



31st July 2025

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.

Tuesday 2nd September - INSET Day

Wednesday 3rd September - INSET Day

Thursday 4th September - Year 7 and Year 12 only

Year 7: We ask Year 7 students to arrive in full school uniform at **8.55am** 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 around 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, biometrics will be set up for the canteen system if we have permission and students will be given their Yondr pouch and will visit our unlocking stations ready for day 2.

Year 12: Year 12 students should arrive at **8.45am** 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.

Friday 5th September

Year 7: We ask Year 7 students to join us on Friday 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 **8.35am** in full school uniform, ready to go to their tutor bases promptly at 8.40am. Students **MUST** remember to bring in their Yondr pouch issued to them in Term 6. They must lock their mobile devices in their pouch on entry to the school as they did so brilliantly in Term 6 last academic year. Spot checks will take place in the extended tutor time that morning. 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.

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.

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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 2025-2026		
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 Year 11 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 current menu (until the end of Term 1 in October) is available [here](#), 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

Please note that we are having a big push on students having the correct equipment from September: [Gordano Equipment List](#). Students will receive an A1 for not having the correct equipment. If a student receives 3 x A1s in a term this will result in an after-school detention. All points positive and negative will go towards their House total in the race for the House Championship.

Please can your child also bring a water bottle.

Desirable but not essential:

- highlighters
- glue stick

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.

Information Evenings	
Year 7	10 th September 2025
Year 8	29 th September 2025
Year 9	15 th September 2025
Year 10	16 th September 2025
Year 11	30 th September 2025 and 20 th January 2026
Year 12	11 th September 2025 and UCAS 1 st July 2026
Year 13	18 th September 2025

LSP Home School Partnership

Please click on the link below to read the LSP Home School Partnership document. This is an important document in terms of what you can expect from us as a school but also outlines the way we are keen to positively work with parents.

[LSP Home School Partnership](#)

SEND Children and Young People's Newsletter Summer 2025

The Summer 2025 edition of The Buzz, a newsletter produced by North Somerset Council in partnership with the SEND Children and Young Persons Council is now available [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming your child to school at the beginning of the academic year. Have a wonderful summer holiday from us all at Gordano School.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 1

Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 September	INSET Days
Thursday 4 September	Years 7 and 12 only at school for 8.45am
Thursday 4 September	School Photographs for Year 7
Friday 5 September	Years 8 to 11 at school for 8.35am Year 13 at school for 8.55am Years 7 and 12 at school for 10.45am
Friday 5 September	School Photographs for Year 10
Friday 5 September	Year 12 and 13 Electives Launch

Tuesday 9 September	Early UCAS Applications Day
Wednesday 10 September	6pm Year 7 Parental Information Evening
Thursday 11 September	6pm Year 12 Parental Information Evening
Monday 15 September	6pm Year 9 Parental Information Evening
Tuesday 16 September	6pm Year 10 Parental Information Evening
Wednesday 17 September	Sixth Form Autumn Electives Begin
Thursday 18 September	6pm Year 13 Parental Information Evening
Monday 22 September	6pm Bronze DofE Parent Information Evening
Thursday 25 September	European Day of Languages
Thursday 25 September	Year 6 Open Evening (students finish at 1.15pm)
Friday 26 September	INSET Day
Monday 29 September	School Photographs for Year 11
Monday 29 September	6pm Year 8 Parental Information Evening
Tuesday 30 September	Senior Maths Challenge
Tuesday 30 September	6pm Year 11 Parental Information Evening
Thursday 2 October	6pm - 8pm Gordano Careers Convention
Friday 3 October	9.45am - 11am Year 6 Open Morning
Monday 6 October	Year 10 River Holford Geography Trip
Monday 6 October	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day
Tuesday 7 October	Year 10 River Holford Geography Trip
Tuesday 7 October	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day
Tuesday 7 October	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 8 October	Year 10 River Holford Geography Trip
Wednesday 8 October	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day
Thursday 9 October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10 October	Hello Yellow Day
Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Wednesday 15 October	Weston College Visit (Learning Hub)
Thursday 16 October	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip to Minehead
Tuesday 21 October	Year 11 GCSE Art Mock Exam
Tuesday 21 October	Year 11 Futures Evening
Wednesday 22 October	SEND Evening
Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 October	Year 11 GCSE Art Photography Mock Exam
Thursday 23 October	Year 11 BTEC Trip - Geography
Friday 24 October	Year 10/11 photo mop up session
Monday 27 to Friday 31 October inclusive	Holiday