



11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had one of the busiest periods in the school calendar over this term. Our annual activities week took place last week and what an amazing week it was. By my reckoning we ran:

Two large Zoo trips for Year 7, 25 day-trips and on-site activities for Year 8, a week of Priority Football sessions, Circomedia for Year 7, PGL for Year 7, Gold DoE for Year 12, Year 12 futures week and work experience, six residential trips for Year 9 and a whole suite of base activities including workshops with Shine and our Year 10 work experience programme. I am so proud of our students and the way they represented the school in all areas. We have had so much positive feedback about how respectful, polite and involved our young people were across the activities. I am also very proud of our staff body who in my view go above and beyond what is expected to try and give our young people memories that will stay with them. I must also say thank you for all your positive feedback as parents, it is wonderful for staff to read, and we really do appreciate having those positives fed back into the school community.

#### **Creative Arts Festival - 16th & 17th July**

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with Art, Dance, Drama, Music, Fashion and Design - all in one vibrant celebration of creativity!

Gates open at 5pm with shows starting shortly after. Delicious pizza by Fabioni's, and a variety of other food, drinks and ice cream are available to buy while soaking up the festival atmosphere.

Tickets are only £8.00 and going fast, to book visit <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/.../1269-gordano-school...>

#### **WEX**

We are so proud of our year 10 and Year 12 students and their engagement in work experience opportunities this year. We are in the process of collecting their stories and welcome any edited highlights from parents and carers - our young people are sometimes very modest in their achievements. Please email [careers@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:careers@gordanoschool.org.uk) if you would like to share any information (we promise to ask for a student's permission before using their work experience story in any future communications!)

#### **Sports Day**

This year's School Sports Day took place under blazing sunshine - one of the hottest days we've ever experienced for the event. Due to the extreme heat, we made the decision to limit the afternoon to competitors only on the far field, prioritising safety while still ensuring the spirit of the day lived on. Over 400 students took part in a thrilling afternoon of races, including the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m relay. Despite the absence of the usual crowd of supporters, the atmosphere remained competitive and full of energy.

Two long-standing school records were broken in impressive fashion. Rosie D stormed to victory in the 200m, setting a new school record of 26.65 seconds - shaving 0.02 seconds off the previous best. Meanwhile, the boys of 8B2 broke the 4x100m relay record for the second year running, beating a mark that had stood since 1976 with a blistering time of 53.44 seconds. Can they make it a hat trick next year?

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**The final House results were:**

1st - Portland  
2nd - Biscay  
3rd - Fitzroy  
Joint 4th - Shannon & Lundy  
6th - Cromarty

A huge well done to all the students and staff who contributed to an outstanding week of sport, made even more memorable by these remarkable performances and the dedication shown by everyone involved.

**Start of term in September - Summer Mailing**

As you will know from previous years, I will send out our 'summer mailing' to all parents in the first week of the holidays with the detailed outline for September's start and key reminders for parents to consider over the holidays.

To support in your planning, I just wanted to highlight the phased return we will operate in September.

Tuesday 2nd September	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd September	INSET Day
Thursday 4th September	Year 7 and 12 students only
Friday 5th September	Year 7 and 12 students come in at break time (10.55am) to allow our induction for students in Years 8-11 and Year 13 in the morning

**Lost Property**

Just a reminder to encourage students to collect any lost property from Student Centre Reception before the end of term.

**Violence Reduction Unit**

St Giles Trust have asked schools to highlight to parents and carers their upcoming webinars in partnership with North Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership. The webinars will be delivered by speakers with lived experience and will explore how county lines operate, how young people are groomed and exploited and risk factors that make them vulnerable - supporting parents and carers to support their children. Yet to be finalised, proposed webinars are on: Tuesday 11th November and Thursday 27th November.

**Last Day arrangements**

As we approach the end of term, I just wanted to give you the details for the last day of term. We start the day off with a whole school celebration assembly where we will be looking back at the academic year, celebrating so many great achievements.

Periods 2 and 3 are normal lessons and the day finishes with House assemblies. School finishes for students on Tuesday 22nd July at 12.30pm.

**Bikeability free summer holiday cycle training at Gordano**

Gordano School will be hosting a free level 3 Bikeability course for children during the summer holidays. Available to children in Years 7 and 8, the advanced cycle training course covers cycling confidence, road safety, and planning skills taught by Life Cycle's qualified, DBS-checked instructors. See [the flyer](#) for more information and booking details.

### Can You Spot the Odd Object?

A fun summer holiday challenge is back in Clevedon! Over 60 local shops will be hiding something *odd* in their windows—can you spot what doesn't belong? Entry forms cost £5 (cash only) and are available from The Stationery House, Spinning Weal, or Books on the Hill. The challenge runs from Monday 21st July to Friday 29th August, and there are cash prizes to be won! All money raised supports the Jack Hazeldine Foundation, a Clevedon-based charity that provides mentoring and bespoke support for young people across North Somerset. A great way to explore Clevedon, support a good cause, and have some family fun this summer! See [the flyer](#) for further details.

### Free bus travel for children this summer

Free bus travel will be available for all children and young people under the age of 16 throughout the school summer holidays, within North Somerset and the West of England. No registration or bus pass needed - they can just hop on board for free from Saturday 19 July to Friday 5 September.

Dozens of free activities will be taking place across the region this summer so keep an eye on [the Travelwest website](#) for a handy list which will be published online, along with journey planning information.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend and here's hoping for a slightly cooler week next week.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell  
Headteacher

### Key Dates for Term 6

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
Tuesday 22 July	Last Day of Term - students finish at 12.30pm
Wednesday 23rd July to Monday 1st September inclusive	HOLIDAY