



26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We couldn't be prouder of our students and staff after our Open Evening last night. The highlight of the evening was without a doubt the way our students spoke about their school – with such pride, enthusiasm, and honesty. Hearing them share their experiences so confidently with our visitors was a real reminder of what a special community we have here. A huge thank you as well to our staff for all the energy and care they put into making the evening such a success. Together, they created a truly welcoming atmosphere that showed our school at its very best. A huge thank you to all of the students that came back and supported us and also a huge thank you to our Year 11 band, Senior Students and Lydia in Year 7 who spoke and performed so well during our address to parents and students.

#### **IT support drop-in session for Students and Parents - 2nd October**

IT teaching staff will be holding a drop-in session on 2nd October 3.30-4.30pm in classroom IT1 for parents and students to resolve any login issues they are encountering.

To comply with the Acceptable Use and Safeguarding policies, please be aware that we are unable to share student login details with parents, students will need to be present to be given details directly.

- Parents can access parent ClassCharts codes
- Students can access details for ClassCharts, school login details, Educake and Sparx Maths

#### **Gordano School Careers Convention - Thursday 2nd October 6-8pm**

Students and parents are invited to our Careers Convention, featuring a wide range of employers, universities, colleges, and training providers. It's a fantastic opportunity to explore future pathways, ask questions, and discover what skills and qualifications are needed in different sectors.

Year 10 students: a great chance to find out about potential work experience opportunities.

Years 9-13: Talks on Apprenticeships, College, and University will be held in the Sixth Form Hall. Links to our booking system for these talks have now been sent.

The event takes place across the Main Hall and Dining Hall - make sure to visit both. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **World Mental Health Day - 10th October**

We will be supporting World Mental Health Day through assemblies, tutor time and lunchtime pop-ups on 10th October and will be encouraging students to wear ONE item of yellow clothing on the day to support the #helloyellow campaign.

#### **PSHE Bulletin September/October**

This [bulletin](#) gives an outline of what each year group will be studying in PSHE lessons in September and October 2025. If you have any queries about PSHE themes or topics please contact us via [mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk) and mark your email for the attention of your child's Head of House or Miss Trevethan, Head of PSHE & Ethics.

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We have recently invested in a resource called “The Student Health Guide”, aimed primarily at Years 9-13. It covers areas such as relationships, fitness and mental health. The link has been shared to all students in Years 9-13 via a ClassCharts announcement and the PSHE team will also be using this guide in lessons. Whilst the digital magazine is aimed mainly at ages 14+, there is some useful content for Years 7 and 8. We are currently working with the provider to produce a slimmed down version that we will be able to share with Years 7 and 8. We would ask parents to encourage their children to engage with this resource to support them in taking control of their physical and mental health.

#### **Online Safety for Parents - Prevent Week of Action (online event)**

All children can be vulnerable to online risks – including exposure to harmful ideologies.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join a free online event taking place across the South West on **Thursday 9th October at 6pm**. This session will offer practical guidance on keeping children safe online, with a particular focus on helping young people avoid being drawn into extremist views or radicalisation. Please consider attending to learn more about how to support your child’s digital wellbeing and resilience. Book your tickets [here](#).

#### **Dogs on site**

Please can we remind you that no dogs are allowed on site. This has become a problem on the Clapton Lane pitches where we unfortunately have evidence of dogs. Please can we ask for your co-operation in ensuring dogs are not walked around the site or surrounding school fields. Thank you.

#### **Futures Week at Gordano School**

2025 saw the most successful Futures Week so far, with an unprecedented number of Year 10 students securing Work Experience (WEX) placements, and around 99% taking part.

Year 12 students also benefitted from an exciting programme of opportunities, including workshops led by universities, employers, and apprenticeship providers. They further developed their employability through mock interviews with industry professionals, and practical life skills sessions such as ‘How to Cook on a Budget’.

The week concluded with a community litter pick in partnership with Portishead Marina, before students headed off to their own work experience placements.

See the full story and photos on our News & Events webpage [here](#).

#### **GoShine Sports Centre at Gordano School**

The GoShine team are delighted to officially welcome you to the GoShine Sports Centre, Portishead. Opening hours have been extended and from 1st October the sports centre will be open every weekday morning from 6.30am until 8am. You can check the evening and weekend opening times, browse the classes available, and find information on membership or pay as you go options on the website [here](#).

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



**Ms L Blundell**  
**Headteacher**

## Key Dates for Term 1

Sunday 28 September	7pm Open Mic Gordano 3 - Workmens Club Sports Bar
Monday 29 September	School Photographs for Year 11
Monday 29 September	6pm Year 8 Parental Information Evening
Tuesday 30 September	6pm Year 11 Parental Information Evening
Thursday 2 October	3.30pm - 4.30pm Student and Parent IT support drop-in
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 1
Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day
Tuesday 7 October	Year 10 River Holford Geography Trip 2
Tuesday 7 October	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 8 October	Year 10 River Holford Geography Trip 3
Thursday 9 October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 9 October	Senior Maths Challenge (Year 12/13)
Friday 10 October	Hello Yellow Day
Monday 13 October	Year 13 Design & Technology Amalgam modelling trip
Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Wednesday 15 October	Year 11 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