



25th September 2026

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Last night was a wonderful opportunity to open our doors to prospective families and showcase everything that makes our school such a special place as we hosted our Annual Open Evening. What made the evening truly memorable was the incredible contribution of our students. Despite having an early finish to the school day, so many chose to return to support departments, demonstrate learning, and act as tour guides for visiting families. Their enthusiasm, confidence and pride in their school created a fantastic atmosphere, with a real buzz evident across every corner of the site. The feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive, and it was our students who made the greatest impression. They were welcoming, articulate, helpful and genuinely outstanding ambassadors for our school. We could not be prouder of the way they represented our community and lived out our values. They were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and our school.

I would also like to personally thank the wonderful group of students who joined me on stage throughout the evening. Their willingness to share their own stories and reflections on their journey through Gordano brought authenticity, warmth and inspiration to our presentations. Whether speaking about their experiences, opportunities and achievements, or showcasing their talents through their performances, they did so with confidence, maturity and grace. Standing in front of hundreds of prospective parents is no small task, yet they rose to the occasion brilliantly and reminded us all what makes our students so special. I am incredibly grateful to each of them for helping to tell the Gordano story so powerfully and for representing our school with such pride.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

GORDANO SCHOOL CAREERS CONVENTION

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 6PM - 8PM

We have 60 employers and organisations signed up to attend our annual Careers Convention next Thursday. This is the perfect opportunity to talk to employers as well as colleges and universities to learn about the types of job roles available, the skills and qualifications needed and apprenticeships.

This event is open to the **whole** school and most relevant to Years 9 and above.

There are three Seminars throughout the evening (in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre):

- Life at College – Weston College: 6pm
- Apprenticeships – SGS College: 6.45pm
- The Benefits of University – Oxford Brookes University: 7.30pm

Invitations to book for these talks have been sent to Year 11 parents and will then be opened to Sixth Form and Year 10. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend the talks or booking is full, we will send the presentations to everyone after the event. You are also always welcome to contact the Careers Team on careers@gordanoschool.org.uk if you have any questions.

Due to building work on the school site parking will be extremely limited; please walk to the school if you can.



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)**



FIRE DRILL AND LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all students and staff safe, it is essential that we regularly practise our emergency procedures. This week we ran our Fire Drill and I would like to thank all students for the calm way in which they followed the expectations for this drill.

Our Lockdown practice will take place at 8.55am on Friday 2nd October. This will be conducted specifically during extended tutor time, ensuring that they are well supported by familiar staff throughout the process.

Please note that these are planned practice drills. Our aim is to familiarise students with the procedures and expectations so that everyone knows how to respond safely and effectively in the event of a genuine emergency. We recognise that some students may find emergency drills unsettling. Where appropriate, we will provide additional support and reassurance, and staff will be available throughout to ensure students feel safe and informed. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe, secure and caring environment where every student feels a sense of belonging and knows that their wellbeing is our highest priority.

PARENTAL INFORMATION EVENINGS

We have really enjoyed welcoming families to our year group Information Evenings, and the presentations so far are available on the [website](#). We only have two years groups left which are Year 8 and Year 11 and they take place next week. Due to space limitations, we kindly ask that attendance is limited to parents and carers only. We look forward to seeing you then if you are able to join us.

Information Evenings	
Year 8 - 6pm-7pm	28th September 2026
Year 11 - 6pm-7pm	29th September 2026

YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHS – CHANGE OF DATE

The Year 11 photographs originally planned for Monday 28th September have now been re-arranged for **Friday 23rd October**. Students do not have PE on this date and are expected to be in full uniform, including blazers.

YEAR 9 ACTIVITIES WEEK

Every year Gordano School holds an Activities Week which is an essential part of our curriculum and offers our students a chance to try new activities and participate in residential trips. Next year this will take place from Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July 2027.

The usual timetable is suspended, and all students are expected to participate either in the residential trips or the base programme in school.

Year 9 students have six different residential trips to choose from. See the [Trips webpage](#) for more information. **Please note the deadline for submitting your top three preferences from the available trips is Monday 28th September.**

LSP ALLERGY POLICY

In line with new government legislation in Benedict's Law, the Trust has published its new Allergy Safety Policy. You can view the policy on the [LSP website](#). The school will take steps to ensure that risks are identified, minimised and managed effectively. Can we please ask parents to consider allergies when food items are brought into school for student lunches, birthday celebrations or cake sale/fundraising activities and avoid bringing foods onto site that contain nuts which can trigger a severe allergic reaction.

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Soluna by Kooth is a space for young people to get free confidential mental wellbeing support — built by the same people who brought you Kooth and designed to fit you.

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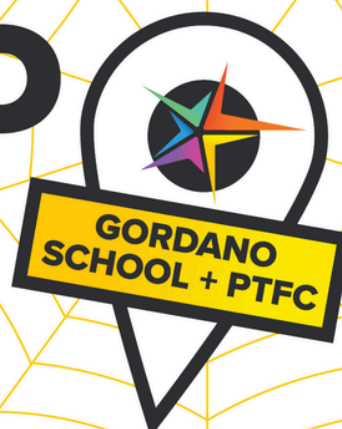
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KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

Monday 28 September	6pm Year 8 Parental Information Evening
Tuesday 29 September	6pm Year 11 Parental Information Evening
Wednesday 30 September	5.30pm – 6.30pm Read to Succeed Parent Evening
Thursday 1 October	6pm – 8pm Gordano Careers Convention
Monday 5 to Wednesday 7 October	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Days
Tuesday 6 October	6pm Parent Forum
Thursday 8 October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 9 October	Hello Yellow Day
Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Thursday 15 October	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip to Weston-super-Mare
Thursday 15 October	SENDCO Surgery
Friday 16 October	Year 10/11 photo mop up session
Tuesday 20 October	Year 11 Futures Evening
Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October	Flu Vaccinations Years 7-11
Friday 23 October	Year 11 Photographs
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October inclusive	Holiday

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Could you tell
if your child was
being **exploited**
online?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child
Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

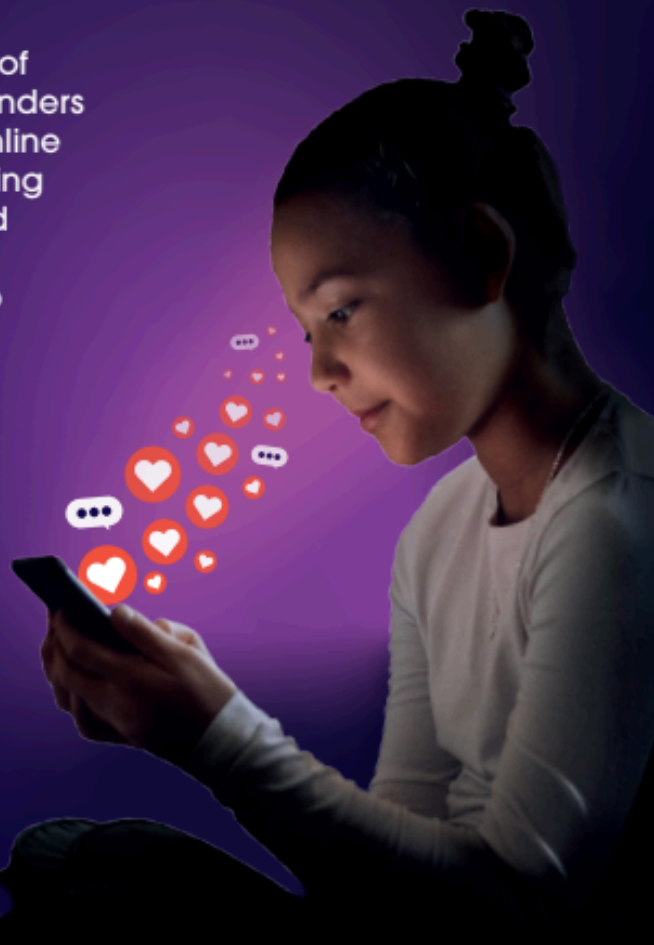
Learn about the different forms of
child exploitation and how offenders
groom/exploit children both online
and offline. We'll highlight warning
signs a child may be at risk and
practical steps you can take to
keep them safe and respond to
any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset
Police Eventbrite page**
or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct



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