school brilliantly and have been a real credit to themselves, their families and our community.

This week has showcased the breadth of opportunities available to all our students. Alongside the many Activities Week residentials, day trips and base activities, we have been proud to see our Gold Duke of Edinburgh students completing their final expedition, our Year 10 students engaging in valuable Work Experience placements, and our Year 12 students participating in a highly successful Futures Week as they prepare for the next stage of their education, training and careers.

Activities Week is one of the highlights of the school year, and it simply would not happen without the generosity, enthusiasm and commitment of our staff. Staff give up a great deal to make these experiences possible. Many spend evenings and nights away from their own families, work long days, take on additional responsibility and volunteer their time so that our students can benefit from these exceptional opportunities and create lasting memories. It is one of the very special things about being at Gordano. If a member of staff made a difference to your child during Activities Week, Work Experience, Gold DofE or Futures Week, we would love to pass on your thanks. A few words of appreciation can mean a great deal and are always warmly received. In the meantime, there are some lovely pictures from the week on our Facebook Trips page - [Gordano School Trips | Facebook](#)

Please use the form below to share any messages of thanks. We will ensure that they reach the staff involved.

Activities Week Staff Thanks

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who contributes to making Gordano such a wonderful school.

The role of the Local Governing Body is to provide **strategic oversight, support and challenge to school leaders, ensuring that every student receives the highest quality education and opportunities to succeed**. Throughout the year, governors have worked closely with school leaders, staff and trustees to monitor progress, review key priorities, and support the school's continued development.

I would particularly like to thank my fellow governors, who give their time voluntarily and bring a wealth of experience, expertise and commitment to the school. Their dedication to Gordano and its students is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the staff and leadership team for their hard work, professionalism and unwavering commitment to the young people at Gordano School. The achievements of our students this year are a testament to the strength of the whole Gordano community.

It is a privilege to serve as Chair of Governors, and I look forward to continuing to work with staff, students, parents and governors as we build on our successes in the year ahead.

If you are interested in finding out more about governance at Gordano, including the role governors play in supporting and challenging the school, please feel free to contact me via my school email address. I would be delighted to hear from you and discuss how governance contributes to the continued success of our school.

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Helen Hall
Chair of Governors



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

A huge thank you to all our Year 10 parents for your support throughout Work Experience Week. Securing a placement for your child can often be a significant challenge, and we are incredibly grateful for the determination and commitment you and your child have shown in helping to arrange such fantastic opportunities this year.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the local businesses and organisations that generously offered placements. We have received so many positive comments from employers about our students, and we hope your child found their placement both rewarding and enriching, gaining valuable experiences and insights for the future.

PARENT FORUM UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who considered attending the Parent Forum scheduled for next Tuesday. As we have received limited responses, we have decided to cancel this session.

We look forward to connecting with parents in the new academic year, when the next Parent Forum will be scheduled for Tuesday 6th October 2026. Details will be shared nearer the time.

MASKED SINGER EVENT - 10TH JULY

It's only one week until the second Masked Singer Event, happening next Friday in the Main Hall at lunchtime. There's still time to get your tickets from ParentPay at a cost of £2 per student. All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the House Championship Fund.

You can see some videos of the first Masked Singer event on our website here: [Gordano School - House Captains Lead the Way with Spectacular Staff 'Masked Singer' Event](#)

GORDANO SCHOOL CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL – 15TH AND 16TH JULY

Join us for two inspiring evenings celebrating the creativity and talent of our students at the Creative Arts Festival on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July, 5pm – 9:30pm.

Explore stunning exhibitions, enjoy live performances and discover the incredible work produced across our Creative Arts departments.

Bring family and friends and celebrate creativity in all its forms. We look forward to welcoming you!



Experience an exciting showcase featuring:

- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Dance
- Photography
- Textiles
- Product Design

Pizzas, ice creams and beverages will be available to purchase.

Tickets are £8 per person and are available [here](#).

GORDANO IS TURNING 70

Join us as we celebrate seven decades of memories, achievements, and community.

We'd love your help to make this milestone truly special, and we invite you to read our special edition of the [Gordano School News](#) to find out how you can get involved in the celebrations.



The poster is framed in a dark blue border. At the top, it features the Gordano School crest on the left and a '70 Years' shield logo on the right, with the text '1956 TO 2026' below it. The main title 'Gordano School Turns 70' is in large, bold, dark blue letters, followed by 'WE NEED YOU!' in a slightly smaller font. A horizontal rainbow bar separates the title from the list of needs. The list is titled 'We're looking for:' in green and includes three bullet points. At the bottom, the text '70 years. Hundreds of Stories. One Gordano' is followed by the website URL.

 

Gordano School Turns 70

WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for:

- Alumni to share memories and photos
- Children to design our anniversary logo
 - Gordano alumni around the world
- Famous faces to support the celebrations

70 years. Hundreds of Stories. One Gordano
gordanoschool.org.uk/community/gordano-70th-anniversary

WORLD CUP FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Aspens are running a competition to win a World Cup Football in a presentation box. Students just need to fill out a slip with their name and their guess for the number of footballs in the jar when buying their lunch next week.



WORLD CUP 2026

Win a World Cup Football!!!



Celebrate the World Cup with us, by guessing the number of footballs in the jar!!

The two closest guesses win!!!

Chance to win with every
lunchtime food purchase!
From Monday 6th - 10th July



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KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

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 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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