



24th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy, and very special week in school. Year 11 have finished their GCSE exams and have been utterly brilliant throughout, we have had over 1000 students involved in our Sports Day events (including a lovely 'Sports Day' afternoon on Thursday), a record 240 students in Year 7 to 9 competing in this morning's Swimming Gala at the Open Air Pool, a delightful Year 11 Prom at The Cadbury House Hotel, enjoyed the last of our series of Celebration Evenings and marked Pride month with a number of awareness events.

Throughout the week students have been absolutely wonderful. They have joined in and conducted themselves brilliantly. It's been one of those weeks where we have seen the very best of the Gordano spirit and so much joy around the school. It makes me feel incredibly proud of them all.

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Parental Survey

Towards the end of the school year each year we ask parents to complete a survey. All schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership complete the same survey, and it is a really important opportunity for us to reflect on your views of the provision for your children.

This year, especially, it will act as a really valuable basis for our new Headteacher, Louise Blundell, to work from as she starts her time at Gordano in September.

Please could I ask that you take a few minutes to give us your feedback by Thursday 30th June. Many thanks.

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The link to the survey is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/0zs8qXxBmN>.

Creative Arts Festival - Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July (with Art Exhibition until Friday 15th July)

We are delighted to announce the return of our Creative Arts Festival - a wonderful celebration of Drama, Dance, Art, Photography and Music all in one evening.

We expect tickets to go as fast as Glastonbury tickets, so we'd strongly encourage you getting yours early!

For more information, including a 'promo video' and how to buy tickets, please see:

<https://www.gordanoschool.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/creative-arts-festival>

Bereavement Support Group

Mrs Parsons is starting a bereavement support group in school to provide a safe space for young people whose parents, step-parents or caregivers have died. This will enable them to talk about their family member and to connect with other students who have experienced similar. Mrs Parsons is a person-centred therapist who is Cruse trained and has worked with adult bereavement for 16 years. If your child may benefit from attending the group, please contact their Assistant Head of House, who will be able to provide them with more details.

Learning Support Assistant vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a number of Learning Support Assistants to join our Student Support Team to support some of our students with the greatest educational needs. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining our team on a full-time (or potentially part-time) basis, please see:

<https://www.gordanoschool.org.uk/vacancies/current-vacancies/learning-support-assistants-in-school-known-as-student-support-worker-1>

Secondhand Uniform Shop

A reminder that we are seeking donations of uniform and equipment ready for the setting up of our online secondhand uniform shop. Although primarily run as a service to parents and the environment, rather than as a fund-raiser, any money raised will go into a House Captains pot. House Captains will be able to request money for house initiatives and common room improvements. If you have any good, clean uniform and equipment that you would be happy to donate, we will gratefully have it. As a rule of thumb, if you would be happy to receive an item for your child's use, it will be in good enough condition for another child. Please ensure that any items of clothing that have been donated have been laundered and that name labels have

been removed, if possible. Each House has a donation box in the Main Reception for donations to be placed into.

Portishead Tennis Club Open Day - Sunday 3rd July

We have been asked to promote Portishead Tennis Club's Open Day. This is open to adults and juniors. Please see the poster at the bottom of this letter.

Activities Week, 4th - 8th July

Students in Years 7-9 will receive final information about Activities Week in Monday's Broadcast and will receive hard copies of schedules and all necessary information for the week from tutors on Tuesday. We will share this in electronic form for parents so that you have access to all the information that you need.

Timings for End of Term 6

Confirmation that Term 6 will end at 12.30pm on Thursday 21st July.

Thank you for all your continued support at this incredibly busy time. The academic year is fast reaching a conclusion, but it is so uplifting to see students engaged so brilliantly both in and out of the classroom.

Wishing Year 10 students the best of luck for their 'mock exams' week next week.

Kind regards



Tom Inman
Headteacher



— OPEN DAY —

Sunday 3rd July
1 - 5pm

Come try out the new courts, chat with
members and have a knock about

Our open day is the perfect opportunity to learn
more about tennis in Portishead. Whether you're
a beginner, intermediate or expert, on your own
or in a family, there are memberships and
coaching available for all, at this friendly,
inclusive club

BBQ · Bar · Cakes · Free kids coaching (2-3pm)