



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

A huge well done to all of the Year 11 students who have made such a positive and focused start to their GCSE exams. We have already completed a number of practical exams including Art, Photography and Textiles along with French and Spanish Speaking Exams. This week the formal written exams have begun with Travel and Tourism, Psychology, Sport and Drama being completed. Next week sees a very busy week with the core exams commencing alongside many others.

Throughout the exam period Year 11 students are able to wear their school uniforms or PE kit, however no hoodies can be worn in the exam venues.

Year 11 students will continue to be supported in lessons next week when they do not have exams and subject teams have carefully planned their final sessions with the students to focus on a blend of the key information for that subject along with an opportunity for students to revise for their next exam. Thank you to all families for your continued support of the strategy to best prepare the students and for their efforts in lessons next week.

Also, this week saw both Year 11 and 13 celebration mornings. This was an opportunity to celebrate the journeys of both year groups and how special they have been to the school in terms of their support and contributions to our community and each other. We had such lovely mornings with a variety of activities taking place. The atmosphere was an indication of just how fabulous our year groups are. It goes without saying that every single person at Gordano is wishing all of our students the very best of luck throughout the exam season.

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls' football team on their fantastic achievement in winning the County Cup. The team delivered an outstanding performance in the final, securing an impressive 9-0 victory against Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School. Well done to all the players for their teamwork, determination and excellent representation of the school throughout the competition.

Well done to the Year 9 boys who succeeded in getting all the way to the final of the Somerset Cup and finished runners-up. Whilst they sadly lost in the final the boys demonstrated a fantastic attitude, resilience and determination to never give up in an effort to get back into the game. We are very proud of their achievements.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

YEAR 8 ACTIVITIES WEEK

Year 8 students signed up for the day trips programme during Activities Week will need a waiver to be completed for the activities to be able to participate. This was sent by email earlier this week, the form to complete is [here](#) and the deadline is 1st June.

KEEPING IN TOUCH SURGERIES THIS TERM

With such a large school community and a great many activities and events, Gordano is a busy and fast paced educational environment, and in addition to our weekly communication we share our news via the [Termly Newsletters](#) and regular posts on our [Facebook](#) page.

We also have structures in place to ensure any concerns or queries can be dealt with efficiently by the appropriate member of staff via our Gordano Mailbox. Thank you for your support in utilising mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk to enable us to consistently manage your communications to us.

The Senior Leadership Team really value getting to know the parents and carers of our school community. We are very happy to listen to any broader questions or concerns and ensure these concerns are resolved with the relevant member of staff. To assist with this, we are delighted to offer our Keeping in Touch Surgeries again during Term 5, taking place every Wednesday 4pm - 5pm in 15 minute slots with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

To book a meeting, please email mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk or call main reception on 01275 842606 with your available Wednesdays in Term 5, along with your name, child's name and year group.

READ TO SUCCEED PARENT EVENING

We are pleased to invite parents of Year 7 and 8 students to our Read to Succeed evening, focused on how families can support reading for pleasure and reading progress at home. We know that encouraging reading can feel challenging in a fast-paced digital world, but reading still brings huge benefits – from improved literacy and academic success to confidence, empathy and wellbeing. This session recognises those challenges and explores realistic, practical ways to keep reading enjoyable and meaningful for young people. Reading works best as a partnership between school and home, and we hope you will leave the evening feeling confident, supported, and equipped with a range of helpful strategies, as well as some ideas for potential new reads. The session will be led by:

- Beth Luton – KS3 Inclusion Assistant Head
- Melanie McGilloway – School Librarian
- Claire Crosby – Head of English

Date: Monday 18th May

Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Location: School Library

Please feel free to bring your child and/or any younger siblings along with you. We look forward to welcoming you and working together to help every child read to succeed.

Please complete this form to confirm your attendance

YEAR 8 - LAUNCH OF MY CHILD AT SCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

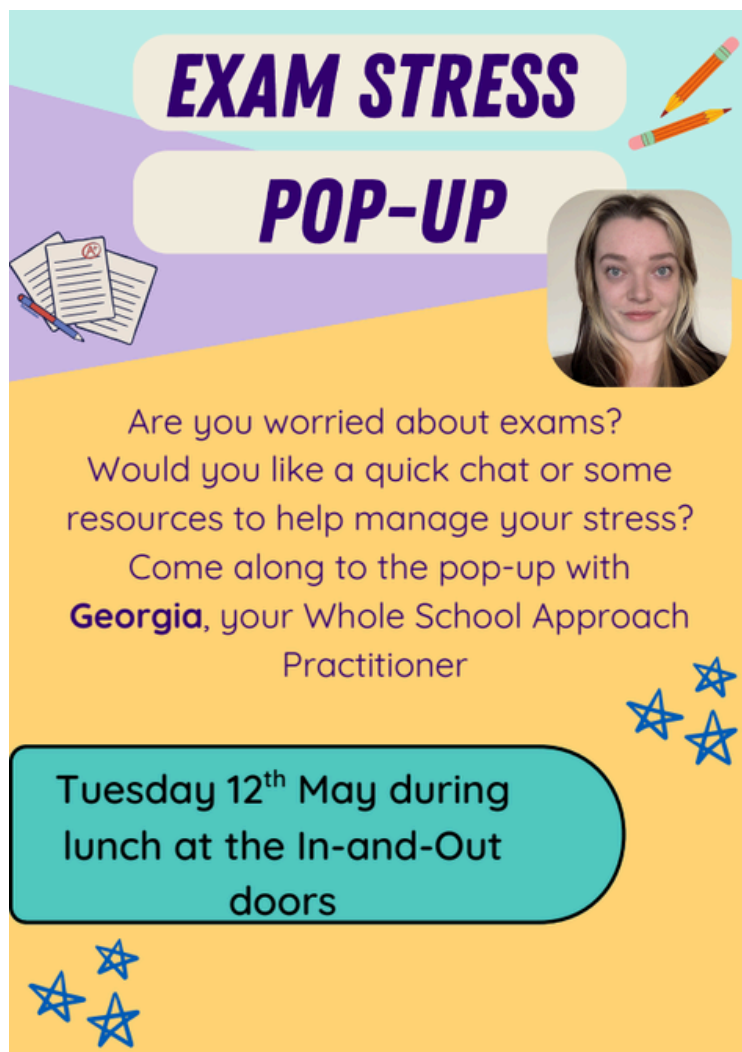
As part of our recent transition to BromCom, we will shortly be making the accompanying parent portal My Child At School (MCAS) available to parents and carers in Year 8. This will enable you to view your child's timetable, attendance and reports and update your contact details held by school. You will be kept informed if any additional modules are added to MCAS going forwards.

MCAS is already available for Year 7, we will be rolling the system out to individual year groups over the coming weeks. Year 8 Parents and Carers will receive an email on Monday 11th May with details of how to access MCAS. Please contact mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk with any queries.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK: 11-15 MAY

The theme for assemblies and tutor times this week will be supporting wellbeing, with a particular focus on belonging.

In addition, for students with forthcoming exams, OTR will be running a 'pop up' in the Quad on Tuesday 12th May at lunchtime to support young people feeling anxious about exams.



The poster features a light blue and purple background with a yellow section at the bottom. It includes icons of a pencil, papers, and a person's headshot. The text is in a mix of bold and regular fonts, with some in purple and some in black. There are also blue star icons scattered around the text.

EXAM STRESS

POP-UP

Are you worried about exams?
Would you like a quick chat or some resources to help manage your stress?
Come along to the pop-up with
Georgia, your Whole School Approach Practitioner

Tuesday 12th May during lunch at the In-and-Out doors

'BAKE OFF' JUDGES NEEDED

In Term 6, our Years 7–9 students will be competing in an exciting Interhouse Bake Off, tackling a fun technical challenge inspired by the famous show.

We are actively seeking local bakeries, cake makers or baking businesses to help make this event truly special by:

- Judging the technical challenge, and/or
- Donating or sponsoring a prize for our winning baker(s)

This is a fantastic opportunity to support young people, showcase your expertise, and engage with the local community. If you can help — or know a business that might — please get in touch with us as soon as possible by emailing marketing@gordanoschool.org.uk. Your involvement will make a real difference, and we'd love to have you on board for this exciting (and delicious!) event.

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PLAYLINK RECRUITMENT EVENT - 14TH MAY

Playlink run playschemes for children with learning disabilities and autism and are on the lookout for some new Play Workers to work at their school holidays clubs in Bristol and North Somerset. Please see the poster below for details of the recruitment event open to those aged 16+.



Work with us

We are looking for Play workers in the Bristol and North Somerset area

The hiring event is taking place in Bradley Stoke on May 14th.

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 5

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

KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

Friday 29 May to Monday 1 June
Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June
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Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June
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Monday 8 to Friday 12 June
Tuesday 9 June
Wednesday 10 June
Thursday 11 June
Monday 15 to Friday 19 June
Monday 15 to Friday 26 June
Monday 15 June
Tuesday 16 June
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Monday 22 June
Tuesday 23 June
Thursday 25 June
Friday 26 June
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July
Wednesday 1 July
Monday 6 to Friday 10 July
Tuesday 7 July
Tuesday 7 July
Tuesday 7 July
Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 July
Thursday 9 July
Thursday 9 July
Thursday 9 July
Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July
Tuesday 14 July
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July
Thursday 16 July
Wednesday 22 July
Thursday 23 July to
Wednesday 2 September

Year 10 Berlin Trip
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition Mendips - Group B
Year 12 Textiles Mock Exam
Year 12 Trip to Oxford
Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition Mendips - Group A
Year 10 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Year 12 End of Year Exams
Men's Mental Health Week
6pm Shannon House Celebration Evening
6pm Lundy House Celebration Evening
6pm Portland House Celebration Evening
Year 12 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Year 10 End of Year Exams
Year 12 Biology trip to Braunton Burrows
6pm Fitzroy House Celebration Evening
1pm - 3.30pm Year 13 Clearing
6pm Biscay House Celebration Evening
Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
6pm Cromarty House Celebration Evening
11.30am - 2.30pm Swimming Gala
Year 12 Bridging Day
Year 11 Prom
Year 13 Ball at The Bristol Hotel
Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam
Years 7 - 9 Activities Week
Year 10 WEX Week
Year 12 Futures Week
Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold expedition - Snowdonia
5.30pm - 6.30pm Year 12 UCAS Parent Info Evening
Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams
Year 6 Induction Day
Weston College Taster Day trip
6pm Parent Forum
Sports Day preliminary events
Sports Day (pm)
Year 12 Silly Sports Day (pm)
Year 12 A-level Arranging Music mock exam
Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Years 9 & 10 Aspire Conference (lessons 3-6)
Creative Arts & DT Festival
Reserve Date for Sports Day
Last day of term for students - 12.30pm finish
SUMMER HOLIDAY

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