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16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to all of our Year 9 students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend. They were an absolute credit to the school, and all the hard work and enthusiasm they put in was fantastic to see. An excellent display of navigation, teamwork and campcraft!

Congratulations also to all our athletes who took part in the North Somerset Championships last week at Clevedon School in very hot conditions. Our places are below, in total 11 schools competed so these results are excellent!

Year 8 girls – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 9 girls – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 8 boys – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 9 girls – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 10 boys 2<sup>nd</sup>

Also, this week our Chess Club hosted Clevedon School on Tuesday. Fourteen players took part in 3 rounds. Overall Gordano won the tie, with 23 points to 19. A huge well done to all students involved!

### **School Uniform Next Week**

Due to the reduction in temperature next week, we will be reverting to normal school uniform on Monday. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Blazers will remain optional until the end of term. Please note that on non-PE days, students are not permitted to substitute their blazer with their school hoodie. These should continue to be worn on PE days only, and if students are cold on a non-PE day, they should be wearing their blazer.

### **Sports Day**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, students may wear a House coloured top in place of their usual school top. Also, if they wish to, they can bring in some 'pocket money' to buy an ice cream from the ice cream van who will be serving during the afternoon. If possible, cash is preferred rather than a card. This will support a speedier queue.

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### **Breakfast Club**

Earlier in the year we were awarded a grant from Waitrose Portishead to set up a Breakfast Club, free at point of access to all students who would like to use it. This has been really successful, with students able to come along from 8.10am each day to help themselves to toast, butter and condiments. We would love to be able to continue this provision for next year, but have used all of the money awarded to us. A voluntary contribution on ParentPay has been set up to allow anyone who would like to contribute towards this provision to do so. If any parent works for or owns a business who are looking to make a community donation, please do get in touch with Adam Dickinson [adickinson@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:adickinson@gordanoschool.org.uk) to discuss further.

### **Year 10 Mock Exams (19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June)**

Starting on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June**, the Year 10s have mock exams for the next fortnight. This will also include Year 9 students who are taking Religious Studies. The logistics have been shared by **Mr Beesley** via **ClassCharts**. Students need to ensure that they are on time at the start of the school day and register with their tutor as normal, then go to their exam venues. In the afternoon, students should go straight to their exam venues and will be registered there.

Exams will take place at either **9am** or **1.40pm**. When students are not in exams (*including if they finish in between lesson times*) they should be in their normal lessons.

### **Year 11 Parents Bridging Week (commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June)**

If your son or daughter intends to join us next year in Sixth Form, a reminder that you will have received information about Bridging Week in an email (last week). This is a great opportunity for students to experience the subjects they have chosen for Post 16, and full timetables will be shared on the first day of Bridging.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

Final plans are now being put in place for students who have not secured WEX placements for Activities Week – please contact Debbie Crosby ([dcrosby@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:dcrosby@gordanoschool.org.uk)) by return if a placement has now been secured.

### **Year 12 Futures Week – July**

A reminder that all Year 12 students (apart from those on Gold Duke of Edinburgh) are expected to attend the Sixth Form Futures Week. This is a valuable opportunity for all students to experience multiple Post 18 pathways before they begin making final choices in Year 13.

We are fortunate to have input from a wide range of external providers and students will gain valuable skills in the employability skills they will all need in future life. Please note that - as in the world of university and employment - groupings will be allocated to students; we do this is to encourage students to work with different peers

## Higher Education Information Evening Wednesday 6 – 7: Sixth Form Lecture Theatre

Audience Year 12 students and their parents/carers. This is a complementary session to the Higher Apprenticeship Information Evening we ran earlier in the year. Places can be booked on this link:

[Higher Education Evening](#)

## Community Charity Event



We wish you a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher