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19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Throughout the academic year we follow a series of quality assurance processes in school focussing on learning across faculties, subjects and within year groups. Yesterday, I had the pleasure, with our Director of Secondary Education to have the day focussing on our sixth form provision. We visited several classrooms throughout the day and spoke with sixth form students about their experience. It was a privilege to see such focussed and independent learning across curriculum areas. Thank you to our sixth form students who were also involved in this valuable activity.

Year 11 Parental Information Evening

On Tuesday 23 January Mr Beesley and Mrs Tipler will be hosting our Year 11 Information Evening for parents. All families are welcome to join us at **6pm** in the **Main Hall**. We will share information about the upcoming term, Year 11 Support System and preparation for the Core Mock Exams. We look forward to seeing you.

Year 11 Revision and Support sessions – Term 3

Please see the ClassCharts ANNOUNCEMENT from Mr Beesley with regards to when these sessions are taking place and the logistics of support for Year 11 this term.

Sixth Form Applications

A reminder to all our students in Year 11 that today is the deadline for sixth form applications. We look forward to receiving yours if you haven't already completed it.

Term dates and INSET Days 2024-2025

Please find below the details of our planned term dates and INSET days for the academic year 2024-2025. We will be following the term dates as outlined on the North Somerset Council website which can be found following this [link](#)

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LIGHTHOUSE
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Term 1 - Monday 2 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024

Term 2 - Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

Term 3 - Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025

Term 4 - Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025

Term 5 - Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025

Term 6 - Monday 2 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

Gordano School INSET Days 2024-25

- Monday 2 September 2024
- Tuesday 3 September 2024
- Friday 27th September 2024
- Wednesday 20 November 2024 – LSP
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 14 February 2025 - LSP

Students Late to School

We still have a considerable number of students arriving late to school each day, causing disruption to learning. This means that we continue to have to spend a significant amount of time double checking registers, and it is having a big impact on the amount of time staff have available to support other students. We are sure that you would agree that staff time is better spent supporting our pupils, and therefore once again ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child gets to school on time.

Portishead Youth Centre

Please see these two linked posters for details of PYC activities available to book into over the February half term.

[February half term - school year 6+.png](#)

[February half term - 8-12 year olds.png](#)

Wishing you a relaxing and restful weekend

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 3

Term 3 Achievement Reviews for Year Group 7 and 11

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| Tuesday 23 rd January | Year 11 Information Evening for Parents – 6pm-7pm |
| Thursday 25 th January | Year 10 Employability Workshop |
| Thursday 25 th January | 4.00 – 7.30 Year 13 Progress Evening |
| Wednesday 31 st January | Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years 9-11) |
| Monday 5 th February | Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam (lessons 1-6) |
| Monday 5 th February | 3.30 – 4.30 Year 7 MFL Spelling Bee Final |
| Tuesday 6 th February | Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam (lessons 1-6) |
| Tuesday 6 th February | 6.00 – 7.00 Parent Forum |
| Wednesday 7 th February | Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam (lessons 1-6) |
| Thursday 8 th February | 4.00 – 7.30 Year 11 Progress Evening |
| Friday 9 th February | School Production all-day rehearsal (8.40 - 5.30) |
| HOLIDAY | Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February inclusive |
| INSET DAYS | Monday 19 th February & Tuesday 20 th February |