

Year 11

Parental Information Evening

Tuesday 29th September 2026

The presentation will cover the following areas:

1. The year ahead
2. Curriculum, homework and the website
3. Year 11, outcomes and academic support
4. Year 11 Inclusion
5. Staying safe
6. Careers and post-16 guidance: next steps
7. Top tips





Mrs Tipler

Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum

Year 11

9 months ahead



**STUDENTS ARE ONLY
9 MONTHS AWAY FROM
GCSE'S – WHAT THEY DO
NOW MATTERS!**



**NEA CONTENT
COMPLETION AND
MOCK EXAMINATIONS**

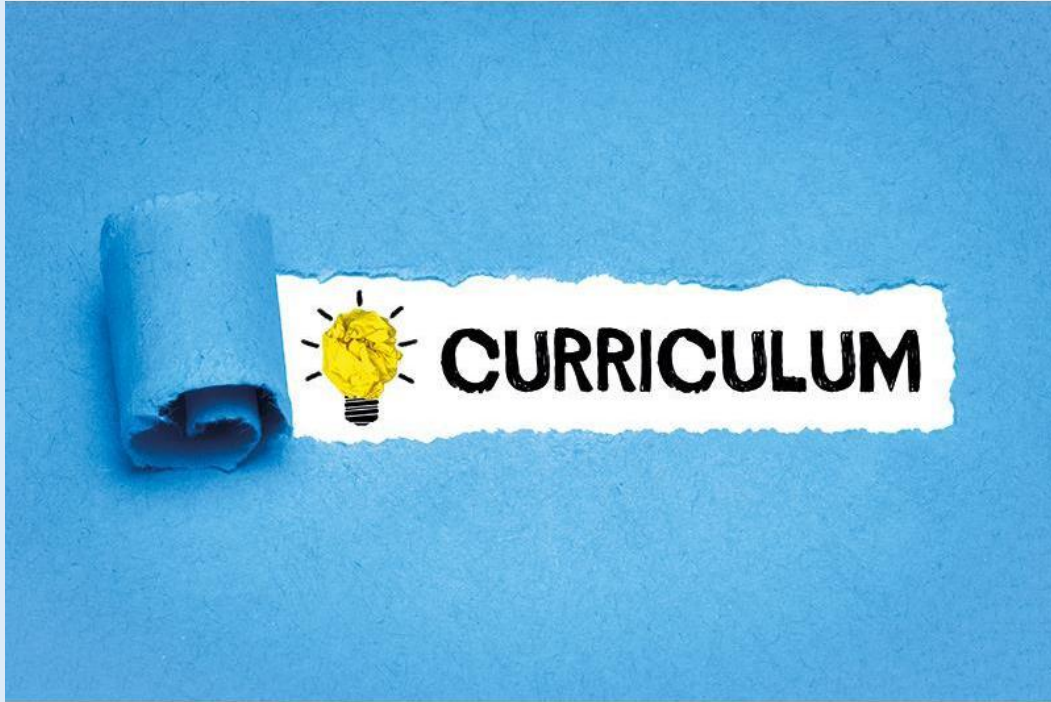


**CONVERSATIONS AND
DECISIONS FOR LIFE
AFTER YEAR 11**



**EVERYTHING WE DO IS
TO SUPPORT YOUR
FUTURE**

Homework and the Year 11 Curriculum



The Year 11 Curriculum



- Delivery of final aspects of the planned curriculum
 - Revisiting and revising previous topics
 - Practising/refining exam technique
 - Providing students with feedback that shows them where they are and enables them to improve
 - NEA guidance, supervision and completion
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- Ensuring students have what they need to revise (and know how to)
 - Providing subject support
 - Guidance to support decisions about next steps

Homework expectations for Year 11



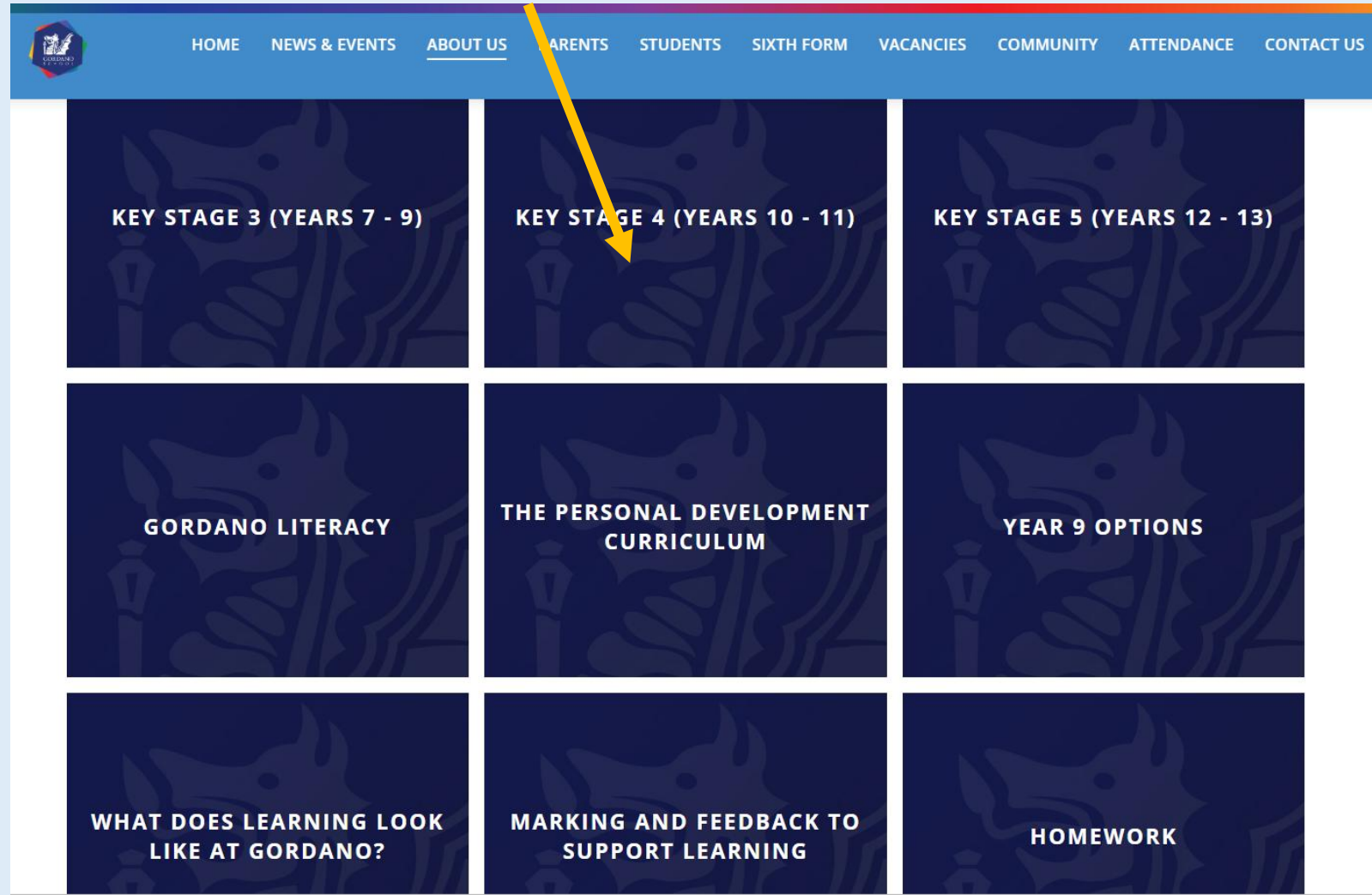
- Engagement with Year 11 homework/revision is **essential** for exam success
- Homework is set on Class Charts across the fortnight
- Independent revision needs to be planned in alongside this: little and often
- Year 11 will be set revision tasks only in the two weeks prior to/including their mocks



The Year 11 Curriculum

Information about what learning looks like at Gordano

Click on Key Stage 4 for specific subject overviews



Maths

Exam Board: Edexcel

Click here for the KS4 Maths SharePoint page (**Parents/Carers will need to ask students to login for them**)

[GCSE Maths SharePoint link for Students](#)

On this page you will find links to Sparx maths, revision resources, revision lists and exam paper information.

Year 10 Topic Overview



Year 10 Topic Detail



Year 11 Topic Overview



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Assistant Headteacher – Director of Key stage 4

Our summer results



This summer Gordano school 'bucked the trend'.

Both nationally and locally overall results were slightly lower than the previous year; ours were even higher!

Our overall average grade that students achieved was higher than each of the last 4 years.

I know that we are going to do even better in the summer of 2027!



Some of our many success stories

- **171** Grade 9's! (An increase from 117 in the previous year)
- Average grade increased for **boys** and **girls**
- **210+** students moved into 6th form
- Outcomes for **SEND** and students who have experienced **disadvantage** both increased



Mock Exams



The feedback from the invigilation team was overwhelmingly positive. It demonstrated how maturely and seriously the students approached the process. Now is the time to act on the feedback and fill the gaps!

Nov Mock Exams (provisional)

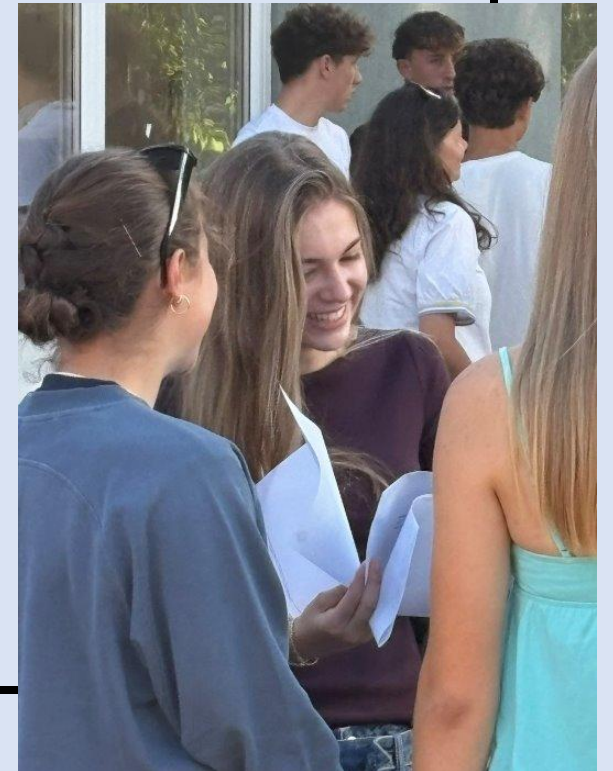
WEEK 1	MORNING- 09:00	AFTERNOON- 13:30
Mon 23rd Nov	PE P1- 1 Hr 15 Drama- 1 Hr 45 Travel & Tourism- 2 Hrs	Business Studies- 1 Hr 45
Tue 24th Nov	Geography- 1 Hr 30	English Literature- 1 Hr 45
Wed 25th Nov	Biology- 1 Hr 10/ 1Hr 45	History- 1 Hr 30
Thu 26th Nov	Psychology- 1 Hr 45	French Listening & Reading- 35 Mins/45 Mins & 45 Mins/1 Hr
Fri 27th Nov	Maths P1- 1 Hr 30	Spanish Listening & Reading- 35 Mins/45 Mins & 45 Mins/1 Hr
WEEK 2	MORNING- 09:00	AFTERNOON- 13:30
Mon 30th Nov	Chemistry- 1 Hr 10/ 1 Hr 45	Food Prep- 1 Hr 45
Tue 1st Dec	Music- 1 Hr 45	French Writing- 1 Hr/ 1 Hr 15
Wed 2nd Dec	Spanish Writing- 1 Hr/ 1 Hr 45	Physics- 1 Hr 10/ 1 Hr 45
Thu 3rd Dec	PE P2- 1 Hr 15 Dance- 1 Hr 30 IT Computing- 1 Hr 30	Maths P2- 1 Hr 30
Fri 4th Dec	CATCH UP SLOT	



Year 11

Attendance = Outcomes

- Less than 80% = Ave grade **2.97**
- 80-90% = Ave grade **4.81**
- 90%+ = Ave grade **5.64**





Year 11

Attendance = Outcomes



Term 1 and 2
'extra' sessions



KS4 Revision and catch-up opportunities

Subject	Day	Time	Room	Teacher
Maths	Monday	3:20 - 4:30pm	MA8 (H) IT8 (F)	JMW/MXA
Science	Tuesday	3:20-4:20pm	S1 and S11	All Science staff
English (Term 2)	Wednesday	3:20—4:20pm	E2/E7	CRC/SXD
Spanish & French	Thursday	3:20 – 4:20pm	L8	BS/ HJM
Music	Thursday	3:20 – 4:20pm	LB1	RXH
PE (Term 2)	Tuesday	3:30-4:30	BS	PE team
Learning Hub support	Tuesday	3:20 – 4:20pm	Hub	ESG
Art	Monday & Wednesday	3:20 - 4:30pm	AR4 or AR7	HJF
DT	By arrangement with your DT teacher	3:20 - 4:30pm	DT1,DT2,DT3,DT5,DT7,DT8	Various
Photography	Monday (wk1) Thursday (wk2)	3:20-4:30pm	LB2	HLF
Dance	Thursday	1:00-1:30pm 3:20-4:20pm	DA1	SZB / HRH
Food Tech	Tuesday	3:20 – 4:20pm	IT4	KLC
Drama	Monday	3:20 – 4:20pm	LB1	Drama team

Dream Big

Do Your Best

Give Back

Important dates for your diaries



Date	Event
1 October	Careers Convention
29 September	Year 11 Ready to Work Deadline
20 October	Futures Evening
23 October	Year 11 photos
12 November	Sixth Form Open Evening
23 November	Year 11 Mock Exams Start
January	Year 11 Achievement Review 1
13 January	Year 11 Mock Results Day
14 February	Year 11 Progress Evening
1 March	Assessment window 2
April	Year 11 Achievement Review 2
May	Last teaching day
May	Year 11 Celebration Day
10 May	Public Exams
22 June	Prom – Ashton Gate Stadium



Year 11 Strategy Merits



- After 3.5 weeks the total for Yr 11 is:

3324

Silver DofE Award

Well done to all of the students who undertook the Silver Award in Year 10!

If they have successfully completed the Silver Award they will be able to attempt the Gold Award in Year 12







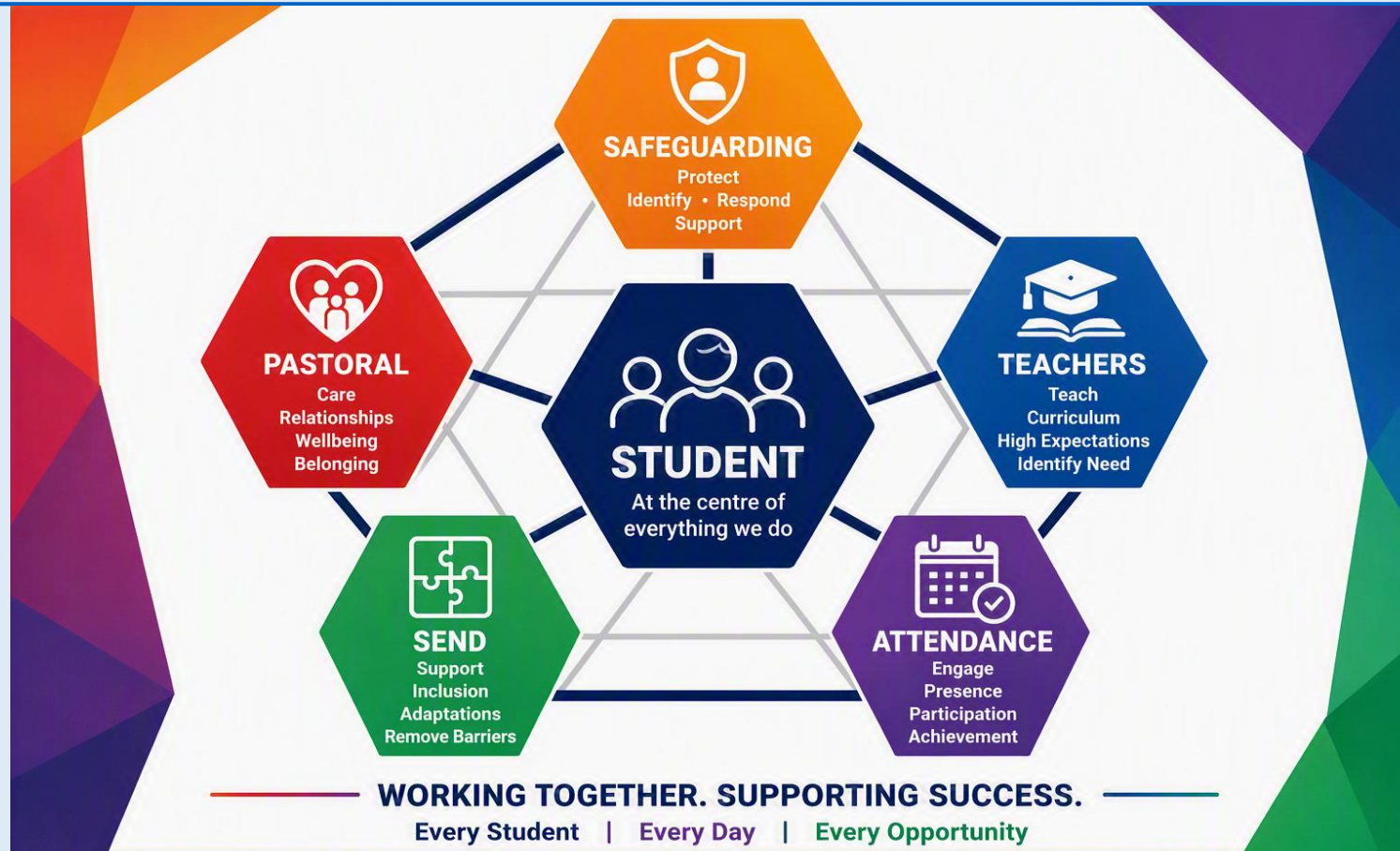
Mrs Thomas

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Inclusion at Gordano

- We are proud that this is an area of excellence for us – (Challenge Partners review)
- Read more about it here: [Gordano School - Gordano School Accredited as an Area of Excellence for Inclusion as a Whole School Ethos](#)





Inclusion at Gordano

- With more than 150 provisions in place, Gordano offers a comprehensive range of support for our students.
- We have a number of specialist provisions such as the Harbour, Compass and the Learning Hub for students with the highest level of need.
- Other out of classroom provisions include pastoral check ins, phonics interventions, the Bristol Bears programme and reading mentors.
- However most interventions actually take place in the classroom:
 - Scaffolding
 - Modeling
 - Multimodal teaching
 - Sensory adjustments such as doodle pads or fidget toys
 - Strategic seating plans
- These in-class adjustments enable teachers to provide the best possible support for students' learning.

Helping you feel safe and supported

We are fortunate in being able to offer a lot of support to our school community through the following services:

- Tutors
- Heads of Houses
- Assistant Heads of Houses
- Safeguarding Team
- Pastoral Support
- Student Support
- Student Centre
- House Captains
- Groups/Societies
- School Nurse
- School Counsellors
- Youth Hub
- Youth Centre
- Partnership with community groups – Police, RNLI, GCT, etc.



Introducing SHG.

Student Health Guide (or SHG for short) is a magazine designed to help you take control of your physical and mental health.

SHG has been designed by media professionals and medical experts to inspire and empower you to be the best version of yourself.

Here are three things you can expect SHG to help you with:



Building resilience

Life can be tough and unfair, but we must keep going. Resilience is what helps us endure the hard stuff until it gets better. Which it always does.



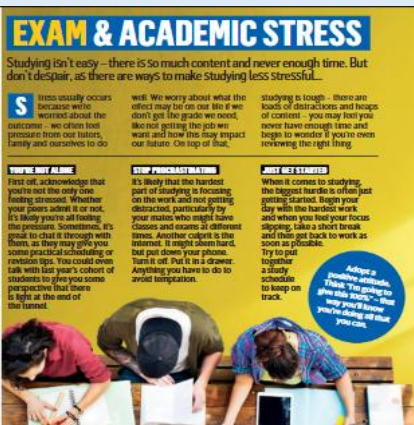
Supporting friends

Feedback shows that over 70% of SHG readers feel better able to help a friend. Even if you don't need SHG's advice, someone you care about might.



Signposting for action

We love action. SHG is filled with signposting for support, services and tools that you might need to take the next step towards improved health and wellbeing.



MIND | BODY | FUEL | FITNESS | RELATIONSHIPS | LIFE

THE STUDENT'S GUIDE TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING



SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE MAGAZINE ONLINE



Our Specialist Safeguarding Team



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Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs N Austen



Mr J Boulton



Ms M Georgiou



Ms K Grierson



Mrs K Hayden



Mr T Heysham



Miss K Hodge



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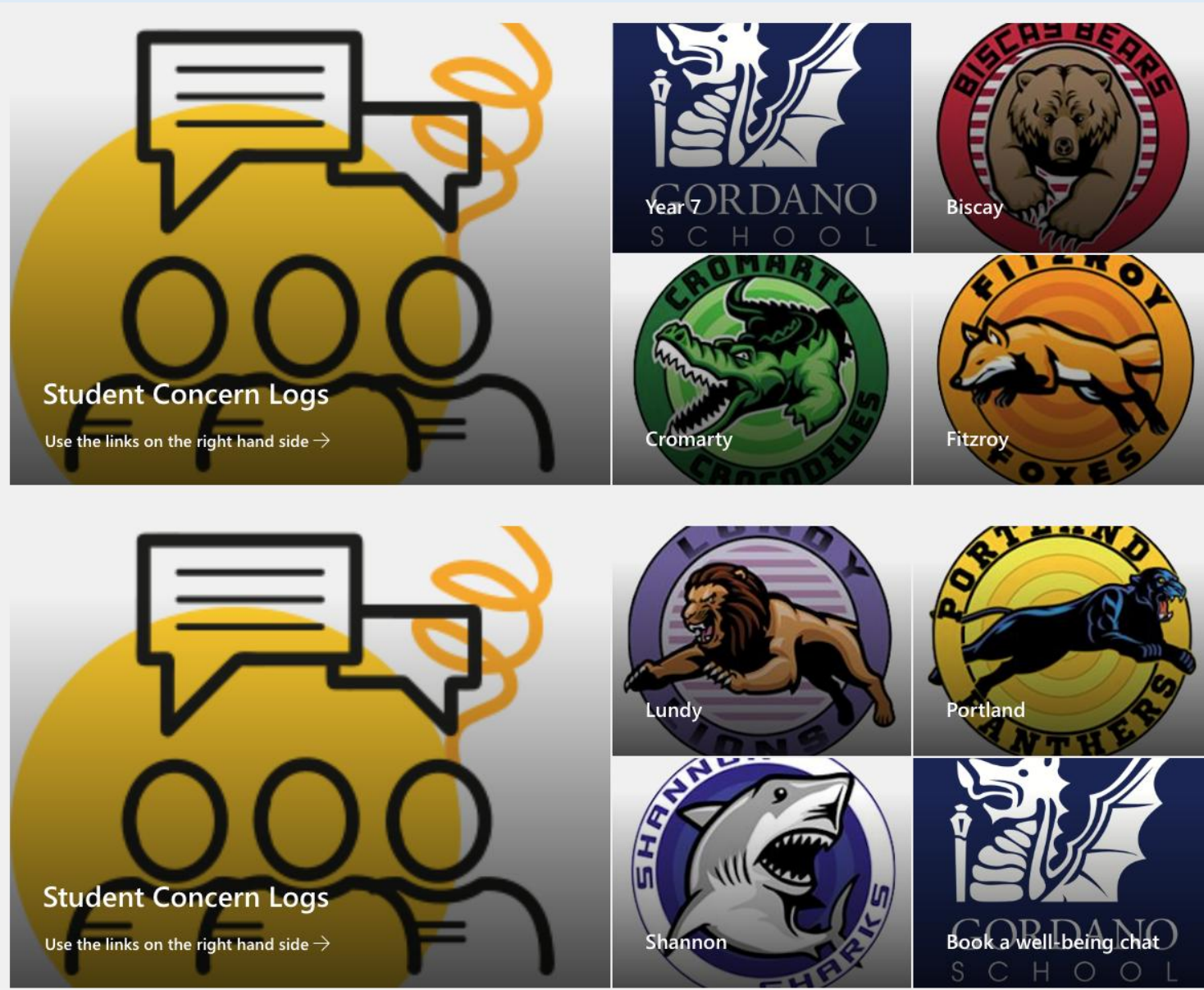
Mr M Tipler



Mrs H Wills



Keeping you safe





Mrs Jones

Careers Advisor



Careers Information Advice and Guidance



Lisa Gardiner
CAREERS ADVISER



Sue Jones
CAREERS ADVISER



Post 16 Options

- **Sixth Form** – A levels plus Level 3 Btecs
- **College** – A Levels, T Levels, Btec Extended diplomas at a range of different levels. Not only the main colleges but also various smaller ones such as Boom Satsuma, Robins Foundation, Access Creative College and more
- **Apprenticeship** – work towards a qualification and go to work full time.
- **Students can apply to as many as they would like and they should apply to at least 2 options – back up plan!**



Qualifications - what's the difference?

- **A Levels** – academic study with exams at the end
- **T Levels** – mix of academic study and course work. Extended work experience placement
- **Extended Diplomas** – mainly coursework with some work experience
- All lead on to University or Apprenticeships



Qualifications - levels

- **Level 3** (A levels and L3 Btecs/T levels) – 5 GCSE's 9-4 incl English and Maths but some will require specific results in certain subjects
- **Level 2** (Btec and T Levels) – 4 or more GCES at grades 9-2 with at least 2 at grade 3
- **Level 1** (Btecs) – 3 or more GCSEs at grade 1 or above



Apprenticeships

- Working and studying
- Minimum hourly rate is £8.00 but most pay more
- Most Apprenticeships require grade 4 in Maths and English as a minimum, but some may require more than this
- You can do an Apprenticeship in just about anything!



Apprenticeships - applying

- Harder to apply for than college or Sixth Form and no-one is guaranteed a place
- Need to apply direct to the Company or through [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/find-an-apprenticeship)
- There will be an interview or a series of tasks plus an interview
- There will be other candidates
- **Must also apply to College/Sixth Form as a back up**



CAREERS CONVENTION

Thursday 1 October

Venues: Main Hall and Dining Hall

Time: 6-8 pm



Open to all students

Come along and meet:

Employers

Universities

Colleges

Careers Seminars

**Sixth Form Hall on
Apprenticeships, University and
College**

**(For Years 11 and 10—booking
essential)**



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Assistant Headteacher – Director of Key stage 4



Top tips for success next summer

1. Attendance and punctuality
matter

2. Revision: little and often –
start now!

3. Make the most of the
opportunities available

 Home

 Teach

 Assess

 Manage

 Engage

 Reports

 Refer



Maths [Full Course]

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▶ Adding & Subtracting Whole Numbers

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▶ Multiplying Whole Numbers

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▶ Dividing Whole Numbers

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▶ Negative Numbers

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▶ The Order of Operations

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+ 7981

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Adding & Subtracting Whole Numbers

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Once again, thank you for joining us.



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