



5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to the start of a brand-new academic year! It's been a busy week here at Gordano, but we couldn't be happier to have our students back in school.

First of all, a huge congratulations to our brand-new Year 7s, who have made such a fantastic start to their Gordano journey. They have spent the last two days navigating their way around the site, experiencing their first lessons and have been a wonderful support to each other. I have absolutely loved popping into their classrooms and seeing the excitement, curiosity, and enthusiasm they are already bringing to their learning. I'm sure they will need a well-earned rest this weekend!

We were also thrilled to welcome our new Year 12 cohort on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning, as well as new students joining us for their Sixth Form adventure. With such a wide range of subjects being studied, it's an exciting chapter ahead for this year group, and we can't wait to see all that they will achieve.

Today, the energy in school grew even more as our Year 8-11 students, along with Year 13, returned ready to step up into their new year groups. During our assemblies, we spoke about the exciting journeys that lie ahead this year and revisited the values and expectations that shape life here at Gordano. These expectations are not just rules – they are the foundations that help every student thrive. They exist because we want the very best outcomes for each and every young person, both in their academic studies and in their personal growth.

At Gordano, we are committed to supporting our students not only to excel academically but also to flourish as confident, resilient, and well-rounded individuals. By working together as a team, we can fill this year with learning, growth, and create some wonderful memories together.

### Parental Information Evenings

We will also walk through our goals for the year and school expectations for all parents during our parental information evenings that take place over the next few weeks. To ensure that we can manage numbers you will be required to book a space using the links below. Whilst we will be sharing the slide deck from each evening for parents unable to attend, we do encourage you to join us if you are able. The premise of each evening is to look at the year ahead and to ensure as parents you are able to fully support your child in the next steps. **If you are a parent that has children in different year groups**, we are not expecting you to attend every meeting, please prioritise attending the meeting of any child you may have in exam years or your Year 7 child. We will then share all of the year group slides with you after the events so you can catch up on any missed information. Due to space limitations, we do ask that **only parents** come to the evening/s. Each session starts at 6pm.

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Information Evenings		
Year 7	10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<a href="#">Book here</a>
Year 8	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<a href="#">Book here</a>
Year 9	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<a href="#">Book here</a>
Year 10	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<a href="#">Book here</a>
Year 11	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<a href="#">Book here</a>

Parents of students in Years 12 and 13 are welcome on the following evenings, and we will be running one session in the main hall between 6pm and 7pm. There is no need to book for these meetings.

Year 12	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 and UCAS 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026
Year 13	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Future INSET Day and Open Evening

We have one more INSET day this term on Friday 26th September. The day before this (on 25th September) is our annual Open Evening. On 25th September the school closes early to allow staff to prepare for the evening. Students will be released on that day at approximately 1.15pm, after lunch.

### For new parents to Gordano

We try and ensure that we share pictures of the wonderful things that our students get up to during the day and our main platform for this is our Gordano School Facebook page. If you would like to follow us, then please do. <https://www.facebook.com/Gordanoschool>

### LSP Home School Partnership

Please click on the link below to read the LSP Home School Partnership document. This is an important document in terms of what you can expect from us as a school but also outlines the way we are keen to positively work with parents.

[LSP Home School Partnership](#)

### OTR Mind Aid

OTR is a charity that provides mental health support. Their Mind Aid programme is a 6-week course for young people age 11-19 who are struggling with stress, anxiety, low mood or depression. The next online course will be starting Thursday 18th September, 16:30 - 17:45, running for six weeks. This group is for any young people who live, work, study or have a GP address in North Somerset.

Please discuss this provision with your child if you feel they could benefit from participating. They can sign up via the website here: [Mind Aid - OTR - North Somerset](#) (please open via Chrome as website updates are not always reflected if other browsers are used).

### EAL Students

Parents / carers of English as an Additional Language (EAL) children will hopefully be aware that we are in the process of gathering more information to enable us to better support our EAL learners. If this applies to your household and you have not yet completed the form, please do so by following [this link](#). Please do not complete the form again if you did so last academic year or have already done so this academic year.

### **‘County Lines’ Webinar for parents and carers**

St Giles Trust are inviting parents and carers to join a webinar session about gangs and county lines to help them identify the signs that a young person may be involved and to gain an understanding of how to respond. The sessions take place on Tuesday 11th November and Thursday 27th November, for more information and booking details please see the [flyer](#).

### **Vote for our ‘Teach Teens a Trade’ project in the Tesco Stronger Starts funding scheme**

Just a reminder that Gordano School is in the customer vote for Tesco Stronger Starts funding for our ‘Teach Teens a Trade’ project and would love your support. Voting will continue until the end of September in the Clevedon and Congresbury Tesco Express stores, and customers will cast their vote using a blue token given to them at the check-out each time they shop. This decides how much funding we get, so please support us next time you shop there and please spread the word to friends and family!

[Gordano School - ‘Teach Teens a Trade’ in Tesco Stronger Starts](#)

### **Python coding clubs**

For young people who are interested in learning coding, Codingbug are offering two new Python coding clubs starting this month for students in Years 7-11, with the option of online or in person sessions. See the [poster](#) for full details and booking information.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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

### **Key Dates for Term 1**

Tuesday 9 September	Early UCAS Applications Day
Wednesday 10 September	Year 13 Geography trip to Nettlecombe Court
Wednesday 10 September	6pm Year 7 Parental Information Evening
Thursday 11 September	6pm Year 12 Parental Information Evening
Monday 15 September	6pm Year 9 Parental Information Evening
Tuesday 16 September	6pm Year 10 Parental Information Evening
Wednesday 17 September	Sixth Form Autumn Electives Begin
Thursday 18 September	6pm Year 13 Parental Information Evening
Friday 19 September	Year 12/13 Music trip
Monday 22 September	6pm Bronze DofE Parent Information Evening
Thursday 25 September	European Day of Languages
Thursday 25 September	Year 6 Open Evening (early finish for students at 1.15pm)
Friday 26 September	<b>INSET Day</b>
Sunday 28 September	7pm Open Mic Gordano - Workmens Club Sports Bar
Monday 29 September	School Photographs for Year 11

Monday 29 September	Year 13 Design & Technology Amalgam modelling trip
Monday 29 September	6pm Year 8 Parental Information Evening
Tuesday 30 September	Senior Maths Challenge
Tuesday 30 September	6pm Year 11 Parental Information Evening
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
Friday 10 October	Hello Yellow Day
Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Wednesday 15 October	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