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8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Throughout this week we have been delivering assemblies focussed on D-Day and why Remembrance is so important. On Monday we will be holding a 2-minute silence across the school. We also welcome any of our young people involved in cadets to wear their uniforms on Monday. Poppies are still available at the main school reception and in House areas.

### **Sixth Form Open Evening - early school closure**

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 14th November and school will close early at 2.30pm to allow time for preparations. We look forward to seeing our Year 11s join us for the evening.

The evening will consist of:

- Three identical Sixth Form talks. These will be held in the Sixth Form Hall at 5.15pm, 6pm and 6.45pm  
Please reserve places for one of the talks [here](#)
- Subject marketplaces in the Main Hall and Dining Hall, providing an opportunity to speak with current students and subject teachers about the courses offered
- Post 18 options, subject guidance, electives, pastoral support, SEND, trips and other extra-curricular activities, with refreshments available in the Sixth Form Common Room
- Entertainment from our Sixth Form Band in the Study Plus room, located next to the Dining Hall

We ask that students sign in at either the main school reception or the dining hall using the QR Code provided in these areas at the start of the evening. On the night of the event, a booklet will be distributed, providing a map of the subject marketplace, details of the application process, and subject requirements. Additionally, the Sixth Form prospectus and handbook will be available online on the same day.

### **Careers**

A digest of a busy term of Careers events and advice can be found below. Thank you for supporting our school Careers offer. Please note that we welcome contact from any family contact - or former student - who is willing to come and speak, mentor, or interview our students about their own employment specialism.

[Gordano School Careers Newsletter November 2024](#)

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### **Anti-bullying Week and Odd Sock Day**

Assemblies next week will support national Anti-bullying Week, and we invite students to wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to promote uniqueness and the celebration of diversity.

### **Year 7 and Year 8 Homework Support**

Starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we are launching an informal homework support club for students in Year 7 and Year 8. This will be held in the Languages IT room from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. The support is intended for any student who is unsure how to complete a homework task or has struggled to understand it. A member of staff will be there to support students as required and students may stay for as long or as little as they like.

### **INSET Day**

Just a reminder that our next INSET Day takes place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Parking on Clevedon Road**

It has been brought to our attention that cars are being parked on the Clevedon Road outside the school very close to (and sometimes blocking) the entrance to Gertie Gale's allotments. This increases the risk when entering or leaving the site as visibility is reduced on a fast section of road, causing concern to many of the allotment users who are in their senior years. We ask that those visiting the school park their vehicles with consideration for the local community, and request that parents of Sixth Form students who drive to school speak to their child about parking safely.

### **Flooding outside front of Gordano School / Lipton Place**

The flooding outside Gordano School/Lipton Place has been an issue for several years and we are in talks with the council about this issue.

The council are spending a significant amount of money in the next few months surveying the local drainage and sewers to ensure they find the issue causing the floods. There are several stakeholders involved so it is a complicated issue.

From 7th November the council are going to be CCTV surveying and jetting the drains in affected areas for approximately 30 days.

We are expecting further communications from the council to discuss the works moving forward and we will relay these to you as soon as we receive them. If you would like to contact the council directly, please email [Customer.Services@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Customer.Services@n-somerset.gov.uk).

### **Help shape transport hub plans for Clevedon and Portishead**

North Somerset Council are inviting residents and businesses in Clevedon and Portishead to attend a series of engagement events this November to help shape the future of transport hubs in their communities. These events - two of which are open to all residents and two of which are specifically aimed at local businesses - will offer a chance for communities to influence the initial concept designs for these important transport facilities. Find more information [here](#).

### **Vaping: The Facts - free webinar for parents 19th November**

On Tuesday 19th November the Better Health North Somerset Team will be hosting a webinar for parents, carers and families to help dispel the myths and address concerns around vaping and youth vaping, including how you can support your child if they are vaping. Please see the [poster](#) for more information or register to join the webinar [here](#).

### Lighthouse Schools Partnership is looking for new Trust Board members

Could you help create a brighter future for children in your area? Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) is currently formed of 30 schools (including this school) providing support and education to over 12,000 children and young people. Becoming a Trustee is a rewarding and enriching opportunity to offer your personal and professional experiences in order to help shape the future of our schools. We are keen to hear from individuals, from a variety of professional backgrounds, who are willing to commit to our vision and values and who are excited about improving outcomes for young people in the local community. Find out more by visiting: [www.lsp.org.uk/couldyoubeatrustee](http://www.lsp.org.uk/couldyoubeatrustee)

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell  
Headteacher

### Key Dates for Term 2

Monday 11th to Friday 15th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11th to Friday 15th November	Year 13 LOAF Week
Monday 11th to Friday 15th November	Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams
Tuesday 12th November	Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 1)
Wednesday 13th November	BIMA Digital Marketing Day (Key Stage 4)
Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th November	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day
Thursday 14th November	5pm - 7.30pm Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November	Learning Hub Functional Skills Maths Exams
Tuesday 19th November	Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 2)
<b>Wednesday 20th November</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Thursday 21st November	Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 3)
Thursday 21st November	Year 10 Travel & Tourism trip to London
Thursday 21st November	3.35pm Years 10/11 General Knowledge Quiz
Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day
Monday 25th to Friday 29th November	Year 11 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Wednesday 27th November	Careers Teatime Networking
Thursday 28th November	Year 9&10 UPS trip to Weston-super-Mare Fire Station
Monday 2nd to Friday 13th December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 2nd December	Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam

Tuesday 3rd December	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 4th December	Year 9 Travel & Tourism trip (group 1)
Thursday 5th December	Year 12 & 13 MFL trip to BFI Southbank
Tuesday 10th December	Year 9 Travel & Tourism trip (group 2)
Tuesday 10th December	Year 12 Art trip to Bath Art Exhibition and Gallery
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Textiles Mock Exam
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December	Flu Vaccinations (Years 7-11)
Monday 16th to Friday 20th December	Sixth Form RAG Week
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 17th December	Sixth Form Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	6.30pm Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18th December	Year 7 - Year 11 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	5pm - 6pm A-Level Certificate Evening
Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term - 12.30pm finish for students
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January inclusive	HOLIDAY