



7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a relaxing half term break. As always it was lovely to welcome students back into school; they have made an excellent return to learning. We have a busy term ahead as I outlined to students in our Broadcast on Monday, including a variety of school trips, Year 11 mock examinations and speaking/performing examinations, a visiting author for Year 7 as well as our annual RAG (Raise and Give) week hosted by the Sixth Form in aid of their chosen charities. The end of term will see many festive celebrations including our Christmas concerts (2nd and 3rd December) and our annual Christmas lunches and celebration assembly. Plenty to look forward to!

Our first big event of this term is our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 13th November. We very much look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and Year 11 students from further afield to see the offer we have for our Sixth Form students. The evening starts at 5pm and closes at 7.30pm. There will be talks in the Sixth Form Hall from our Senior Students and the Joint Directors of Sixth Form at 5.15pm, 6pm and 6.45pm. If you wish to book a ticket for the talks then do follow the link below. Throughout the evening you will be able to explore our vibrant and inclusive Sixth Form community which is committed to academic excellence, personal growth, and preparing every individual to thrive both within our community and in life beyond school. We look forward to welcoming you.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gordano-school/e-xojqry>

Sixth Form Open Evening - Early closure

On Thursday 13th November we will be closing the school **at the end of Period 5** to enable staff to prepare for the Sixth Form Open Evening (2.30pm).

Gordano Sixth Form Tiktok and Instagram

We encourage all our Year 11 students to follow our [TikTok and Instagram pages](#) to view content created by our Sixth Form students about life in the Sixth Form - run by students for students! There will be a lot of information and fun posts to help you with your decision-making around open evening, subjects and Post-16 life generally.

We will be choosing a lucky winner from those who sign up to both social media accounts and comment, to win a prize in the next few weeks.

Punctuality

As part of our drive to improve punctuality, prevent disruption to learning and avoid missed learning, we will be implementing a change to how we monitor and sanction those who are repeatedly late to registration and lessons. Students were informed in Monday's broadcast that if they are late three or more times to registration or lessons in a week, they will have a 20-minute detention on a Tuesday after school. If they are referred to three detentions in a term, they will receive a one-day internal suspension. We will be emailing parents this Friday and Monday if your child has been late three or more times asking for you to have a supportive conversation with your child before the new system starts on Monday 10th November.

PSHE Bulletin November/December

This [PSHE Bulletin](#) gives an outline of what each year group will be studying in PSHE lessons in November and December 2025. If you have any queries about PSHE themes or topics please contact us via mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk and mark your email for the attention of your child's Head of House or Miss Trevethan, Head of PSHE & Ethics.

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St Giles Trust County Lines Webinar

St Giles Trust are offering a free webinar open to all parents and carers in North Somerset with a choice of two dates:

Tuesday 11th November 4pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 27th November 5pm - 6.30pm

The session will explore the realities and consequences of county lines, gang involvement, and youth violence. Please see [the flyer](#) for more information and booking details.

Christian Union Event

The school Christian Union will be holding a lunchtime session in the Sixth Form Hall on Monday 24th November for Year 11 to come and enjoy cakes baked by Portishead churches. We know that GCSE mocks can be a stressful time and this will be a lovely opportunity for students to sit back and indulge in some lovely baked goods ahead of the assessments. There will also be a five-minute talk about how to thrive during exam season. All Year 11 welcome!

Denim Donations Needed

The new Year 9 Textiles project is an upcycled denim Bucket Hat. To make this project as environmentally friendly as possible, we are using mostly recycled denim. We would be grateful for any donations of clean denim clothing. We accept any colour and style, even ripped and stained - just so long as it's not too stretchy! Donations can be left at main reception, or students can take them to the Textiles department. Thank you - Mrs Pullen, Miss Bardum and Mrs Murdock.

Careers Newsletter

Our latest Careers Newsletter for November is now available [here](#).

Posset Singers Christmas Event - 13th December

The Portishead Posset Singers invite you to 'A Very Posset Christmas', an evening of festive songs, carols and original music at St Nicholas' Church. See the [flyer](#) for more information and to book your tickets.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that our next INSET day is on Wednesday 19th November.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 2

Monday 10 to Friday 14 November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 to Friday 14 November	Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams
Tuesday 11 November	Bristol 6th Forms Maths Competition

Tuesday 11 November	Year 10-12 trip to Easton Jamia Mosque
Wednesday 12 November	Year 13 Worcester Cathedral Ethics Conference
Wednesday 12 November	Year 7 visiting author
Thursday 13 November	5pm - 7.30pm Sixth Form Open Evening (school finishes at end P5)
Friday 14 November	Year 10/11 Uniformed Services trip to Police HQ
Monday 17 to Friday 21 November	Learning Hub Functional Skills Maths Exams
Tuesday 18 November	Knife Crime Awareness Police Pop Up
Tuesday 18, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 November	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Wednesday 19 November	INSET Day 4
Thursday 20 November	3.35pm Years 10/11 General Knowledge Quiz
Monday 24 to Thursday 27 November	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Wednesday 26 November	Year 11 City of Bristol College Visit (Learning Hub)
Wednesday 26 November	Careers Teatime Networking
Thursday 27 November	Year 12/13 English Conference trip
Friday 28 November	Year 9 Eden Project trip 1
Monday 1 to Friday 12 December	Year 11 Mock Exams (two weeks)
Monday 1 December	Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam
Tuesday 2 December	A-level DT and Art trip to London
Tuesday 2 December	Christmas Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 December	6.30pm Christmas concert
Friday 5 December	Year 9 Eden Project trip 2
Monday 8 December	Year 9 & 10 Bristol Bears trip to Ashton Gate
Thursday 11 December	Music A-Level trip to see BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Cardiff
Friday 12 December	Year 13 History trip to Hampton Court Palace
Monday 15 to Friday 19 December	Sixth Form RAG Week
Tuesday 16 December	Sixth Form Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 December	Year 7 - Year 11 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 December	5pm - 6pm A-level Certificate Evening
Thursday 18 December	Year 13 Caring at Christmas Charity Delivery
Friday 19 December	Last Day of Term - 12.30pm finish for students
Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January inclusive	Holiday