



13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We continue to be so proud of how students have adapted to our new mobile phone policy. Please support us by reminding your children that their phones must be locked in their pouches as soon as they pass any of our unlocking stations in the morning.

We are already seeing a positive impact for staff and students and wanted to share some feedback from our staff survey: *It's been amazing to see the difference—students genuinely look taller and more confident now that they're not hunched over their phones! I've also noticed a real boost in social interaction; they're chatting more with their friends and engaging with each other in a way that feels really positive.*

Now that students are used to the routines of locking and unlocking their pouches, all students will finish school at the usual time from Monday 16th June onwards. Any exceptions to the end of the day for Year 10 students sitting their mocks have already been communicated by Mr Tipler.

### Activities Week

Just a reminder that all forms should now have been completed and returned to the school for Activities Week. Year 8 parents will need to return the waiver form if they haven't already done so, and Year 9 parents can see details of their child's trip and check they have completed the required forms in the ClassCharts updates issued by the trip leaders. If you have any questions, please contact our Trips Team at [trips@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:trips@gordanoschool.org.uk).

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

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 commence from the first week in July 2025 until the end of September 2025 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](#)

### Introduction from Mrs Beth Luton - Assistant Headteacher KS3 Inclusion

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Beth Luton, and I'm delighted to be joining the school as the Assistant Head (KS3 Inclusion) from September.

After 15 years at Redland Green School and the past 5 years at Ashton Park School, I'm excited to begin this new chapter and get to know the children, families and staff who make this community so special. I'm passionate about inclusion and firmly believe that every child deserves the opportunity to succeed, thrive, and feel valued in their school environment.

In this role, I will work closely with staff, students, and families to build on the excellent work already taking place, and to ensure that inclusive practices are embedded throughout the school. This includes supporting teachers in meeting the diverse needs of their learners, working collaboratively with families, and making sure that every child's strengths are recognized and celebrated.

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I look forward to meeting many of you and working together to support your children during these important years.

Kind Regards, Beth Luton

### **Year 11**

As we approach the end of the GCSE exams, we continue to be impressed by the conduct and attitude of our fabulous Year 11 students. With only a couple more exams, the students will be able to take a very well-deserved rest. If there are any students/families who would be willing to donate any school uniform, PE kit or equipment that they no longer need, it would be gratefully received. We will have collection boxes available after the exams next week and in reception for any donations, especially PE kit, blazers, ties and calculators.

### **Year 10**

We approach a busy few weeks for Year 10 students who will be starting a two-week period of Mock Exams before undertaking a very valuable week of Work Experience. We wish them the very best of luck for both events.

### **Community-Minded Businesses**

Are you a business owner - or do you work for a business - that values community and wants to make a meaningful impact?

Gordano School is looking to launch a **Community Partners** initiative to build lasting, mutually beneficial relationships between local businesses and groups and our school. Our aim is to work together to raise vital funds that will directly enhance the educational experience for our students.

Opportunities for involvement may include sponsoring events or contributing funds/materials for projects - such as developing our school garden, upgrading common rooms, or purchasing equipment for specific departments.

In return, your business can benefit from increased visibility in the local community through channels such as our school website, Termly News (reaching over 7,000 contacts), and prominent banners around our sports pitches.

If you're interested in finding out more, please get in touch at [communitypartners@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:communitypartners@gordanoschool.org.uk)

### **Personal Contributions**

We have so many high aspirations for how we can continue to grow the educational experience of the students here at Gordano and in some cases, we require additional funding to be able to reach them.

If you are in a position to provide financial support, or have expertise, connections or experience that may assist us, we would be really grateful to hear from you via [mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk). Thank you for your consideration.

### **Shine this Summer!**

For children aged 5 to 11 years, Shine Holiday Club days will run from 09:00-15:30 during the school holidays with extended hours available if you need them. There are fun activities including Forest Adventure, Creative Workshops, Cricket Fundays, Gymnastics with Cheerleading, Mega Mashup, Football Fundays and more! Book now using the code *Early Booker* for 20% off your Holiday Club activities! Shine are Ofsted Registered so you can pay via Childcare Vouchers and the Tax-Free Childcare Scheme. Click [here](#) to see what's on at the Holiday Clubs.

**Marlens Tides and Tunes event - 16th July**

MARLENS (Marine Lake Enthusiasts) and the Bristol Concert Wind Band are pleased to present 'Tides and Tunes' - an evening of watery themed, family friendly light classical, popular music and film scores. All are welcome, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm), Wednesday 16th July at Clevedon Community Centre, with all profits going towards the upkeep of Clevedon Marine Lake. Find more information on the Clevedon Marine Lake website [here](#).

We wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



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

**Key Dates for Term 6**

Monday 16th to Friday 20th June	Year 12 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 16th to Friday 27th June	Year 10 End of Year Exams
Tuesday 17th June	6pm Fitzroy House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 18th June	School Improvement Partners Visit
Wednesday 18th June	1pm - 3.30pm Year 13 Clearing
Wednesday 18th June	Year 9 HPV vaccinations (catch up clinic for selected students)
Wednesday 18th June	6pm Biscay House Celebration Evening
Thursday 19th June	6pm Cromarty House Celebration Evening
Friday 20th June	11.30am - 2.30pm Swimming Gala
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th June	Year 12 Bridging Week
Tuesday 24th June	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 26th June	1pm - 3.30pm Year 13 Clearing
Friday 27th June	Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam
Friday 27th June	Year 13 Ball at Bristol Marriott Hotel
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July	Activities Week
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July	Year 12 Futures Week
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to Snowdonia
Wednesday 2nd July	6pm - 7pm Year 12 UCAS Parental Information Evening
Monday 7th to Friday 11th July	Functional Skills English and Maths Exams
Tuesday 8th July	Year 6 Induction Day

Tuesday 8th July	6pm Parent Forum
Thursday 10th July	Year 12 A-level Arranging Music mock exam
Thursday 10th July	Sports Day (pm)
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July	5.30pm - 9.30pm Creative Arts & DT Festival
Thursday 17th July	Reserve date for Sports Day
Tuesday 22 July	Last Day of Term - students finish at 12.30pm
Wednesday 23rd July to Monday 1st September inclusive	HOLIDAY