



28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move further into the term, the festive spirit is beginning to fill the school, and we are delighted to invite you to join us for our annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December at 6.30pm in the Main Hall. Our students have been working incredibly hard, and we look forward to sharing an evening of music, celebration, and seasonal cheer with you. With performances from our much-loved ensembles as well as some exciting new acts, it promises to be a joyful occasion for all. Tickets are £5 and can be booked via the [school website](#) or purchased on the door (cash or card). We hope to see many of you there as we come together to celebrate this special time of year.

Activities Week 2026 - Year 8

Year 8 Activities Week 2026 has now been launched; you can find the brochure on our website [here](#).

Year 9 Options Process

We are excited to be launching our new Options process with Year 9 next week, as we work with students and their parents/carers in preparation for Key Stage 4. A launch letter will be arriving in Year 9 parent/carer inboxes by the end of Monday 1st December: please contact the school Mailbox if you don't receive one. Year 9 students will have their first Options assembly in tutor time, Wednesday 3rd December.

Nut-Aware school

It has come to our attention that some students have recently been bringing Dubai chocolate into school, which contains pistachios. As a nut-aware school, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that no nut-related products are brought onto the premises by students, staff, or visitors. We have members of our community with severe nut allergies, and your cooperation helps us keep everyone safe and well. Thank you so much for your understanding and for working with us to maintain a safe environment for all.

Lost property

We currently have a lot of coats in the lost property store. If your child is missing a coat or any other clothing or equipment, please encourage them to go to the Student Centre to check if it is there.

LSP Trustees - Applications Open

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership is looking for new Trustees to join our Trust Board.

Our Trust Board thrives on the richness and diversity of our community, and we're looking for individuals who reflect this to join us as Trustees. Trustees play a vital role in shaping the strategy and governance of our schools, and their contributions are central to our ongoing success. The closing date for applications is 9am on Monday 1st December 2025.

Further information is available here: [Lighthouse Schools Partnership - Become a Trustee](#).

If you are interested, or know someone who might be a great fit, please get in touch with Chair of the Trust Adele Haysom chairoftrustees@lsp.org.uk.

Mental Health and wellbeing support for parents/carers and young people

Qwell is a new, free service available in North Somerset offering mental health support for parents/carers. To find out more and access support please visit the website: [Home - Qwell](#).

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ChatHealth is a confidential text messaging service run by the School Nursing service. It allows students to contact healthcare professionals about a range of issues including emotional health and wellbeing, relationships, smoking, stress and anxiety, self-esteem, bullying, drugs and alcohol and sexual health, however it is not an emergency service. [ChatHealth - Children and Young People's Services](#)

Place2Be has produced a parenting advice service on their website. This provides parenting advice written by child mental health experts and offers practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour. There are currently 54 topics including 'De-escalation techniques with children', 'Help your child manage separations and goodbyes' and 'My child doesn't want to go to school'. Most topics include a short video and some written guidance. [Place2Be: Parenting Smart - Articles](#)

Portishead Local Plan Consultation

Portishead Town Council (PTC) held a public meeting on Wednesday 19th November, to discuss North Somerset Council's draft Local Plan, which proposes significant new housing developments in Portishead. Following this meeting PTC have organised two [support sessions](#) to help residents take part in the Consultation online. These sessions will take place at the Folk Hall, 95 High Street, Portishead, where councillors will be available to walk residents through the process and answer questions.

Two sessions are scheduled:

- Tuesday 2nd December, 12:00-15:00 in the Eve Wigan Room
- Monday 8th December, 16:00-19:00 in the Fedden Room

Residents are encouraged to drop in at any time during the sessions.

For more information about the Local Plan and how to participate, visit www.portishead.gov.uk/local-plan, call 01275 847 078, or email enquiries@portishead.gov.uk.

Easyfundraising scheme

This November, we're encouraging all families and the community to support Gordano School through Easyfundraising. Simply download the Easyfundraising app and create an account within 24 hours, selecting Gordano School as your chosen cause. Doing this alone generates an instant £2 donation for the school, before you've even made a purchase. Then, whenever you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate a small percentage to the school at no extra cost to you. It's an easy, free way to help us raise valuable funds during the busy Christmas shopping season. Sign up [here](#) via the app and see the links below for more information:

[Easyfundraising Flyer £2 App-eal](#)

[Easyfundraising Festive Shopping List](#)

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 2

Monday 1 to Friday 12 December	Year 11 Mock Exams (two weeks)
Tuesday 2 December	A-level DT and Art trip to London
Tuesday 2 December	Christmas Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 December	6.30pm Christmas concert
Friday 5 December	Year 9 Eden Project trip 2
Monday 8 December	Year 9 & 10 Bristol Bears trip to Ashton Gate
Thursday 11 December	Music A-Level trip to see BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Cardiff
Friday 12 December	Year 13 History trip to Hampton Court Palace
Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 December	Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam
Monday 15 to Friday 19 December	Sixth Form RAG Week
Monday 15 December	Year 13 Caring at Christmas Charity Delivery
Tuesday 16 December	Sixth Form Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 December	Year 7 - Year 11 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 December	5pm - 6pm A-level Certificate Evening
Friday 19 December	Last Day of Term - 12.30pm finish for students
Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January inclusive	Holiday