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20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning, we thankfully avoided the rain to hold our first planned fire drill. I would like to thank all students for their fantastic conduct, lining up in silence as we would expect and following all instructions from staff. As part of our Health and Safety processes and as we did last year, we will also be running a lockdown drill later in the term so that students fully understand this process at Gordano, we will notify parents in advance.

### Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to join us for our Year 10 and Year 13 information evenings this week. The presentations are available on the [Parental Communications page](#) of the school website, alongside Year 9 and Year 12 presentations from last week. Hopefully these presentations are useful if you were not able to join us. Just a quick reminder that we are continuing with our information evenings over the next two weeks. Please see below for details:

To ensure that we can manage numbers you will be required to book a space using the links below. Whilst we will be sharing the slide deck from each evening for parents unable to attend, we do encourage you to join us if you are able. The premise of each evening is to look at the year ahead and to ensure as parents you are able to fully support your child in the next steps. If you are a parent that has children in different year groups and therefore are unable to attend each meeting - then we do suggest prioritising exam students or your Year 7 child and then using the slide decks that we will provide for the specific year group information. Due to space limitations, we do ask that only parents come to the evening/s.

[Year 8 - Monday 30th September](#)

[Year 11 - Tuesday 1st October](#)

[Year 7 - Thursday 17th October](#)

There are 2 sessions for each year, 6pm and 6.45pm with 200 seats available at each.

### Gordano School Careers Convention: Thursday 3rd October - 6-8pm

As noted in our Parent Information evenings, our Careers Convention is one of the most popular events in the school calendar and we are delighted to host a wide range of employers and educational providers again this year. This event is open to all year groups, but it is particularly important for students in years 9-13 as they think about their GCSE's, work experience and Post 16/18 options.

Find more information on our website [here](#).

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### **Tutor Meetings**

Online tutor meetings will be held on Thursday 10th October for all year groups. Details of how to book will be sent to parents in due course.

### **Open Evening Arrangements**

On Thursday 26th September we will be hosting our annual information evening. As in previous years, the school will close early for students on the day to enable staff to set up for the evening ahead. To ensure that students can have lunch on the school site we will have a slightly shorter Period 4 lesson, which will end at 12.35pm, then lunch. Students will be registered at 1.05pm and then will have a staggered release from school at approximately 1.10pm. This is then followed by our third INSET day on Friday 27th September.

### **Free School Meals Information**

Parents who are claiming some benefits can also claim free school meals for any of their children who are attending the school. For information on eligibility and how to claim, please see this [letter](#).

### **Portishead Youth Centre new support group**

The Youth Centre are running a 5-week course with OTR around body image and self-worth starting on Tuesday 24th September. Please see the [poster](#) for more information.

### **October Holiday Camps at St Peter's Primary School**

PH Camps are hosting a multi-activity holiday camp for children aged 4-14 in the October holidays, for more details please see this [poster](#).

### **Ashton Girls Football Club U13s Team**

Ashton Girls FC are recruiting new players for the Under 13s (Year 7/8) team. Please see the [poster](#) for more information.

### **Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) Art Competition**

There's still time for students to submit their entries for the LSP art competition before the deadline of 30th September. Please see the poster at the bottom of this letter for entry details.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



**Ms L Blundell**  
Headteacher



## Key Dates for Term 1

Thursday 26th September	European Day of Languages
Thursday 26th September	Year 6 Open Evening (school finishes at 2.30pm)
Friday 27th September	INSET Day
Monday 30th September	Year 11 School Photographs
Monday 30th September	Year 8 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Tuesday 1st October	Year 11 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 9/10 UPS Trip to Police Headquarters, Portishead
Thursday 3rd October	Gordano Careers Convention 6pm - 8pm
Friday 4th October	Year 6 Open Morning 9.45am - 11am
Monday 7th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 1)
Tuesday 8th October	Parent Forum 6pm
Wednesday 9th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 2)
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 10th October	Online tutor meetings
Friday 11th October	Hello Yellow Day
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October	Year 11 GCSE History Trip to Munich

Monday 14th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 3)
Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Thursday 17th October	Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Minehead/Porlock Weir
Thursday 17th October	Year 7 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Monday 21st October	Year 11 Careers Trip to Weston College
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 GCSE Art Mock Exam
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 Futures Evening 2pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October	Year 11 GCSE Art Photography Mock Exam
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	HOLIDAY