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22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the students and parents who joined us last night for our Post 18 Apprenticeship Evening held at the school. We hope you found the session informative. If you would like to access the slides from the evening you can do so by following this [link](#).

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our students who took part in the Easter concerts this week. The quality and range of music was exceptional, and we recognise the significant amount of time that goes into the organisation of such an event. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Each week we have a range of sporting events taking place - please do keep up to date with the fantastic achievements of our students by following our @GordanoPE X (formerly Twitter) account. This week you will see success of our Year 9 girls hockey team who made it through to the final of the North Somerset tournament, the Year 8 girls hockey team who won the North Somerset tournament, and our Year 9 boys football team who are through to the county cup final following a 1-0 win over Kingsmead School. Well done to all the teams! Also, away from school congratulations to a number of our year 8 students who are making great progress in the indoor athletics championships. A number of Gordano pupils had progressed through to represent Avon at the South West regional championship on Saturday 9th March. The boys and girls under 13 teams both won and now progress through to the nationals which are in Stoke on Trent on 6th April. Good luck to you all.

Please also note that at the bottom of this parent update there are key term dates for next term.

Year 9 Immunisations

All Year 9 children are being offered Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination in school on Tuesday 30th April. A letter has been sent this week with details and a link to the [consent form](#). It is important that you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations. The deadline is 9am on Friday 26th April.

Year 11 HPV vaccination catch up clinics

The HPV vaccine (that protects against several types of cancer) is available for any Year 11 students (girls and boys) who have not received a dose previously. If your child has not yet received this vaccine, please book an appointment [here](#). If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 1245515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net.

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Late to registration

You will be aware that as a school we have been trying to tackle lateness due to the impact it has on learning and the safety of pupils. Unfortunately, despite additional measures being put in place, we still have an unacceptable number of students arriving late to school without good reason. It is therefore necessary to take further action. We will now be monitoring more closely students who are late after registration closes (after 9.15am in the morning session and 1.55pm in the afternoon) and considering the number of these unauthorised sessions when looking at legal sanctions. Details of this can be found in section 27 of the [Lighthouse Schools Partnership Attendance Policy](#). Please be reminded that the back gate and St Marys Road gate close at 8.40am for safeguarding reasons, and all students should be on site by this time to allow them to be in their tutor bases for an 8.45am start to registration. Parents and carers have an obligation to ensure their children are at school on time each day.

Police Message

Portishead Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to raise awareness to all parents with regards to students entering abandoned properties. Please be aware that this causes huge health and safety concerns. Any pupils that are identified or caught in abandoned properties will be dealt with appropriately by Avon and Somerset Police.

Easter Holiday Activities at the Youth Centre

Portishead Youth Centre's Easter holiday activities are now live. All the information and details of how to book your child's place are available [here](#).

Wishing you a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 4

Sunday 24th March	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Training Day
Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th March	Year 10 GCSE Drama Performance Exam - This date has now been moved and the new dates will be communicated shortly
Tuesday 26th March	6pm - 7pm Parent Forum
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	EASTER HOLIDAY

Key Dates for Term 5

Wednesday 17th April	Year 13 A-level music composition arrangement exam
Thursday 18th April	4pm - 7.30pm Year 9 Progress Evening
Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st April	Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training Days
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th April	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams

Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th April	Year 13 A-level textiles exam
Tuesday 23 April	1.30pm Year 12 UCAS Convention
Tuesday 23rd - Wednesday 24th April	Year 11 GCSE dance exam
Thursday 25th April	Junior Maths Challenge (Years 7-8)
Thursday 25th April	6pm - 7pm Year 6 Parental Information Evening
Friday 26th April	Sixth Form May Day Challenge
Friday 26th - Sunday 28th April	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May	Year 9 Mock Exam Week
Monday 29th April	Dance Showcase technical rehearsal
Monday 29th - Tuesday 30th April	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
Tuesday 30th April	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations
Tuesday 30th April - Wednesday 1st May	7pm - 9.30pm Dance Showcase
Wednesday 1st - Thursday 2nd May	GCSE Art Photography Exam
Thursday 2nd May	4pm - 7.30pm Year 12 Progress Evening
Monday 6th May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7th May	Year 7 General Knowledge Quiz
Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th May	Year 13 A-level MFL Speaking Exams
Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th May	Year 13 A-Level Art Exam
Tuesday 7th - Wednesday 8th May	Year 12 Mock Art Exam
Wednesday 8th May	3.30pm - 5pm Teatime Careers Networking Event
Wednesday 8th May	Year 11 Celebration Day (Y11 students leave school at midday)
Friday 10th May	Year 13 Leavers' Celebration
Monday 13th - Friday 17th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 14th May	6pm - 7pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 14th - Wednesday 15th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition - Group 1
Thursday 16th May	4pm - 7.30pm Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 16th - Friday 17th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition - Group 2
Monday 20th May	7pm - 9pm Drama Performance: Wonderland
Wednesday 22nd May	LSP UWE Leadership Conference (Year 12)
Thursday 23rd May	6pm - 7pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 24th - Sunday 26th May	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	HOLIDAY