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17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to see nearly 50 students attending last week's Teatime networking event highlighting careers paths in the Creative and Media industries. We were delighted to be supported by Film@59, Watershed, Access Creative, DBS Institute, Bristol School of Acting and Boomsatsuma.

Well done to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students for the effort and hard work they have shown over this first full week of their examination series. We are really proud of the way they have navigated the week and hope they have a chance to rest over the weekend. Mrs Tipler and Mr Beesley have sent an update regarding arrangements for next week to Year 11 parents.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

We are getting nearer to the work experience week of 1st - 5th July and the vast majority of students now have a placement sorted. Thank you very much to all parents who have helped and supported their children to contact employers and fill out the Unifrog forms. We will be running some sessions during Tutor Time at the start of next term to show students the Logbook that they can complete during their placement and also to go through with them what to expect whilst on their placement.

If your child still does not yet have a placement sorted there is still time, but this is running short now. Being out on work experience is much better and more enjoyable for students than being in school for the week so if you would like any help, please email [careers@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:careers@gordanoschool.org.uk).

### **Year 8 Guided Choices**

Work is well underway behind the scenes to timetable the choices Year 8 students have made, as far as is possible. We will communicate with students and parents in Term 6 as soon as this is in place. In the rare instance that we need to use a reserve choice, we will communicate with the student beforehand to double check their reserve preference.

### **Cover lessons**

We are acutely aware that some classes have had more cover lessons this year than is ideal, largely due to the national teacher recruitment crisis. We continue to do all we can to make sure that students have regular, specialist teachers in front of them, or a member of the cover team who is known to them. We will be reminding students again through the Monday broadcast that their job is to treat every one of these teachers with respect and to always meet our classroom expectations, for their own learning and for others' also. They can expect to see middle and senior leaders drop into these lessons with increasing regularity, to ensure that our classroom expectations are being met by all.

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### **First Aid and contact home during the school day**

We would like to draw parents' attention to how we manage our First Aid area, and we will be reminding students of our processes during our Monday Broadcast next week. We operate on a triage basis, so a student with a minor ailment may have to wait to be seen whilst a more urgent case is dealt with. Please be assured that we have sufficient First Aid staff in place, and part of their training is around triaging cases appropriately for the benefit of all. We will contact you if your child needs to be collected due to illness or injury. If your child therefore rings you saying they are unwell, please ask them to go straight to First Aid and contact Main Reception by telephone if you have any concerns.

### **Financially motivated on-line extortion (online blackmail)**

The National Crime Agency (NCA) have asked us to share the following advice to help parents and carers support online safety.

[NCA letter to parents](#)

### **Voting for Year 9 Gordano students' e-safety podcast**

Some of our Year 9 students were recently involved in a PSHE workshop about e-safety, where they produced a podcast. The project was run all over the South West and one group from Gordano has made the final. Please use the link below if you would like to vote for Gordano. The poll closes at 5pm on Thursday 23rd May.

[www.collaboratedigital.com/vote](http://www.collaboratedigital.com/vote)

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



**Ms L Blundell**  
Headteacher

### **Key Dates for Term 5**

Monday 20th May	7pm - 9pm Drama Performance: Wonderland
Wednesday 22nd May	LSP UWE Leadership Conference (Year 12)
Thursday 23rd May	6pm - 7pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 24th - Sunday 26th May	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	HOLIDAY

### **Key Dates for Term 6**

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June	Year 10 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Tuesday 4th - Wednesday 5th June	Year 12 Textiles Mock Exam
Tuesday 4th - Wednesday 5th June	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition - Group 2
Wednesday 5th June	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 7th June	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition - Group 1
Friday 7th June	

Monday 10th - Friday 14th June	Year 12 Mock Exams Week
Tuesday 11th June	6.00 - 7.00 Cromarty House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 12th June	6.00 - 7.00 Fitzroy House Celebration Evening
Thursday 13th June	6.00 - 7.00 Biscay House Celebration Evening
Friday 14th June	
Monday 17th - Friday 21st June	Year 12 MFL Speaking Mock Exams Week
Monday 17th - Friday 28th June	Year 10 Mock Exams Weeks
Tuesday 18th June	6.00 - 7.00 Portland House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 19th June	6.00 - 7.00 Shannon House Celebration Evening
Thursday 20th June	6.00 - 7.00 Lundy House Celebration Evening
Friday 21st June	9.00 - 12.00 Swimming Gala
Monday 24th - Friday 28th June	Year 12 Bridging Week
Monday 24th June	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 25th June	
Wednesday 26th June	Year 13 Clearing Day
Thursday 27th June	Year 13 Ball
Friday 28th June	Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam (all day)
Monday 1st - Friday 5th July	Activities Week Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition Year 10 Work Experience Year 12 Futures Week
Monday 8th July	
Tuesday 9th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Tuesday 9th July	Parent Forum
Wednesday 10th July	6pm - 7pm DT & Computing Celebration Evening
Thursday 11th July	Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 11th July	Year 12 A-level Music Recital (mock exam)
Friday 12th - Sunday 14th July	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Monday 15th July	
Tuesday 16th July	
Wednesday 17th - Thursday 18th July	Creative Arts Festival
Thursday 18th July	Reserve date for Sports Day
Friday 19th July	
Monday 22nd July	
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term for students - 12:30 finish
Wednesday 24th July - Tuesday 3rd September	SUMMER HOLIDAY