



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I would just like to thank the whole Gordano community for their support and kindness to one another throughout this week. Our thoughts remain with the family and friends of the wonderful student that we lost this week. We have set up a memorial book in the school's reception area for anyone who would like to add a personal memory or thought. We will continue to provide time, space and support for our students over the coming weeks and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns via the safeguarding email address:

SafeguardingTeam@gordanoschool.org.uk

If you feel your child needs support outside school hours, the following services are available. Please note that Kooth is not a crisis service.

Service	For	Contact
CAMHS Crisis Line	Young people in crisis	0800 953 1800 (24 hours)
Kooth	Young people aged 10-25	www.kooth.com (free, no referral needed)
Winston's Wish	Young people (bereavement support)	08088 020 021 (free, 8am–8pm Mon–Fri) / ask@winstonswish.org / winstonswish.org
Samaritans	Anyone in distress	116 123 (free, 24 hours)
Shout	Text-based crisis support	Text SHOUT to 85258
Qwell	Parents and carers	www.qwell.io (free, no referral needed)

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday we held the Year 10 Mock Interview Day with local employers, and felt so proud of our students. Their behaviour, the way they engaged with employers, and the thoughtful, confident manner in which they answered questions were all exemplary. Our employers always enjoy this event, and every year they comment on how impressed they are by the maturity and confidence of the students they meet. This year was no exception. Written feedback has been completed for all students and will be returned to them during tutor time over the coming weeks.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Thank you for supporting your children in securing their work experience placements. We are making excellent progress, and many placements have now been added to Unifrog. There are still just over 100 students who have not yet uploaded their details, and we understand that finding a placement can sometimes be challenging — but there is still time. Helpful guidance can be found on the Parents tab in the Careers section of the school website, and our team is always happy to assist. If you have any questions, please email careers@gordanoschool.org.uk. We expect all students to have a placement for 29 June – 3 July. While we will do our best to accommodate any students without a placement in school, this will not provide the same valuable experience as being in a real workplace. The purpose of work experience week is for students to develop new skills and gain a genuine insight into working life.

BRISTOL BEARS – BEAR IN MIND – YEAR 8 GIRLS

We are pleased to be running the Bristol Bears “Bear in Mind” programme for Year 8 girls. “Bear in Mind” is a health and wellbeing initiative aimed at secondary school girls to build self-confidence and investigate topics such as stress, resilience, self-care and body image. More details can be found by following this link: [Bear in Mind - Bristol Bears Rugby](#).

The programme will run across terms 5 and 6, with participants taking part in one lesson of classroom-based activities and one practical lesson every Monday. You do not need to be sporty to take part!

To be considered for the programme, please complete [this form](#) by Wednesday 25th March. Mrs Luton will then work with the Heads of House to select the participants. (If you have done the programme previously, you are not able to take part again.)

MESSAGE FROM NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE MENINGITIS REPORTS IN KENT

We understand that recent news reports about the meningitis outbreak in Kent may be concerning for parents. We are reaching out to share information and the correct guidance.

We would like to reassure you that there is no baseline increased risk outside of the specific outbreak in Kent at this time. Currently there is no need for schools to take any additional actions beyond routine good practice. There is no new or additional national guidance issued following the Kent outbreak.

Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of keeping routine vaccinations up to date, including the MenACWY vaccine where applicable. The Year 9 Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations are taking place at Gordano School on Wednesday 1st April.

BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY – 23 TO 27 MARCH

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th March. It will be open at lunchtime.

You can get a preview of the books available [here](#).

There are several ways to purchase books:

- by card or cash.
- by buying book fair vouchers. Students then bring the voucher and use it as payment at the fair.
- by using the online payment system <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>. If you want to use this method, we will provide your child with a form so they can write down the details of the book(s) they would like to purchase, which they will need to bring back with the transaction details added when collecting their book(s).



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Find your **NEXT FAVOURITE READ** at the **BOOK FAIR**

AND EARN **FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL***

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions.

Betrayed. Betrayed. Destined for each other.
Fearless

Beth IS DEAD
Katie Bernet

CHARLIE HIGSON
THE UNDEAD ARE HUNGRY.
WHO WILL SURVIVE?
THE ENEMY

The banner features three book covers: 'Fearless' by Sarah Crossan, 'Beth is Dead' by Katie Bernet, and 'The Enemy' by Charlie Higson. The background is purple with decorative elements like a white arrow and a pair of white headphones.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP FUND

You will see a new entry on ParentPay for 'Parents in Partnership', a voluntary scheme enabling families to make donations towards projects that enhance the student experience such as subsidising trips, supporting creative arts and improving learning spaces. The option will remain on your ParentPay account throughout the year, allowing contributions at any time, and we look forward to sharing updates on how the funds are used through our Termly News, website, and social media channels. Please do follow us on Facebook [@gordanoschool](https://www.facebook.com/gordanoschool) to stay connected.

Every donation, large or small, helps us enrich student life and ensure all students can thrive. We sincerely thank you in advance for any support you can offer.



There's still time to get your tickets for the 2026 Easter Concert, taking place on 24th and 25th March from 6.30pm.

Join us for an evening filled with outstanding musical performances, showcasing the incredible talent of our students — from rock bands and soloists to the drumline and Jazz Band.

Book your tickets [here](#) or use the QR code below.





GORDANO
Community Partners

Calling local businesses



Gain valuable visibility in the community whilst supporting enrichment opportunities for young people

- Sponsor a sports team, creative arts event, departmental project or school initiative
- Become a Community Partner

CommunityPartners@gordanoschool.org.uk



Where community and education grow together

In return you could have:

- A sports pitch banner
- Marketing including Termly Newsletter to over 7k receivers
- Coverage at events

DO YOU RUN A BUSINESS OR WORK FOR ONE THAT MAY PARTNER WITH US?

We are excited to be growing our school sponsorship and Gordano Community Partners programme to create even more opportunities for our students. Through a partnership, we can enhance enrichment activities, sports teams, and learning resources that directly benefit our young people. In return we can offer high visibility via sports pitch banners, marketing channels, our Termly News to over 7,000 recipients, and other opportunities such as a logo on our sports team kits and presence at creative arts performances.

If you are a business owner, work for an organisation that may be interested in partnering with us, or are well connected within the local community, we would greatly value your support. Every introduction helps us strengthen our provision and build meaningful partnerships that benefit both our students and the wider community.

If you can help, please share details here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/FSi9rfDfH6?origin=lpLink>

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Python Club

Join us in Term 5 to learn to code in Python while building **games, apps, and simulations**. Develop problem-solving skills that boost creativity and confidence. Explore **machine learning**, and discover how to work with data and visualise it.

Python opens a door to many career opportunities.
Suitable for students in **Years 7-11**.

IN PERSON

5-6pm
WEDNESDAYS

Hangstones Pavilion
Stowey Road, Yatton,
BS49 4HS

HOW TO JOIN

Scan the QR code to book
Limited spaces available



ONLINE

5-6pm
MONDAYS after school

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Scan the QR code to book



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
codingbug.co.uk



 info@codingbug.co.uk

KEY DATES FOR TERM 4

Monday 23 to Friday 27 March	Year 11 DT Mock Exam Week
Monday 23 to Friday 27 March	Book Fair in the School Library
Tuesday 24 March	Trip - NS Schools Dance Festival, Weston
Tuesday 24 March	Easter Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March	6.30pm Easter Concert
Wednesday 25 March	Y12 HE+ Programme trip to Kings of Wessex
Wednesday 25 March	Year 12 and 13 History trip to University of Bristol
Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March	Year 12 Mock Art Exam
Tuesday 31 March	6pm Parent Forum
Tue 31 March and Wed 1 April	Y11 GCSE Dance Choreography/Performance Exam
Wednesday 1 April	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations
Wednesday 1 April	4pm – 7.30pm Year 12 Progress Evening
Thursday 2 April	Spring Forward Dance competition trip (after school)
Friday 3 April	GOOD FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY
Sunday 5 to Saturday 11 April	Ski Trip
Monday 6 to Friday 17 April	HOLIDAY

KEY DATES FOR TERM 5

Saturday 18 to Tuesday 21 April	Year 9 Battlefields Trip
Monday 20 to Friday 24 April	Year 13 A-level MFL Speaking Exams
Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 April	Year 11 GCSE Textiles practical exam (all day)
Wednesday 22 April	3.35pm Year 7 General Knowledge Quiz
Thursday 23 April	A-level Music Composition Arrangement Exam
Thursday 23 April	4pm - 7.30pm Year 8 Progress Evening
Thursday 23 and Friday 24 April	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Friday 24 to Sunday 26 April	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition
Monday 27 to Thursday 30 April	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May	Shannon Charity Week
Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 April	Year 13 A-level Textiles Exam
Monday 27 to Thursday 30 April	GCSE Art and Photography Exam (all day)
Monday 27 to Thursday 30 April	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 27 April	Year 12 UCAS Convention at ICC Newport
Monday 27 April	Dance Show Technical Rehearsal (lessons 1-6)
Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 April	7pm Dance Showcase
Friday 1 May	Sixth Form May Day Challenge
Monday 4 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 May	Year 13 A-level Art Exam
Tuesday 5 May	Year 11 Celebration Day (Year 11 students leave school at midday)
Tuesday 5 May	6pm Parent Info Evening - Year 10 Berlin Trip
Thursday 7 May	Start of GCSE written exams
Thursday 7 May	5pm - 7pm Year 6 Parental Information Evening
Friday 8 May	Year 13 Leavers' Celebration
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

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