

# Post-16 provision in the



LIGHTHOUSE  
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Well established pastoral care and guidance

Independent study and dedicated study areas

Aspirational experiences for all, including University and Apprenticeship preparation and work experience

Developing skills - such as leadership - through a variety of activities, opportunities and conferences



# Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 9th November 2023

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## WELCOME

# PE Ctec (vocational)

- The PE stand is in the Dining Hall

Maths, further maths, core  
maths

- This stand is in the Main Hall

# Gordano Sixth Form

## Our Values:



We are not an exam factory!



We are a full-time option



We are 'Hands-on'



We support students who want to follow a range of future pathways



...embedded in our local community

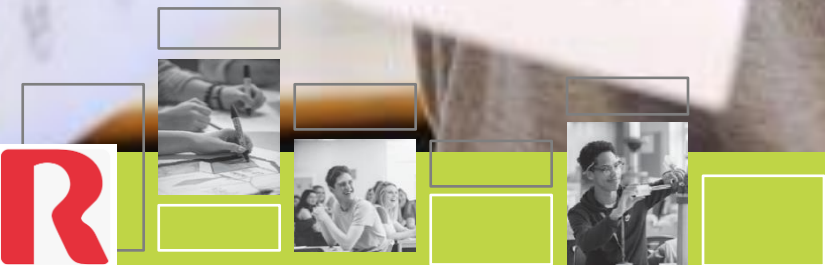




# The Gordano offer



# From lots of GCSE subjects to only 3



# The Sixth Form offer

You will study **THREE\***  
main subjects –  
vocational and / or A-  
Level

You have the opportunity  
to take an additional  
**LEVEL 3** qualification in  
**Core Maths** or an  
Extended Project

# Let's do some myth busting!

- Myth 1

- Students should only take A-Levels related to the the job they think they want.
- EG – “I want to work in business so I must take Business A-Level”

- Myth 2

- Medicine degrees need 3 science A-Levels
- EG – “I want to be a doctor so I have to take Biology, Chemistry and Maths”

- Myth 3

- I should avoid A-Levels where there is no clear career pathway
- EG – “I won't take Ethics and Philosophy A-Level because no one is paid to be a philosopher”

- Myth 4

- Creative and literature based subjects are valued less highly than STEM
- EG – “I love books, but my parents tell me to take maths and science”





# Two key ideas



Do what you love.  
Do what you're good at.



# We are a Sixth Form within a school... what does that mean?

- Structured support
- Continuity with teachers
- Your teachers already know your strengths and weaknesses and can help you.
- Most staff teach year 7 - 13 – expertise across the whole syllabus
- Student Leadership opportunities
- Extra-curricular opportunities



Sixth Form

Student leadership

# We know students don't all study in the same way

## Quiet, silent supervised support

- Year 12 study room – Study plus sessions
- Year 13 – home study or the learning curve



## Group/social study

- Free periods – common room
- Specialist spaces – IT/Art/Music/DT



# Student Support following Year 11

- SEND link – Linda Rigby
- Continuity with EAA (or assessment for new students if appropriate)
- Academic *monitoring*
- Academic *mentoring*
- HOY, Tutor and Sixth Form office
- Emotional / mental health support



## Our Safeguarding Team

Deputy Head (Pastoral):

Johnny Mailey (Strategic Safeguarding Lead)

Office: Student Centre

Contact details: [jmailey@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:jmailey@gordanoschool.org.uk)



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Jeanne Fairs  
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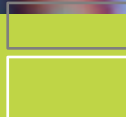
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# Joining from 'outside' Gordano





# 'Give Back' opportunities

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- We offer a wide range of opportunities for you to work together to raise money, help within the community and have fun at the same time!





# Living Life to the full

Dream big  
Do your best  
Give back



- Electives
- HE+
- Trips including D of E
- Bake Off
- RAG
- Orchestra / Jazz Band / Choir / Brass Group etc.
- May Day Challenge
- Christmas Revue
- Culture Vulture Magazine
- Sixth Form Council
- Prefecture
- Lower School support
- Silly Sports Day
- World Challenge 2025



# Careers Lessons in the Sixth Form



University

Oxbridge / Vets / Medicine

Apprenticeship

Employment

Gap Year

For more information - Drop into Conference Room by Main reception for information on next steps/facilitating subjects

Or - Visit Careers Advisor in study room next to new dining hall



# Finally - are GCSE grades important?

Entry criteria are very important

Universities also look at GCSE grades – not just A-Levels.



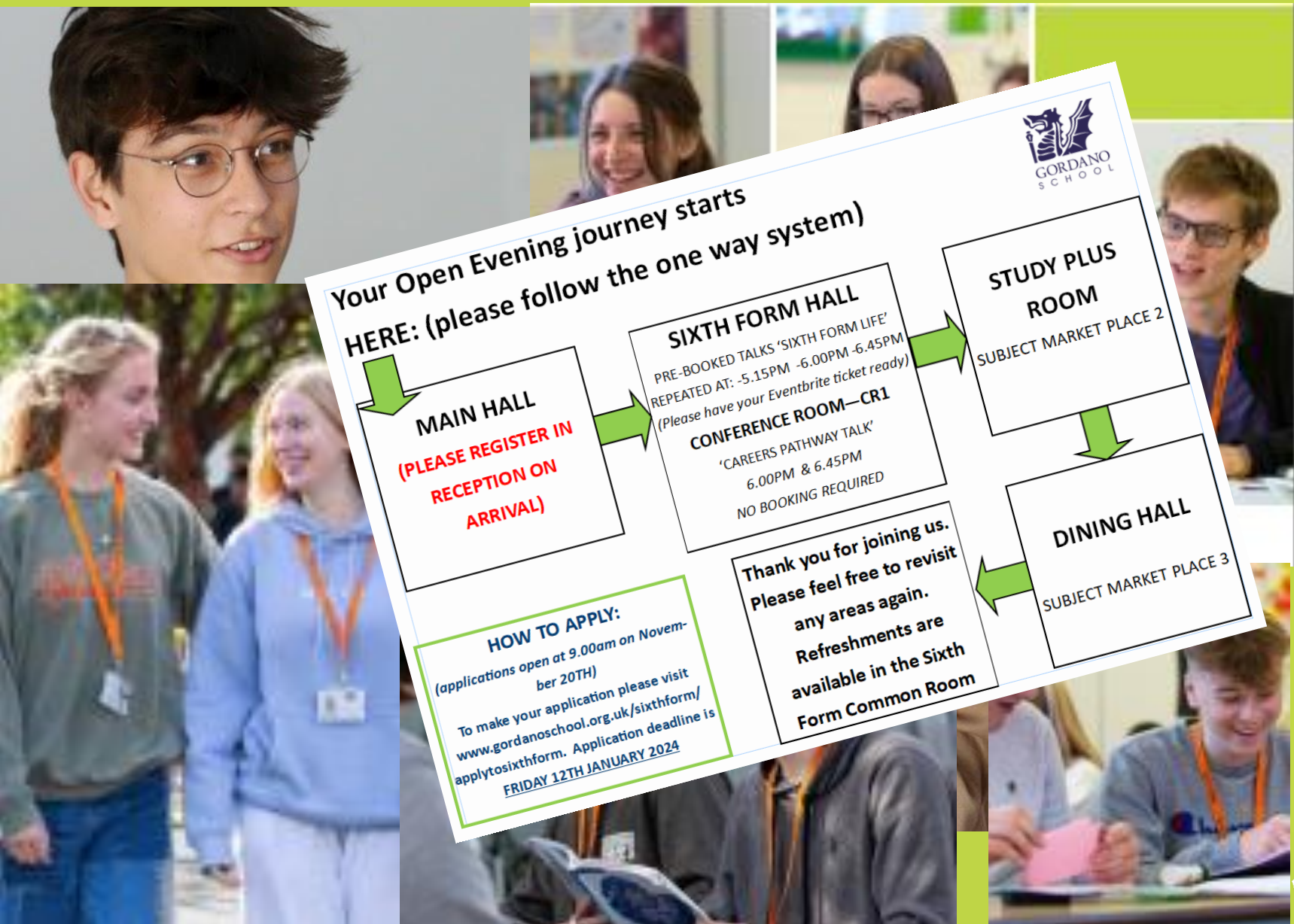
# Next steps

- 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023: Sixth Form Open Evening (prospectus launch)
- 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023: Applications open for Sixth Form
- 19th January 2024: Deadline for applications
- 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Start of bridging week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024: GCSE Results day





# A chance to answer your questions



**Your Open Evening journey starts  
HERE: (please follow the one way system)**



**MAIN HALL**  
**(PLEASE REGISTER IN  
RECEPTION ON  
ARRIVAL)**

**SIXTH FORM HALL**  
PRE-BOOKED TALKS 'SIXTH FORM LIFE'  
REPEATED AT: -5.15PM -6.00PM -6.45PM  
(Please have your Eventbrite ticket ready)  
**CONFERENCE ROOM—CR1**  
'CAREERS PATHWAY TALK'  
6.00PM & 6.45PM  
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

**STUDY PLUS  
ROOM**  
SUBJECT MARKET PLACE 2

**DINING HALL**  
SUBJECT MARKET PLACE 3

**HOW TO APPLY:**  
(applications open at 9.00am on Novem-  
ber 20TH)  
To make your application please visit  
[www.gordanoschool.org.uk/sixthform/](http://www.gordanoschool.org.uk/sixthform/)  
applytosixthform. Application deadline is  
**FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2024**

**Thank you for joining us.**  
**Please feel free to revisit**  
**any areas again.**  
**Refreshments are**  
**available in the Sixth**  
**Form Common Room**

