



## DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Every year, we invite parents and carers to share their views on their child's experience at school. This survey is carried out across all schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership and provides us with valuable insights that help shape ongoing school improvement and ensure we continue to support pupils as effectively as possible.

We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey by Friday 8th May. We welcome all feedback, whether your experience has been positive or if you feel there are areas where we could improve. Hearing what is working well is just as important to us as understanding what we can do better.

Please click the link below to complete the survey:

**[Gordano School Parent Survey](#)**

Thank you for your time and support.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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

**Ms L Blundell, Headteacher**

## CAREERS

Year 8 students took part in an engaging Creative Industries Careers Workshop with our guest employer Gritty Talent on Thursday, exploring the wide range of opportunities within the creative sector.

Industry professionals shared insights from their previous careers where they worked on programmes such as *First Dates*, *The Great British Bake Off* and *Deadly 60*. Students discovered the variety of creative content produced in Bristol and explored the skills needed to succeed in the industry. Working collaboratively, they completed a storyboard challenge based on a professional brief. One group created a competition reality show titled *Race Across the Sea*, while another developed a travel-style social media feature titled *A Day in the Life of a Tuna Fish*. The workshop reflected our “Dream Big” ethos, encouraging students to think creatively and broaden their aspirations for the future.

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## GIRLS FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations are in order for the girls who have just secured the U18s Bristol League title. With Portishead Town Football Club, the players and their families, and our PE Department all playing their part, this is a fantastic example of community, teamwork, and dedication coming together at the highest level. Well done to all!

**[Gordano School - Gordano Students Power PTFC U18s to Bristol League Title](#)**

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## 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. 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.

Initially MCAS will be trialled with Year 7 and then rolled out to the remaining year groups later this term. Year 7 parents and carers will receive an email on Monday 27th April with details of how to access MCAS. Please contact **[mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk)** with any queries.

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## READ TO SUCCEED PARENT EVENING

We are pleased to invite parents of Year 7 and 8 students to our Read to Succeed evening, focused on how families can support reading for pleasure and reading progress at home. We know that encouraging reading can feel challenging in a fast-paced digital world, but reading still brings huge benefits – from improved literacy and academic success to confidence, empathy and wellbeing. This session recognises those challenges and explores realistic, practical ways to keep reading enjoyable and meaningful for young people. Reading works best as a partnership between school and home, and we hope you will leave the evening feeling confident, supported, and equipped with a range of helpful strategies, as well as some ideas for potential new reads. The session will be led by:

- Beth Luton – KS3 Inclusion Assistant Head
- Melanie McGilloway – School Librarian
- Claire Crosby – Head of English

Date: Monday 18th May

Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Location: School Library

Please feel free to bring your child and/or any younger siblings along with you. We look forward to welcoming you and working together to help every child read to succeed.

**Please complete this form to confirm your attendance**

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## SKIING TRIP TO ITALY

Students from Years 10 and 12 enjoyed an unforgettable ski trip to Folgarida, Italy, where they developed their skiing skills in the stunning Dolomites. It was a brilliant mix of pushing themselves, having fun, and sharing an experience they'll remember for a long time! You can read more [here](#).

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## PARENT FORUM

The Parent Forum for this term will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2026, 6pm - 7pm.

Please add any ideas for items you wish to discuss to this [form](#) and submit by Friday 1st May.

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## HEARTSPACE INSTALLATION IN THE LIBRARY

The Library will be taken over by a special installation on Monday to Wednesday next week - it is called HeartSpace and has been put together by the School Chaplain, Verity and some Sixth Form students.

HeartSpace will be a quiet space to take time out, to stop and think about life. There will be activities to help students think, reflect and pray if they would like to. It's an inclusive 'time out' space for all faiths and world views.

Some groups will be visiting as part of their PSHE lessons, and it will be open for everyone at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH SURGERIES THIS TERM

Welcome to Term 5. With such a large school community and a great many activities and events, Gordano is a busy and fast paced educational environment, and in addition to our weekly communication we share our news via the [Termly Newsletters](#) and regular posts on our [Facebook](#) page.

We also have structures in place to ensure any concerns or queries can be dealt with efficiently by the appropriate member of staff via our Gordano Mailbox. Thank you for your support in utilising [mailbox@gordanoschool.org](mailto:mailbox@gordanoschool.org) to enable us to consistently manage your communications to us.

The Senior Leadership Team really value getting to know the parents and carers of our school community. We are very happy to listen to any broader questions or concerns and ensure these concerns are resolved with the relevant member of staff. To assist with this, we are delighted to offer our Keeping in Touch Surgeries again during Term 5, taking place every Wednesday 4pm - 5pm in 15 minute slots with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

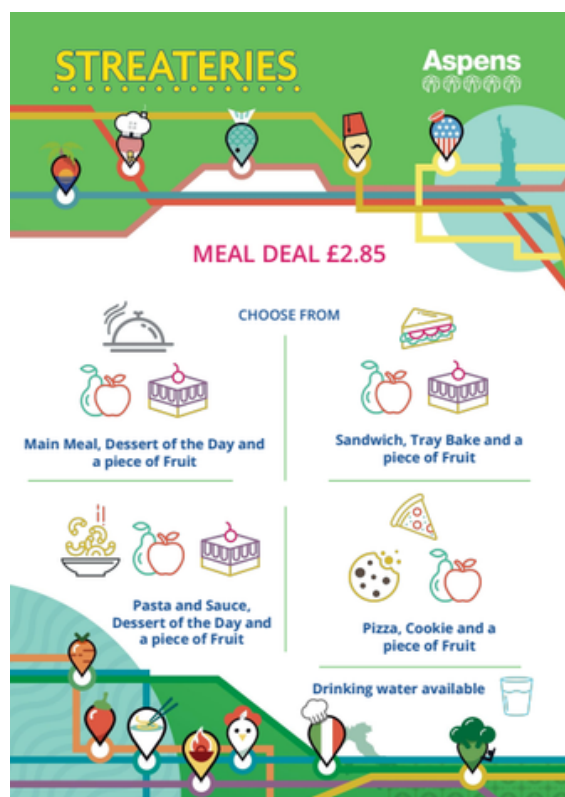
To book individual meetings, please email [mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk) or call main reception on 01275 842606 with your available Wednesdays in Term 5, along with your name, child's name and year group.

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## DONATING COPIES OF TRANSITION READ 'REEK'

We are looking for second hand copies of *Reek* we might be able to share with our upcoming Year 7s.

If you purchased a copy of *Reek* for your child last Summer and you would be happy to pass it on, there will be a donation box in the library for students to drop off their copies. Many thanks.



## SCHOOL MEALS NEW MENU

New menus for the summer terms and the new tariff are now available. Links are below and the information is also on the school website.

[Summer Menu Terms 5 and 6](#)

[Updated Price List](#)

# EXAM STRESS - ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS



## Mental Health Support Team

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) were established to support schools, helping them develop ways to look after the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people (CYP) as well as the wider school community including school staff and parents/carers.

The MHST are now delivering online sessions which are free to sign up to. Please scan the QR code below to register for our next webinar.



### Online Parent/Carer Sessions Exam Stress



To sign up, please complete a registration form here:



[MHST ONLINE SESSION](#)



**What is it?** This session covers:

- Stress caused by exams (or SATs in primary school) and how to support our wellbeing to prevent stress overload.
- Signs of stress and how to spot when things are building up.
- Providing practical tips for supporting relaxation and wellbeing during the exam period.

**Who is it for?** Helpful for parents and carers whose children may have Exams coming up.

**When are they?** Sessions will be run at 12pm-1pm every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**New topics and dates will be released regularly.**

The MHST is a partnership between Off the Record (OTR) and CAMHS. We are working with selected education settings across Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos. To find out where we work, check out our webpage:

[www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/mhst/](http://www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/mhst/)



## FREE EVENT FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Clevedon MindFest – Thursday 30th April 5pm - 8pm @The Barn, Great Western Road

This event is free to attend. There will be a youth club running – perfect for newcomers to try it out for free - and a fayre-style event with stallholders promoting their activities locally and guest speakers. While the talks are aimed at parents/carers, young people are welcome to listen too. There will be time to ask questions after each presentation.

Refreshments provided will be free.

There will be a paper survey to gather feedback, with a chance to win a £50 voucher for the first survey pulled from the box at the event.



# NHS TALKING THERAPIES BULLETIN



Friday 24th April 2026



Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies

## VCSE BULLETIN

Patient satisfaction:

77%

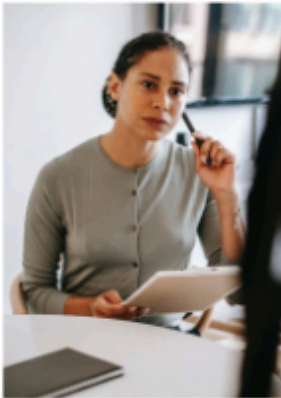
Referral to assessment:

~ 34 days

Reliable improvement:

73%

### Bulletin Spotlight: Monthly Drop-ins across Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire



We have many 10 monthly drop-in sessions across BNSSG:

**Bristol:**

- Knowle
- Hartcliffe/Withywood
- Hillfields
- St Pauls
- Horfield

**North Somerset:**

- Nailsea
- Weston-Super-Mare
- Pill

**South Gloucestershire:**

- Kingswood
- Lockleaze

Our partnership officers can help patients refer into NHS Talking Therapies, give more information and assist with any problems.

Please check our [website](#) for dates, times and locations

Email  
[BNSSGPartnerships@vhg.co.uk](mailto:BNSSGPartnerships@vhg.co.uk)  
for more information

#### Referral Process:

- Limbic referral via website
- Professional referral form
- Call 0333 200 1893

Self-referral -  
Quickest referral

#### Inclusion criteria

- 16+
- GP in BNSSG
- Common low-moderate mental health problem
- Low risk
- Ready to engage
- Can focus on one specific problem

#### Exclusion criteria

- High risk to self or others
- Presenting in crisis
- Open to PCLS
- Secondary or severe mental health needs
- Not ready or willing to engage
- Situational/practical needs
- Substance misuse, psychosis, eating disorders

## PORTISHEAD RESIDENTS ANNUAL MEETING

The Portishead Residents Annual Meeting is taking place on Wednesday 6th May in the Folk Hall at 7.30pm.

Seats are limited, so booking is recommended. Please email [enquiries@portishead.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@portishead.gov.uk) or call 01275 847 078.

*Portishead Residents: Come Along, Get Involved, Make a Difference*

# PORTISHEAD RESIDENTS ANNUAL MEETING

*with guest speakers including Portishead Railway Group & Portishead Lido*



**WEDNESDAY 6 MAY**  
**The Folk Hall**  
**High Street, Portishead**  
**19:30**

With limited seating available in the hall, we recommend reserving your seat in advance. Please call us on 01275 847 078 or email [enquiries@portishead.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@portishead.gov.uk)

To join the meeting online via zoom please use this link:  
<https://bit.ly/46X2QhB> or scan the QR code  
Meeting ID: 874 7776 5128 Passcode: 053088  
Dial in by phone: 0203 481 5240 United Kingdom (National call rate)



## KEY DATES FOR TERM 5

Friday 24 to Sunday 26 April	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition
Monday 27 to Thursday 30 April	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May	Shannon Charity Week
Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 April	Year 13 A-level Textiles Exam
Monday 27 to Thursday 30 April	GCSE Art and Photography Exam (all day)
Monday 27 to Thursday 30 April	Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 27 April	Year 12 UCAS Convention at ICC Newport
Monday 27 April	Dance Show Technical Rehearsal (lessons 1-6)
Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 April	7pm Dance Showcase
Friday 1 May	Sixth Form May Day Challenge
Monday 4 May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 May	Year 13 A-level Art Exam
Tuesday 5 May	Year 11 Celebration Day (Year 11 students leave school at midday)
Tuesday 5 May	6pm Parent Info Evening - Year 10 Berlin Trip
Thursday 7 May	Start of GCSE written exams
Thursday 7 May	5pm - 7pm Year 6 Parental Information Evening
Friday 8 May	Year 13 Leavers' Celebration
Monday 11 May	Start of A-level written exams
Tuesday 12 May	6pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 May	Year 9 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition - Group A
Thursday 14 May	4pm - 7.30pm Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May	Year 9 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition - Group B
Monday 18 May	Year 8 Cheddar Gorge Geography Trip 1
Tuesday 19 May	Year 8 Cheddar Gorge Geography Trip 2
Wednesday 20 May	Year 8 Cheddar Gorge Geography Trip 3
Thursday 21 May	6pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 22 to Sunday 24 May	Gold DofE Practice Expedition - Brecon Beacons
Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	HOLIDAY

## USEFUL LINKS

[Contact Us](#)

[Gordano School Facebook Page](#)

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