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5th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A very happy new year to you all, and I hope you were able to have a relaxing Christmas break. It was good to welcome back our students to the start of this new term where we have a busy term ahead of us. A reminder of key dates can be seen at the bottom of this update.

Term Dates 2024-2025

We will be following the term dates for next academic year as set out by North Somerset Council. To view these term dates please click on [this link](#). We are just finalising our planned INSET days for next year and will share these with you in due course.

Parent Communication

We are aware that we have had some issues with contact forms not arriving to the intended recipient. We are just looking into this issue and reviewing the contact form process. If you have sent a recent communication directly to me via the contact form and have not had a response, can I ask that you resend the original email into the mailbox email account, and I will respond as soon as possible. mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk

Year 11 Parental Information Evening - change of date

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we need to move the evening to **Tuesday 23 January**. All families are welcome to join us at **6pm** in the **Main Hall**. We will share information about the upcoming term, Year 11 Support System and preparation for the Core Mock Exams. We look forward to seeing you.

Year 9 MidYis assessments

Just a reminder that the Year 9 MidYis assessment continues into Term 3 - students will have completed these by the end of January.

Expectations

This week we reminded students of our expectations in assemblies, with a particular focus on uniform, positive starts to lessons, quality audience and safeguarding being everyone's responsibility. We also explicitly talked to students about our red lines i.e. what behaviours would constitute a suspension or permanent exclusion. The focus again for this term is on kindness and respect.

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Please click [this link](#) on the website for further information. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations on appearance and jewellery. Some students have returned with inappropriate piercings, excessive jewellery and acrylic nails, please click [this link](#) for further details and information.

Director of Key Stage Newsletters

The newsletters were shared at the end of term 2. They include key dates and updates on learning. The links are below:

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Year 11](#)

Wishing you a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Blundell', with a small flourish at the end.

Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 3

Term 3 Achievement Reviews for Year Group 7 and 11

Thursday 4 th January	Year 10 GCSE Drama Launch Exam (lessons 1-6)
Thursday 4 th January	6.00 - 7.00 A-level Certificate Evening
Friday 5 th January	Year 10 GCSE Drama Launch Exam (lessons 1-6)
Friday 5 th January	Year 12 Electives Launch
Tuesday 9 th January	Year 9 General Knowledge Quiz
Friday 12 th January	Year 11 Mock Results Day (tutor time)
Tuesday 16 th January	Year 11 Parental Information Evening - Changed to Tuesday 23 January
Wednesday 17 th January	8.30 - 12.30 Year 12 Food & Nutrition Practical Exam
Wednesday 17 th January	Sixth Form Winter Electives begin
Thursday 18 th January	Year 13 A-level Music mock recitals (all day)
Thursday 25 th January	Year 10 Employability Workshop
Thursday 25 th January	4.00 - 7.30 Year 13 Progress Evening
Wednesday 31 st January	Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years 9-11)
Monday 5 th February	Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam (lessons 1-6)
Monday 5 th February	3.30 - 4.30 Year 7 MFL Spelling Bee Final
Tuesday 6 th February	Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam (lessons 1-6)
Tuesday 6 th February	6.00 - 7.00 Parent Forum
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam (lessons 1-6)
Thursday 8 th February	4.00 - 7.30 Year 11 Progress Evening
Friday 9 th February	School Production all-day rehearsal (8.40 - 5.30)
HOLIDAY	Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th February inclusive
INSET DAYS	Monday 19 th February & Tuesday 20 th February

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