



28th April 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this update finds you and your family well. Every year we ask parents / carers to complete a survey about their child / children's experience at school. This takes place across all the schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, gives us valuable information about your views and helps the school to further support students in future. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey by Friday 12th May. Please do so by clicking the link below:

[Parent Survey](#)

Arrangements for next week

As I am sure you are aware we are about to go into a Bank Holiday weekend. Just a reminder that the school will also be closed to students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 on **Tuesday 2nd May**, which is the next day of industrial action. Following yesterday's arrangements for Year 11 we have made a slight change to Tuesday's arrangements. We ask that **all** students in Year 11 report to the Dining Hall at 9am when they arrive, rather than the split location of the Dining Hall and Main Hall. We will ensure that students receive the relevant information via class charts before Tuesday. Arrangements for Year 13 remain the same.

Lost Library Book charge on ParentPay

This item was added on ParentPay as an option in case students have lost or damaged a book. Parents and carers only need to use this option if they have received communication from the library about overdue books that need returning or paying for.

Aspens Catering Services

Following a review of catering contracts, we're pleased to let you know that Aspens has once again been chosen by the Lighthouse Schools Partnership to provide the meal services at schools within the Trust, including here at Gordano. You can find more information [here](#).

Drop off and pick up at Gordano School

Just a polite reminder to parents that:

- The only vehicles allowed to stop in the bus stop on St Marys Road are buses, it is an offence for any other vehicle to use that bay (thanks to the Neighbourhood Policing team for this information).
- If using the coach park accessed from Clevedon Road, please be very mindful of other users and the public. We have had concerns raised by the public about safety around that entrance as cars enter and exit. This is a drop and go point, so please do not remain parked as we need to ensure that staff are able to park safely in that space too.
- Please avoid turning and stopping in the main school entrance, this can lead to traffic congestion around the road and roundabout.

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The Downs Summer School Holidays

The Downs Prep School in Bristol are hosting a Pro-Coaching Summer Camp during the Summer Holidays. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Year 8 Guided Choices

Students have had one of their taster sessions on Friday 28th April, and will have another opportunity on Friday 5th May. These sessions give mini lesson experience in PE (exam course), Psychology, Travel & Tourism, Health & Social Care and Business Studies. The next letter to year 8 parents will guide on making choices and give details of our new online system.

Year 12 UCAS Convention (Newport) - Wed 26.4.23

We had the pleasure of accompanying Year 12 students on this informative trip, and we were thoroughly impressed with their impeccable behaviour throughout the day. The initial feedback from the event is that it was extremely useful, and our students gained valuable insights into the various university and higher education pathways available to them. We will be following up on this trip in future careers lessons and in the Futures Week programme (more information to follow), providing guidance and advice to our students to help them make informed decisions about their future.

Year 13

Please note that a letter has gone out to all year 13 parents today from Mrs Ramsay - we welcome a parent nudge to remind Sixth Formers to attend their last assembly on Wed 3rd May when they will be talked through the steps leading up to their exams and beyond.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher