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11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week at Gordano this week. Thank you to all our Year 11 students and parents who attended our Post 16 open evening last night. Again, I hope your child came away with a real understanding of the Post 16 offer at Gordano and what we can provide as part of the next step in your child's education. If you were unable to attend last night, students can collect a prospectus from the Sixth Form office.

### **Slight alterations to the timing of lessons in the school day**

From **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** we will be moving to a standardised school day for all year groups. This is to ensure that lessons are all the same length and therefore the curriculum time over the academic year is equal in all subject areas. The start and end times of the school day remain broadly similar as do the lengths of the break time and lunch time. The updated timings are below.

School Day timings		
	MTWT	F
Reg	8.45	8.45
P1	9.05	9.20
P2	9.55	10.10
Breaktime	10.45	11.00
P3	11.15	11.25
P4	12.05	xxx
Lunchtime	12.55 (bell at 1.35)	12.15
P5	1.40	1.00
P6	2.30	1.50
End	3.20	2.40
	6 x 50 minute lessons	

### **Late to School – New Procedures**

From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November we will be changing our procedures for students who are late to school. The St Mary's Road gate will continue to be closed at 8.40am, and any student arriving at the Clevedon Road gate after 8.45am will be noted as late by the member of staff on duty. Parents / carers will then receive a text to alert them to the fact their child has been late to school. Any child who is late to school twice in one week without a valid reason will receive a half hour after school detention on the following Monday. Parents / carers of a student who has three or more lates detentions in one term will be invited into school to meet with a member of the senior leadership team.

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### **Children In Need Non-Uniform Day**

Please remind your children that it is non-uniform day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November in aid of Children In Need. Payment can be made in advance by Parent Pay up to 16<sup>th</sup> November, or students can give £1 to their tutors on the day. It would be helpful if as many payments as possible could be done in advance through Parent Pay. Thank you!

### **Girls on Board**

We are delighted to be delivering the “Girls on Board” program. Having piloted this with Year 9, it will now be rolled out across the school. The program is used by many schools around the country as an effective way of supporting girls when there are friendship issues in their circle. The link to the “Girls on Board” parent guide can be found [here](#). “Girls on Board” also have a website where parents can find out more about the program should they wish to do so.

### **St Giles Trust**

Parents of students in the current Year 9 and above may recall that last year we were lucky enough to be able to provide a session from St Giles Trust on county lines, gangs and exploitation. At the time, some parents expressed disappointment that these sessions were not available to the current Year 8 group, but we are delighted to say that St Giles will be back in school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November to deliver an age-appropriate session to our current Year 8 cohort.

### **Homework Review**

Thank you very much to parents who responded to the survey on homework. We are considering all comments in our review of homework, ahead of a revised offer for January.

I wish you all a relaxing and restful weekend



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