



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

This morning we spent time during our extended tutor time to walk through the organisation for Activities Week which is not far away now. Parent communication regarding the finer details is in the process of being sent out to different year groups. I would just like to thank you in advance for reading the information you receive carefully and for ensuring where required that relevant waiver forms have been completed. Activities Week takes a full year of planning, and we are very grateful to our trips team for their dedication in ensuring that it runs smoothly and to our staff for supporting such a large programme of activities across the week, whether that is residentials, day trips or base activities.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all our Year 10 students, their families, and our Careers Team for their support in securing work experience placements. We hope that every student enjoys a valuable and rewarding experience, gaining new skills, confidence, and insights into the world of work.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Blundell', written in a cursive style.

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

YEAR 9 REVIEW

Three visiting reviewers carried out a thorough review of Year 9 provision this week, looking at the new curriculum, learning, effort and behaviour in lessons, attendance, inclusion and crucially, speaking to groups of Year 9 students. They found the new curriculum to be thoughtfully planned, appropriately challenging and engaging and preparing students well for Year 10 and 11. They saw excellent behaviour and effort in lessons and heard how students feel thoroughly supported, both in the classroom and beyond. Supporting students whose attendance is affecting their progress remains a crucial priority across all year groups; we will be working closely with families to identify and address barriers to consistently strong attendance.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT REQUIREMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2026

We would like to inform you of updates to our school uniform and PE kit requirements, effective from September 2026.

Following consultation with staff, students, and governors, we have created a uniform policy which ensures we are meeting the objectives of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026. We have reduced the number of branded PE items from September 2026 to ensure parents and carers are required to purchase no more than four branded items.

The full Uniform Policy, including images and supplier details, is available on our website. Second-hand uniform will also be available — please visit our website [here](#) for further information.

As we consider future changes for September 2027, we invite you to share your views via the [Parent Uniform Consultation](#).

We have worked to keep costs reasonable however if you need support or have concerns, please contact the school office in confidence at mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk.

MASKED SINGER EVENT - 10TH JULY

We are delighted to invite students to take part in our much anticipated second Masked Singer Event! It takes place on Friday 10th July in the Main Hall at lunchtime.

Students will have the exciting opportunity to watch a series of fun performances and try to guess which member of staff is behind the mask. It promises to be an entertaining and memorable lunchtime event for all involved.

The talent at the first event was incredible; you can see some videos on our website here: [Gordano School - House Captains Lead the Way with Spectacular Staff 'Masked Singer' Event](#)

Tickets are available at a cost of £2 via ParentPay. Please note that tickets are first come, first served, and once they are sold out, no additional tickets will be available.

All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the House Championship Fund.

We hope your child will be able to join us for what is sure to be a fantastic occasion.



ONLINE SHAMELESS SESSIONS WITH OTR

Join OTR for their updated workshop, which will now be offering eight sessions of amazing content.

At Shameless we look at why we've grown to feel ashamed of our bodies, where expectations of how we should look come from, and how to fight back against these messages.

It is a safe space for sharing experiences with other young people, but you don't have to talk if you don't want to.

During Shameless we will learn how to protect ourselves by:

- Exposing the media
- Challenging our thoughts and behaviours
- Building self-worth

Together we'll find practical ways to grow in confidence, accept our bodies and learn to celebrate who we are.

<http://www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/shameless/>



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BBQ food, sweet treats, games, live music and more!



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Proceeds will go to fund our new race gig

KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

Monday 15 to Friday 19 June	Year 12 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 15 to Friday 26 June	Year 10 End of Year Exams
Monday 15 June	Year 12 Biology trip to Braunton Burrows
Tuesday 16 June	6pm Fitzroy House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 17 June	1pm - 3.30pm Year 13 Clearing
Wednesday 17 June	6pm Biscay House Celebration Evening
Thursday 18 June	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 18 June	6pm Cromarty House Celebration Evening
Friday 19 June	11.30am - 2.30pm Swimming Gala
Monday 22 June	Year 12 Bridging Day
Tuesday 23 June	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 25 June	Year 13 Ball at The Bristol Hotel
Friday 26 June	Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Years 7 - 9 Activities Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 10 WEX Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 12 Futures Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold expedition - Snowdonia
Wednesday 1 July	5.30pm - 6.30pm Year 12 UCAS Parent Info Evening
Monday 6 to Friday 10 July	Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams
Tuesday 7 July	Year 6 Induction Day
Tuesday 7 July	Weston College Taster Day trip
Tuesday 7 July	6pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 July	Sports Day preliminary events
Thursday 9 July	Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 9 July	Year 12 Silly Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 9 July	Year 12 A-level Arranging Music mock exam
Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July	Creative Arts & DT Festival
Thursday 16 July	Reserve Date for Sports Day
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of term for students - 12.30pm finish
Thursday 23 July to Wednesday 2 September	SUMMER HOLIDAY

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