



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I am writing this opening paragraph early this week and just before I go home and start packing for the second cohort Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award trip. From the feedback I have received so far, the Cohort A students have done a superb job during their practice expedition, so I hope the next two days with Cohort B are not too windy or wet and that our Year 9s have a wonderful time on the hill. We are very grateful for the support of parents in terms of transporting students to the expedition locations but also very grateful to our staff who volunteer to support our bronze, silver and gold expeditions throughout the year. Without yours and their support we could not facilitate the award for the 200 Year 9 students taking part.

This week saw the start of the main GCSE and A Level written examinations, and I just want to commend all our students for the incredibly positive start they have made to the season. We will be here as a school throughout the exam series to offer support and guidance where it is required and continue to wish our students all the luck in the world as they continue their journey.

Year 10 and 12 are working hard towards their mocks and end of year exams respectively, with the guidance of their teachers. We have been impressed by their level of engagement and independence in relation to revision.

Also this week, I met with a working party of staff and former colleagues who have begun planning for our school's 70th anniversary celebrations next year. We are looking forward to marking this very special milestone with a wide range of events and activities throughout the year that celebrate the school's rich history, achievements, and community. As plans develop, we will greatly value the ideas, memories, and involvement of our parents and families, whose support and contributions are such an important part of our school's journey. Watch this space...!

We have so many incredible things happening here at Gordano School and are immensely proud of all that our students and community continue to achieve. If you don't already follow us, we'd love for you to visit our [Facebook page](#) and the [News section of our website](#), where we share updates and celebrations from across the school each day.

We are also looking forward to sharing our Termly News with you next week ([see previous issues here](#)); a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many successes of this term, alongside news and achievements from our wider community.

And finally, keep an eye on our Facebook page for a very special and heartwarming Year 11 Staff Appreciation video, coming soon!

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

PLEASE VOTE FOR US!

We would be honoured if you nominated Gordano School for the Together Portishead Business & Community Awards in the Community Contribution / Giving Back category.

Living one of our core values, Give Back, Gordano School is committed to making a positive difference across Portishead and beyond.

Please nominate us here by 31st May (you only need to complete your details and Question 1, so it takes just a minute):

<https://www.togetherportishead.co.uk/2026-nomination/>

Learn more about how we Give Back and get help answering the question here: [Gordano School - Together Portishead Community Business Awards](#)

Thank you so much for your support.



**We'd love you to
Vote for Us!**

**PORTISHEAD BUSINESS
AWARDS 2026**

**Community Impact Award Category
(Giving Back)**



**We are PROUD TO GIVE BACK
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- ✓ Student volunteering
- ✓ Charity fundraising
- ✓ Supporting local businesses
- ✓ Community partnerships
- ✓ Sports & wellbeing facilities
- ✓ Opportunities for young people
- ✓ Events that bring Portishead together

To vote, please scan the QR code or visit:
<https://www.togetherportishead.co.uk/2026-nomination/>
*You only need to complete your details and question 1
(It's really quick!)*



Deadline: 31st May 2026

Together Portishead
Together in Business, Portishead Focussed



YEAR 11 CELEBRATION

After a first full week of exams, it was a delight to see the students rewarded with a surprise event today.

The students were brought down to the Dining Hall and met with music, food and drinks all laid on by Mr Tipler as a way of recognising all of their hard work this week.

The students have engaged and trusted the process that has been set across the year and we have every confidence that they will be incredibly successful this summer.



CAREERS – YEAR 8

Over the past fortnight, Year 8 have joined an inspiring Careers Assembly by the Early Careers Manager at TLT Law, exploring legal careers and the many different job roles within the firm, as well as introducing them to what an apprenticeship is. They also enjoyed a hands-on IT lesson using our careers platform Unifrog to hunt for a variety of different career roles.

WORK EXPERIENCE YEAR 10

Thank you for the support in ensuring the majority of Year 10 students have now completed the necessary paperwork for their Work Experience placements – we just need the last few student accounts updating on Unifrog please. Please contact the careers office if any support needed careers@gordanoschool.org.uk.

GORDANO COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We're delighted to share that our new Gordano Community Partners (GCP) initiative has officially launched and we would love your support in helping it grow

GCP is an exciting opportunity to strengthen the connection between Gordano School and our local business community. When businesses join Gordano Community Partners, students directly benefit through new projects, opportunities, resources and experiences, creating opportunities that go beyond the classroom.

As valued members of our school community, many of you are also part of local organisations and networks. If you feel comfortable doing so, we would be incredibly grateful if you could help champion this initiative by sharing it with your workplaces, contacts, or business networks. Your support as ambassadors for the school can make a real impact.

A big thank you to the partners who have already joined us:

GoShine, PTFC, Evolve Dentistry, River Axe Media, Hels Bells Strength Training, My Continuum, Walnut Grove Clinic, Coreus Group, Westcoast Properties, SVE Services, Viper Innovations, The Butchers Block.

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about getting involved, we would love to hear from you.

To read more: [Gordano School - Gordano School launches Gordano Community Partners to strengthen links with local community](#)

To join: [Become a Gordano Community Partner and help create brighter futures for local young people](#)



AVALON TELEVISION (PRODUCERS OF TASKMASTER) SEEKING FAMILIES/HOUSEHOLDS FOR A NEW CHANNEL 4 SERIES

Avalon Television Limited are currently casting households for an exciting new show for primetime Channel 4. The chosen households will get to take part together in an array of creative and head-scratching tasks from the comfort of their own homes – with the chance to have a great time and win a cash prize. The tasks will be set by Alex Horne of Taskmaster fame.

Please see [this letter](#) for more information. Filming will take place in the October 2026 half-term. T&Cs and the application form can be found at www.avalontvcasting.com

Avalon Television is a multi-award-winning production company, producers of Taskmaster and Junior Taskmaster (Channel 4), Dogs Behaving Very Badly (Channel 5), Not Going Out (BBC One), The Chris & Rosie Ramsey Show (BBC Two) as well as many more. <https://avalonuk.com/productions/>



  

THE MAKERS OF TASKMASTER ARE
CASTING NOW FOR A NEW
CHANNEL 4 SHOW!

Does your household enjoy watching Taskmaster and would you love the chance to try the tasks?

What if you could compete together against other households from the comfort of your own home AND be in with a chance of winning a cash prize?

Avalon Television is looking for fun and quick-thinking families/housemates/couples to tackle a host of creative and head-scratching tasks set by Alex Horne of Taskmaster fame.

More information and application form link below

www.avalontvcasting.com

Terms and conditions apply.
We only accept applications from a household member aged 18+
Closing date 23:59 on Sunday 7 June 2026.
Any information you provide as part of your application will be processed in line with our privacy policy: <https://avalonuk.com/privacy-policy-cast-crew-and-talent/>

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Python opens a door to many career opportunities.
Suitable for students in **Years 7-11**.

IN PERSON

5-6pm
WEDNESDAYS

Hangstones Pavilion
Stowey Road, Yatton,
BS49 4HS

HOW TO JOIN →

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Limited spaces available



ONLINE

5-6pm
MONDAYS after school

HOW TO JOIN →

Scan the QR code to book



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codingbug.co.uk

 info@codingbug.co.uk

KEY DATES FOR TERM 5

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

KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

Friday 29 May to Monday 1 June	Year 10 Berlin Trip
Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition Mendips - Group B
Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June	Year 12 Textiles Mock Exam
Tuesday 2 June	Year 12 Trip to Oxford
Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition Mendips - Group A
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Year 10 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Year 12 End of Year Exams
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June	Men's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 9 June	6pm Shannon House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 10 June	6pm Lundy House Celebration Evening
Thursday 11 June	6pm Portland House Celebration Evening
Monday 15 to Friday 19 June	Year 12 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Monday 15 to Friday 26 June	Year 10 End of Year Exams
Monday 15 June	Year 12 Biology trip to Braunton Burrows
Tuesday 16 June	6pm Fitzroy House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 17 June	1pm - 3.30pm Year 13 Clearing
Wednesday 17 June	6pm Biscay House Celebration Evening
Thursday 18 June	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 18 June	6pm Cromarty House Celebration Evening
Friday 19 June	11.30am - 2.30pm Swimming Gala
Monday 22 June	Year 12 Bridging Day
Tuesday 23 June	Year 11 Prom
Thursday 25 June	Year 13 Ball at The Bristol Hotel
Friday 26 June	Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Years 7 - 9 Activities Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 10 WEX Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Year 12 Futures Week
Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July	Duke of Edinburgh Award Gold expedition - Snowdonia
Wednesday 1 July	5.30pm - 6.30pm Year 12 UCAS Parent Info Evening
Monday 6 to Friday 10 July	Learning Hub Functional Skills English Exams
Tuesday 7 July	Year 6 Induction Day
Tuesday 7 July	Weston College Taster Day trip
Tuesday 7 July	6pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 July	Sports Day preliminary events
Thursday 9 July	Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 9 July	Year 12 Silly Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 9 July	Year 12 A-level Arranging Music mock exam
Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July	Creative Arts & DT Festival
Thursday 16 July	Reserve Date for Sports Day
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of term for students - 12.30pm finish
Thursday 23 July to Wednesday 2 September	SUMMER HOLIDAY

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