



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope all families and students had a wonderful half term and I would like to extend a warm welcome back as we begin the final term of the academic year. Term 6 is a relatively long one and promises to be a busy and exciting period, with a wide range of opportunities and key events ahead.

Alongside the continuation of GCSE and A Level examinations, we will see Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Year 10 and Year 12 MFL speaking mocks, and mock examinations for these year groups. We also look forward to celebrating student success through our House celebration evenings and sharing achievement reviews for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Other key events will include the Swimming Gala on 19th June, Year 12 Bridging Day, and the Year 11 and Year 13 Proms, as well as Activities Week and Year 10 Work Experience, Year 6 Induction Day, Sports Day, and our Creative Arts Festival.

A reminder that the last day of term is Wednesday 22nd July.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all of our students who took part in the Berlin trip and the Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition over the half term break. I have heard nothing but praise for the way in which our students conducted themselves and how well they represented the school.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

HELP US CREATE THE GORDANO70 LOGO

In 2026/27, Gordano School will be celebrating an incredible milestone, our 70th anniversary!

To mark the occasion, we are inviting Gordano students and children across our local community to take part in a special logo design competition. The winning design will become the official Gordano70 logo and will appear throughout our anniversary celebrations and we are also planning to include all suitable entries in a large installation that will be unveiled on the school site, giving young people in Portishead the opportunity to become part of Gordano's history and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Entry forms will be distributed to Gordano students over the coming weeks, but if they want to get started or a younger sibling wishes to take part, entry forms can be downloaded from the [Gordano70 webpage](#) or collected from Main Reception.

Completed entries should be returned by **Friday 10th July 2026**.

We can't wait to see the creativity and imagination of our young people as we begin celebrating **70 Years. Hundreds of Stories. One Gordano.**



 

Could *your* design become the official Gordano70 logo?

Open to **ALL** children in the community

Entry Deadline: Friday 10th July 2026
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gordanoschool.org.uk/community/gordano-70th-anniversary

Know someone with a connection to Gordano, a well-known public figure, or a family with generations of Gordano students?

As part of Gordano70, we are collecting memories, photographs and stories from former students, staff and families. We'd also love to hear from anyone who knows generations of Gordano students, Gordano alumni living around the world or well-known public figures who may be willing to send a short video message. Please contact legacy@gordanoschool.org.uk

PERIOD PRODUCTS

For the last four years, Gordano has benefited from the Department for Education's period product scheme, enabling us to access £3,200 worth of products every year. We are about to receive our final order of the academic year and will once again have a variety of period products available for students, including period pants in a range of sizes.

Years 7 and 8 will be receiving guidance from the PSHE team on what to do if their period starts during Activities Week, and all trip packs for all year groups will include a supply of sanitary items.

We are also able to provide products for family members who may be facing financial difficulty. If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact Charlotte Thomas via mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

GORDANO TRIPS FACEBOOK PAGE

We are delighted to introduce the new **Gordano Trips** Facebook page. The Year 10 History trip to Berlin, which took place during the half-term break, is the first visit to be featured. Going forward, this page will be our primary platform for sharing news, photos, and updates from school trips and educational visits, replacing our previous use of X (formerly Twitter).

Please follow the page [here](#) to keep up to date with posts from the curriculum trips taking place this term. We also look forward to sharing highlights from our eagerly anticipated Activities Week later this month.

PLAY AND ASK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE

This is a free session at the Stables Games Room with refreshments, to talk, to have fun, and have a say on what a new Children's Council should look like.

Play and ask

Where?
The Games Room - Stables Wadham
Street Weston

When?
26th May 2026
11 am - 2 pm
Snacks will be available too! 🍎

Who is invited?
Its you..Are you are you a child or young person aged 6 - 17 who is living with someone like a foster family or person that isnt your birth parent. in a residential home or with a family member also known as a child in care In North Somerset

Why?
We want to hear your ideas about what a Council for Children and Young People in Care should be like.
Come and:

- Share your thoughts and ideas
- Ask questions to leaders from North Somerset Council
- Help make changes for children and young people in care

Its going to be informal and fun
these people from North Somerset Council will coming to play games and talk to you along with adults from the children in care team that will know 😊
-Claire Shiels
Ben Short
Lynn Fields
Shelly Smith
Yarri Chi
Helen Caldwell

Please let us know if you are attending 😊 Select the link or scan the QR code
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/PDDOJD/>



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KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Year 10 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Year 12 End of Year Exams
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Men's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 9 June	6pm Shannon House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 10 June	6pm Lundy House Celebration Evening
Thursday 11 June	6pm Portland House Celebration Evening
Monday 15 to Friday 19 June	Year 12 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 15 to Friday 26 June	Year 10 End of Year Exams
Monday 15 June	Year 12 Biology trip to Braunton Burrows
Tuesday 16 June	6pm Fitzroy House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 17 June	1pm - 3.30pm Year 13 Clearing
Wednesday 17 June	6pm Biscay House Celebration Evening
Thursday 18 June	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 18 June	6pm Cromarty House Celebration Evening
Friday 19 June	11.30am - 2.30pm Swimming Gala
Monday 22 June	Year 12 Bridging Day
Tuesday 23 June	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 25 June	Year 13 Ball at The Bristol Hotel
Friday 26 June	Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Years 7 - 9 Activities Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 10 WEX Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 12 Futures Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold expedition - Snowdonia
Wednesday 1 July	5.30pm - 6.30pm Year 12 UCAS Parent Info Evening
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 July	6pm Parent Forum
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
Tuesday 14 July	Years 9 & 10 Aspire Conference (lessons 3-6)
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 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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