



Dream big • Do your best • Give back

16th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an extremely busy term to date with only a week left. Thank you to all of our Year 10 parents who were able to attend Year 10 progress evening last night, we hope you found it useful. You will be receiving information shortly from Mr Tipler regarding the support and processes we will be putting in place leading up to Year 10 mock exams in the summer term. I would also like to congratulate the **Year 10 Twilight RS** cohort who also sat their first GCSE exam this week; they have worked really hard for this in addition to their timetabled subjects, so a huge well done to them all.

Year 11

Our Year 11 students have settled really well into a full week of exams; we have been so impressed by their positive attitude and commitment to revision. As per the email that went to parents/carers, they are now all on full study leave. Our full provision of support still remains: timetabled lessons (including Personalised Learning), the Hive and Exam briefings in the Dining Hall at the start of every day.

Students will need to sign in and out at the student centre if they attend for revision: they do not need to sign in/out if just coming in for an exam.

We will continue to offer our morning exam briefings in the Dining Hall. Next week we have:

Monday	Science
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	French
Thursday	Science
Friday	English

Please take some time this weekend to ensure that your son/daughter is clear on the expectations regarding exam behaviour. The exam boards are being very strict, especially on the following:

- Mobile phone on person or in exam room
- Writing on hand/arm
- Any notes taken into exam room
- Any communication between candidates.

Any of the above could likely result in disqualification.

Headteacher: Ms L Blundell BMus(Hons) MA

Gordano School, St Mary's Road, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7QR

Tel: 01275 842606

e-mail: mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk www.gordanoschool.org.uk

Lighthouse Schools Partnership, Registered address: St Mary's Road, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7QR

A charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales (Company Number: 07662102)



LIGHTHOUSE
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Year 11 transition

As the Year 11s look forward to the end of their exams period, we wanted to send out a reminder to all students and parents of those pupils who have applied to Gordano Sixth Form about our Bridging days. Students will be taught a single introduction lesson and a double lesson in their selected Level 3 course to offer a taster of the subject. The bridging lessons are running on **Monday 23rd June P1 - 6; Tuesday 24th June P1 - 4 and Wednesday 25th June P3 - 6**. We are aware that this overlaps with the Year 11 Prom reflected in the alteration to the timings to allow students time on the afternoon of the ball for their preparation as well as the morning after for a longer lie in! We will be sending out further details about this event to our Sixth Form applicants before the end of next week.

Year 13

Exams have also started in earnest for Year 13 this week, with Year 13 students taking them in their stride, despite some exams lasting over three hours.

We continue to wish all students taking exams the very best; we are here to support however we can.

Activities Week Parent Information Evenings

Just a reminder of the information evenings taking place next week:

Mon 19th May	Year 9 London Trip	5pm	Main Hall
Mon 19th May	Year 9 Falmouth Trip	5.30pm	Sixth Form Hall
Mon 19th May	Year 7 Osmington Bay Trip	6pm	Online - link shared on ClassCharts
Tue 20th May	Year 9 West Midlands Trip	5pm	Main Hall
Tue 20th May	Year 9 North Wales Trip	5.30pm	Sixth Form Hall
Wed 21st May	Year 9 Bushcraft Trip	5pm	Online - link emailed to parents
Wed 21st May	Year 9 Isle of Wight Trip	5.30pm	Main Hall

Information will be shared after the events for those who are unable to attend. Please contact trips@gordanoschool.org.uk with any queries.

SEND parent communication

A polite reminder to parents that all SEND queries should be sent to the SEND inbox: SEND@gordanoschool.org.uk

Mental Health Week

This week students have had house assemblies highlighting Kooth mental health services and OTR joined us for a lunchtime Pop Up. During tutor time students have been continuing the national focus of Mental Health Week to highlight the value of community and connection.

Charity Abseil Opportunity shared by our School Chaplain

For the fearless: On 21st June 12-3pm there's a chance to abseil down the 30m of St Peter's Portishead church tower, raising money for Clevedon District Food Bank and Christian Aid's Middle East Crisis Fund - two great causes. You'll be cheered on by live music (including some of our very own Gordano musicians), refreshmentsand our local MP! Come and join the fun. Abseilers need to commit to raising over £100 in sponsorship and must be aged 14+ (NB 14-18s must be accompanied by a parent/carer). Please contact Rachel on 01275 846230 or office@portisheadparish.co.uk for more details. Places are limited so book early!

[2025 Charity Abseil Poster](#)

Volunteering Opportunity

North Somerset Council Physical Activity Team are running a local project called ParkPlay. This takes place at Merlin Park, Saturday mornings (10-11.30am) and is run by volunteers. The aim is to encourage families to play games together and get a little more active, with an emphasis on fun.

These sessions are run by Play Leaders who provide the equipment, and volunteers are always welcome to come along and help. This would be a great opportunity for students aged 14 and over to gain some volunteering experience helping with getting equipment ready, facilitating games, etc. For more information or to register as a volunteer visit the [ParkPlay website](#) or email hello@park-play.com.

We wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 5

Monday 19th May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 1
Tuesday 20th May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 2
Wednesday 21st May	Year 8 Geography Trip to Cheddar Gorge - Group 3
Wednesday 21st May	Year 12 UWE Business Day
Thursday 22nd May	Year 12 Trip to Oxford University for potential Oxbridge entrants
Thursday 22nd May	6pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May inclusive	HOLIDAY

Key Dates for Term 6

Tuesday 3rd to Wednesday 4th June	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition - Group B
Wednesday 4th June	Year 12 Textiles Mock Exam
Wednesday 4th June	Year 12 LSP Performing Arts Day at Chew Valley School
Wednesday 4th June	6pm Gordano School PTA AGM
Thursday 5th to Friday 6th June	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition - Group A
Monday 9th to Friday 13th June	Year 10 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
10 th - 16 th June	Year 12 End of Year Exams

Monday 9th to Friday 13th June	Men's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10th June	6pm Shannon House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 11th June	6pm Lundy House Celebration Evening
Thursday 12th June	6pm Portland House Celebration Evening
Monday 16th to Friday 20th June	Year 12 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 16th to Friday 27th June	Year 10 End of Year Exams
Tuesday 17th June	6pm Fitzroy House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 18th June	School Improvement Partners Visit
Wednesday 18th June	1pm - 3.30pm Year 13 Clearing
Wednesday 18th June	Year 9 HPV vaccinations
Wednesday 18th June	6pm Biscay House Celebration Evening
Thursday 19th June	6pm Cromarty House Celebration Evening
Friday 20th June	11.30am - 2.30pm Swimming Gala
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th June	Year 12 Bridging Week
Tuesday 24th June	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 26th June	1pm - 3.30pm Year 13 Clearing
Friday 27th June	Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam
Friday 27th June	Year 13 Ball at Bristol Marriott Hotel
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July	Activities Week
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July	Year 12 Futures Week
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to Snowdonia
Wednesday 2nd July	6pm - 7pm Year 12 UCAS Parental Information Evening
Monday 7th to Friday 11th July	Functional Skills English and Maths Exams
Tuesday 8th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Tuesday 8th July	6pm Parent Forum
Thursday 10th July	Year 12 A-level Arranging Music mock exam
Thursday 10th July	Sports Day (pm)
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July	5.30pm - 9.30pm Creative Arts & DT Festival
Thursday 17th July	Reserve date for Sports Day
Tuesday 22 July	Last Day of Term - students finish at 12.30pm
Wednesday 23rd July to Monday 1st September inclusive	HOLIDAY