



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

It has been another wonderful week in school, and I would like to extend a huge well done to all of our fabulous Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students who took part in their expeditions last week. They impressed on every level—demonstrating outstanding teamwork, supporting one another throughout, maintaining good humour despite the rain, and showing real resilience when things became challenging. It was an absolute joy for staff to spend time with such a positive and determined group of young people. We have also been incredibly proud of our Year 8 students during their Geography Trip to Cheddar this week; they conducted themselves brilliantly at all times and proved to be exceptional ambassadors for the school.

Although it has been a short five-week term, we have achieved so much together as a community. As we approach the half-term break, I would also like to congratulate our incredible Year 11 and Year 13 students for the way in which they have approached the first two full weeks of the exam season. Their focus, maturity and determination have been exemplary, and we continue to be extremely proud of each and every one of them. Finally, my sincere thanks go to our dedicated staff, who consistently go above and beyond to provide such a rich and diverse range of opportunities beyond the classroom for our students.

From everyone at Gordano we wish you all a relaxing half term break and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 1st June.

Yours sincerely

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

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

YEAR 9 - LAUNCH OF MY CHILD AT SCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

As part of our recent transition to BromCom, we will shortly be making the accompanying parent portal My Child At School (MCAS) available to parents and carers in Year 9. This will enable you to view your child's timetable, attendance and reports and update your contact details held by school. You will be kept informed if any additional modules are added to MCAS going forwards.

MCAS is already available for Years 7 and 8, we will be rolling the system out to remaining year groups during Term 6. Year 9 Parents and Carers will receive an email on Monday 1st June with details of how to access MCAS. Please contact mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk with any queries.

NICK WHITE LANDSCAPING SPONSORS YEAR 11 PROM

We're delighted to announce that Nick White Landscaping is proudly sponsoring this year's Year 11 Prom at Ashton Gate Stadium, helping make the evening even more special for Gordano School students as they celebrate the end of their GCSE journey. A huge thank you to them for their generous support and commitment to our school community.

Local businesses interested in supporting Gordano School in a similar way are warmly encouraged to get in touch via marketing@gordanoschool.org.uk or explore becoming part of the newly launched [Gordano Community Partners](#).



Proud Sponsors of Year 11 Prom
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SAFEGUARDING

During the half term break urgent safeguarding concerns should be sent to the safeguarding inbox which will be monitored (school working hours): safeguarding@gordanoschool.org.uk

If you are worried about your, or someone else's mental health, and want to access support straight away, please try the following helplines or webchats:

- **Samaritans** - call them for free from any phone 24/7 for emotional support on 116 123
- **Shout** - if you're experiencing a personal crisis, are unable to cope and need support, text Shout to 85258 for free, 24/7
- **Childline** - call them for free 24/7 on 0800 1111 or go to the website for a 1-2-1 webchat with a counsellor
- **HOPELINEUK** for confidential support and practical advice on suicidal thoughts and feelings call 0800 068 4141. HOPELINE UK are open 9am–10pm weekdays, 2pm–10pm weekends
- **KOOTH** – an online counselling service for people aged 5-16, go to kooth.com, available Monday to Friday midday – 10pm, Saturday & Sunday 6pm – 10pm
- **CAMHS** Crisis Line - 0800 953 9599
- If you need to speak to Children's Social Care - please contact the front door service on 01275 888808
- If a life is at risk, please call 999 to access support from emergency services

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

Friday 29 May to Monday 1 June	Year 10 Berlin Trip
Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition Mendips - Group B
Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June	Year 12 Textiles Mock Exam
Tuesday 2 June	Year 12 Trip to Oxford
Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition Mendips - Group A
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Year 10 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Year 12 End of Year Exams
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Men's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 9 June	6pm Shannon House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 10 June	6pm Lundy House Celebration Evening
Thursday 11 June	6pm Portland House Celebration Evening
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
Tuesday 14 July	Years 9 & 10 Aspire Conference (lessons 3-6)
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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