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9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We are in the penultimate week of Term 2 and it has been a very busy week as you would expect. We have hosted two wonderful Music concerts which were exceptional, a Year 7 Disco which I hope our students enjoyed (Thank you to all our Business Post 16 students who organised the event) and I would also like to thank all our students who supported us last Friday when Gordano hosted our Lighthouse Schools Partnership Trust Business Breakfast. Next week is equally as busy and there is some useful information below about the Christmas arrangements across the final week of term.

### **Pastoral Staffing Updates**

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to two key members of staff at the school who have gained promotions in new schools from January. A huge congratulations to both Mr Yau (Head of Lundy) and Mrs De Long (Head of Biscay). I am now delighted to be able to share with you that Mrs Lloyd – the current Head of Year 7 will be taking over the leadership of Lundy House, Mrs McKenzie-Liddington will be leading Biscay House and Mrs Wills will be leading Year 7 from January. We will be announcing the temporary Head of House for Fitzroy at the end of this term.

### **Children In Need**

Our recent non-uniform day raised an amazing £2,010 for Children In Need. Thank you to all our students and their families for their contributions.

### **GAS and Scarlet Fever update from the Local Authority**

Please find attached the link from North Somerset Council with current guidance around Scarlet Fever and Group A Streptococcal infections.

[Scarlet Fever and GAS guidance](#)

### **Last Day Arrangements & Christmas Jumpers**

The last day arrangements will follow the same pattern as it has in previous years. There will be a range of Christmas activities and assemblies during the morning to celebrate the festive season and students' achievements over Terms 1 and 2. The school day finishes for students at 12.30pm on Friday.

Students are welcome to replace their Blazers, shirts and ties for a Christmas jumper on the **last day** only if they wish to – I will remind them of this in my Monday morning broadcast.

### **Assemblies**

After almost two years due to the restrictions around external visitors coming into the school, we are pleased to welcome back Portishead Churches next week where they will be talking to students about the Christmas story/message.

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### **Christmas Lunch**

The **Sixth Form** will be having their **Christmas lunch** in the dining hall on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. This will mean that students in **years 7-11** will only be able to access grab and go food from the canteen. On this day we will be staggering year groups for lunch collection in the canteen. **Students in years 7 and 10** will leave for lunch at **12.45pm** all other year groups will come down to lunch at **12.55pm**.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, the dining hall will only be open to those students who have booked a Christmas lunch. Therefore, students who have not booked a Christmas lunch will need to go to the canteen for lunch on this day. On this day we will be staggering year groups for lunch collection in the **canteen**. **Students in years 7 and 10** will leave for lunch at **12.45pm** all other year groups will come down to lunch at **12.55pm**.

### **Uniform/PE kit**

We recognise that temperatures have decreased dramatically in the past week. In response to this we will permit students to wear their Gordano Hoodie/School Jumper (grey) if they would like to on non-PE days instead of their Blazer. We will review this at the end of January, however if students are wearing a hoodie or jumper that is not Gordano branded, they will be expected to remove the item/s and replace them with a Gordano Hoodie/School Jumper. Students must not be wearing coats in classrooms unless the teacher has permitted this, any refusal to follow this expectation will result in the behaviour policy being applied. We are also seeing an increase in black leggings, please ensure that your child is wearing navy leggings only on PE days. Please can you speak with your child about these changes and expectations and thank you as always for your continued support in upholding our uniform standards.

### **Student and Family Wellbeing**

Please see the link below for Kooth contact information over the Christmas period.

[Kooth Christmas 22 info](#)

### **UHBW Vaccination Trial**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston (UHBW) are looking for volunteers aged 6 to 17 years old to take part in a trial evaluating a new vaccine for the prevention of whooping cough. Full details are available on their [website](#) for anyone who is interested.

### **And finally, more Gordano Success...**

The U13 girls football team have been in tremendous form so far this year, winning the 6 a-side Bristol City EFL tournament, beating Oasis Brightstowe 2-0 in the final as well as progressing to Round 5 of the ESFA National Cup. They are through to the regional stages of the EFL tournament which means they are 2 victories away from a trip to Wembley. In the ESFA National Cup, the girls have swept aside Millfield in Round 1, Oasis Brightstowe in Round 2, Worle in Round 3 and Exmouth Community College in Round 4. We hope they will be able to continue their run next week when they face St Peter's RC High School, Gloucester in their last game under Mr Yau. Good luck to our girls!

Congratulations to all of our students (and there were many!) who this week performed in our annual Christmas concerts. It was a privilege to watch so much talent on stage and such a range of musical items on offer. We recognise the hours and dedication required to perform at that level so a very well done to you all.

The school chess club entered two teams to compete at Bristol Grammar School in the NCF National Schools Chess Championship and both teams were hugely successful. The A team qualified for the regional round as they were one of only a few teams with an overall winning record. The B team came third in their bracket, narrowly missing out on winning. For most students taking part it was their first time playing in a chess tournament.

We wish you all a restful and relaxing weekend  
Yours sincerely

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

**Ms L Blundell**  
**Headteacher**