



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

As we begin the examination season, I want to express how incredibly proud we are of our Year 11 and Year 13 students for the calm focus and determination they are showing. I had the privilege of walking through the Art and Photography examinations, while SLT colleagues visited the Textiles exams earlier in the week, and the quality of work on display was exceptional, showcasing not only a very high standard but also remarkable creativity throughout the process. We also started the term with an outstanding Dance Showcase held over two evenings, featuring a wide range of performances choreographed and performed by our students. It was particularly special to welcome students from Portishead Primary School onto the stage alongside our own. Seeing the depth of talent across the performances was a real privilege, and my sincere thanks go to Hannah Holt, Sophie Baldwin, and the wider staff and student teams who worked so hard to support these wonderful events.

Parent Survey 2025-26

A reminder that this year's Parent Survey is now live until Friday 8th May. Please take a few minutes to share your views as parent feedback is really important to us.

Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday. We hope you have a lovely extended weekend and look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday 5th May.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Blundell', is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

YEAR 11 CELEBRATION DAY – TUESDAY 5TH MAY

We're really looking forward to celebrating our Year 11 students on Tuesday as they mark the start of their GCSE exam season. This special day recognises the hard work, commitment and resilience they've shown throughout their time at Gordano.

After a morning of organised activities in school, students will head off at midday to continue their celebrations independently.

The community will be brightened by an array of imaginative fancy dress costumes in and around the High Street, so do keep an eye out! Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our young people.

Congratulations, Year 11, we are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success in your upcoming exams.

WE'VE BEEN AWARDED A LOCAL SCHOOL NATURE GRANT

We are delighted to announce that Gordano School has been awarded a Local School Nature Grant to support the further development of our Nurture Garden.

The funding will enable us to create enhanced outdoor spaces for students, including hammocks and tarpaulin "nests", alongside providing seeds and a climate curriculum kit to enrich learning across the curriculum.

We will continue to share updates and photographs as the project progresses.

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HEARTSPACE

Over 220 students took time to go to the library at the beginning of this week to visit "HeartSpace" and the 14 'reflection stations' set up there.

There was a range of activities for the students to engage with, all designed to help them to slow down and take time to reflect on their lives and values.

The overwhelming response from the students was that being in HeartSpace was a thoughtful, calming - if sometimes emotional - time. One student said 'please can we have something like this up all the time?'

A member of staff who brought two classes along to the space said "I found the experience extremely moving. It was incredible to see students opening up about things and pausing to reflect. Reading some of the comments they had written on the various activities was really powerful, and just listening into little snippets of conversation that the facilitators were having with the students was so inspiring. It just felt like such a rare opportunity for them to chill out and connect with themselves, something I think lots of students found quite hard to do."

Thanks to the members of local churches who came in to support Verity the school chaplain and the sixth formers who'd been working on HeartSpace for their Elective over the last couple of terms.



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Mind Aid is a six-week course for young people aged 11-19 struggling with stress, anxiety, low mood or depression.

Open to young people aged 11-19 in North Somerset.

Our next sessions:
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KEY DATES FOR TERM 5

Monday 4 May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 May	Year 13 A-level Art Exam
Tuesday 5 May	Year 11 Celebration Day (Year 11 students leave school at midday)
Tuesday 5 May	6pm Parent Info Evening - Year 10 Berlin Trip
Thursday 7 May	Start of GCSE written exams
Thursday 7 May	5pm - 7pm Year 6 Parental Information Evening
Friday 8 May	Year 13 Leavers' Celebration
Monday 11 May	Start of A-level written exams
Tuesday 12 May	6pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 May	Year 9 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition - Group A
Thursday 14 May	4pm - 7.30pm Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May	Year 9 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition - Group B
Monday 18 May	Year 8 Cheddar Gorge Geography Trip 1
Tuesday 19 May	Year 8 Cheddar Gorge Geography Trip 2
Wednesday 20 May	Year 8 Cheddar Gorge Geography Trip 3
Thursday 21 May	6pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 22 to Sunday 24 May	Gold DofE Practice Expedition - Brecon Beacons
Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	HOLIDAY

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