

Year 13 Parental Information Evening

Thursday 18th September 2025

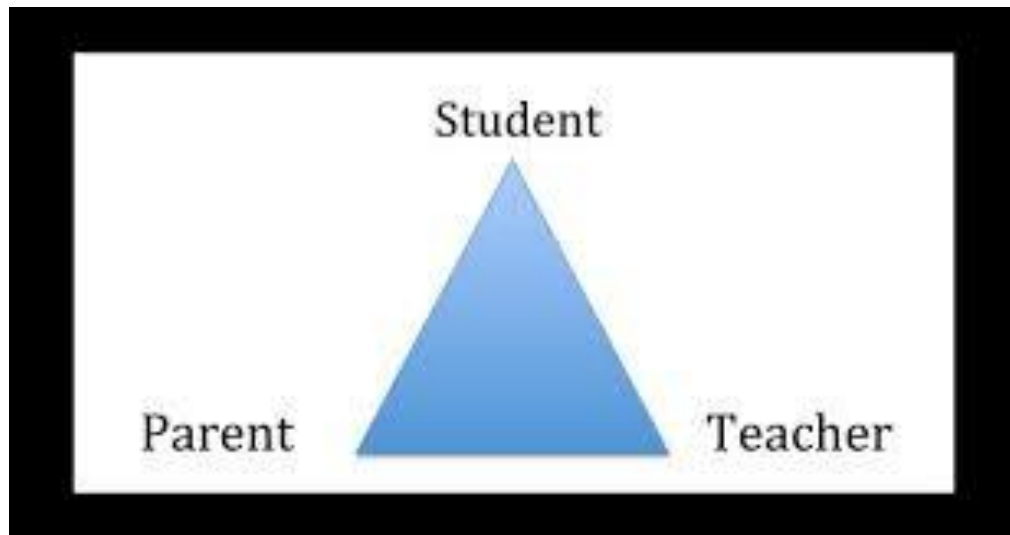
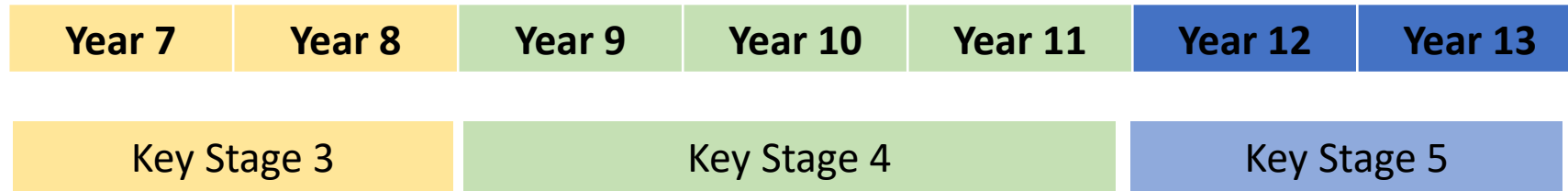
Thank you for joining us!

The presentation will cover the following areas:

- Who is who
- Important information / Expectations
- Key Dates
- UCAS/Apprenticeships/Careers
- Subject specific deadlines (available after the meeting)



Welcome and thank you!



May 7th 2026 is the last day
of teaching

95% complete!

A level and Vocational Results



- Many successes!
- The majority of students progressed onto their chosen university or apprenticeship courses with very few going in to clearing



Key staff and responsibilities



Ms Louise Blundell
HEADTEACHER



Mrs Carolyn Tipler
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER -
LEARNING & STANDARDS



Mr Jonathan Mailey
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER -
PASTORAL & BEHAVIOUR

Introductions

Who's Who



Paula Holwell
Office Manager



P Ramsey
Head of Yr 12
Academic mentor



L Rigby
Pastoral / SEND support



L Somers
Attendance Officer



S Canavan
Sixth form
Administrator/trips



J Boulton
Head of Year 13



Senior Students



Ollie Treasure



Femke Lucking



Freya Little



Emily Webster



Isaac Lee - Gordano Student Leader on marketing, publicity and communications

Amber Smith - Gordano Deputy Student Leader on social media , publicity and communications

Ella Davies- Gordano Student leader for lower school mentoring

Hali Shapcott - Gordano Student leader for charity including Chair of RAG

Jethro Evans and Eva Watts- Gordano Student leaders for mental health and well-being

Avis Lau and Darcy Wilson - Gordano Student leaders for Teaching, Learning and Transition

Mabel Mills - Gordano Student leader for Careers and aspirations

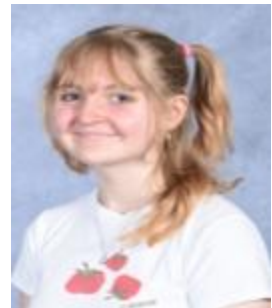
Abi Hicks and Meadow Owen- Gordano Student leaders for Equalities

Tess Hummel- Gordano Student Leaders for events, sport and extra-curricular

Maisie Bishop and Evie Blewett- Gordano Student Leaders for the Environment

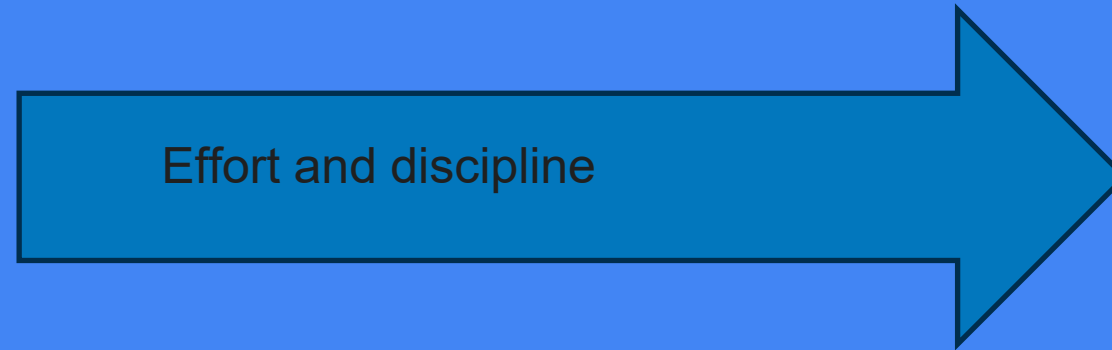
Eloise Cash - Gordano Student leader for The Arts and editor of *The Griffin*

Meadow Owen and Mabel Mills - Culture Vulture editors



Support

Start of Year 13



Effort and discipline

My Goal

Accountability



Helping you feel safe and supported in the Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is nearly 350 students. It means we can offer a lot of support to our school community through the following opportunities:



- Tutors
- Heads of Year
- Safeguarding Team*
- Pastoral Support – Linda Rigby
- Sixth Form Council
- Prefects/Senior Students
- Academic Mentor (Pippa Ramsay)
- Subject mentors
- Subject teachers – academic specialists
- Groups/Societies
- School Nurse
- School Counsellors
- School Chaplain
- Youth Hub
- Youth Centre
- Partnership with community groups – Police, RNLI, GCT, etc.



Expectations, Attendance and punctuality



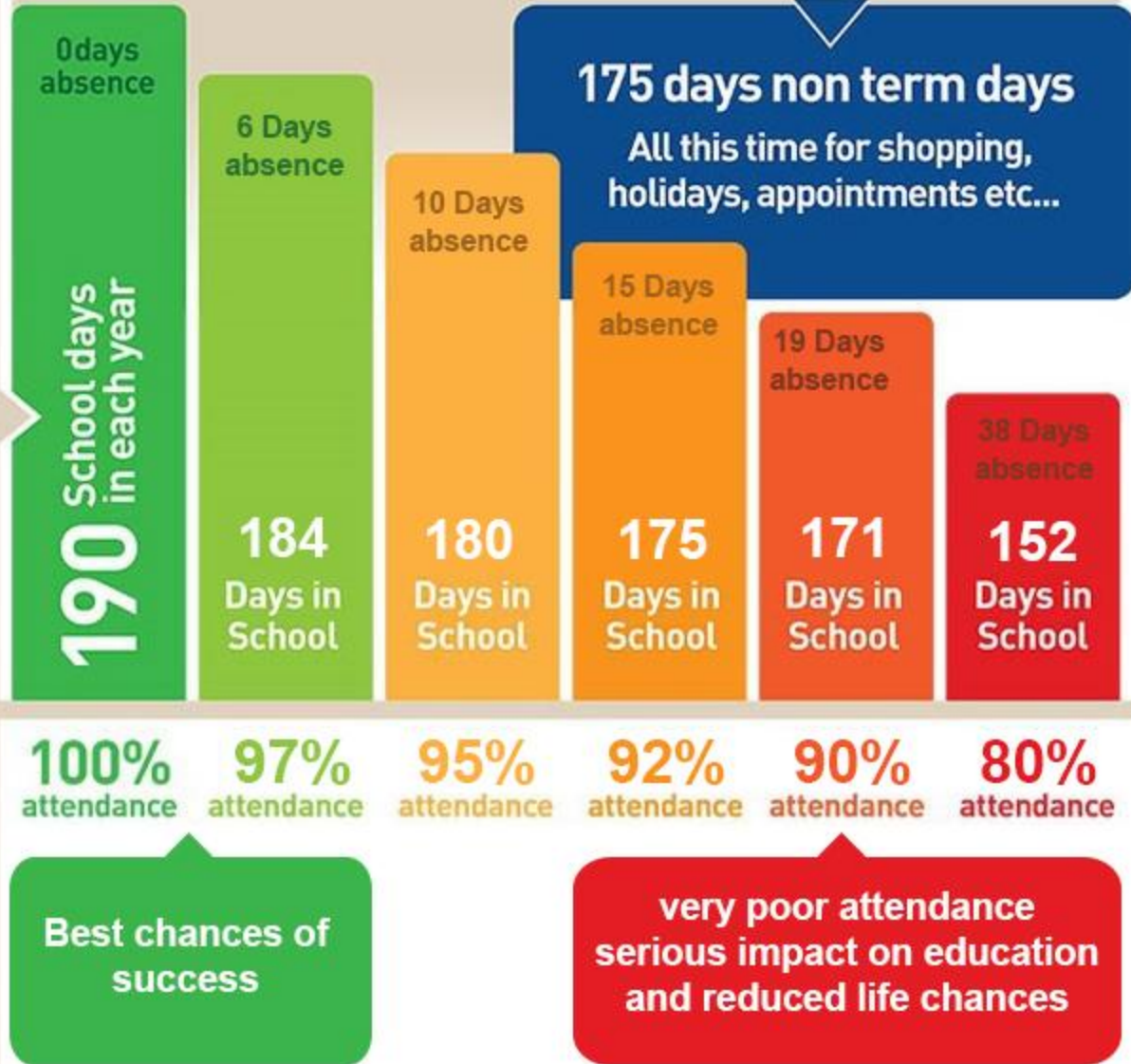
- Student should be on site by 8.35am and at tutor bases or assembly ready for 8.40am
- Students with no lessons period 3,4, 5 or 6 may leave site **but must sign out using the QR code displayed on the Sixth Form office door.**
- Tuesday/Thursday morning --> no tutor time. Come in for first lesson
- **Friday tutor time --> taught lesson – society, politics, careers and more!**
- Good attendance and punctuality lead to stronger academic progress and much better post-18 pathways **guaranteed.**
- We ask for daily contact through Microsoft Forms (link on website) if a child is absent
- Please work with us where there are issues with attendance
- Term-time holiday can be approved only in extremely exceptional circumstances

- **You must attend all lessons every day**
- **You must attend tutor time on a Mon/weds/fri**
- **You must attend your 1 to 1 meetings**
- **You must attend your elective**



365 days in a calendar year

...being in school at least 97% of time (184 to 190 days)



Parental communication

Updating student contact and medical information

If you need to update your contact details that we hold for you or your child, or their medical information please contact the data team by email on datateam@gordanoschool.org.uk, please note that we are unable to make updates over the phone.

Attendance

To notify us that a student is unwell, or of a planned absence such as a medical appointment, please use the relevant form below (also linked on our website).

Sixth Form [here](#)



WEEK 1

DAY	ACTIVITY
Monday	Notices/Sixth Form led broadcast/absence tracking/admin
Tuesday	Tutor 1 to 1s. Check emails to see if you have a meeting scheduled
Wednesday	Year assemblies: Year 12 Dining Hall Year 13 Sixth Form Hall
Thursday	Tutor 1 to 1s. Check emails to see if you have a meeting scheduled
Friday	Tutor Lesson: 8:45 – 9:20



WEEK 2

DAY	ACTIVITY
Monday	Whole Sixth Form Assembly (visitor)
Tuesday	Tutor 1 to 1s. Check emails to see if you have a meeting scheduled
Wednesday	Culture Vulture magazine – read, discuss and recommend Careers extra
Thursday	Tutor 1 to 1s. Check emails to see if you have a meeting scheduled
Friday	Tutor Lesson: 8:45 – 9:20



How many hours?

Work expectations for Year 13

- Most Key Stage 5 lessons are double lessons.
- Remaining sessions are study periods – there is no study plus for Year 13.
- Students have taught lessons for roughly 14 hours per week.
- If a student is "full-time" then 5 hours a week of extra study time **per subject** *in addition to* lessons would be good --> 7 hours would be smashing it.
- Part time jobs – be careful with hours not creeping up. 10 hours a week maximum is recommended



9-5



Expectations for Year 13s

- Dress code to be appropriate for a working environment in a school
- Treated in the same way as staff for tattoos and piercings
- Lanyards **MUST** be worn – all non uniform people on site have to wear one. Safeguarding protocol.



Vaping and mobile phones...

Vapes

- Not allowed on site.
- Not allowed near the site.

Mobile Phones

- We are a mobile phone free school for students
- However...



Bursary

Should any student require financial assistance then they are able to apply for support from the 16-19 Bursary Fund. They must complete the form on the website 16-19 Bursary Form 2025/26 and submit the form by 30th September 2025. Further details can be found on the school website 16-19 Bursary Fund or contact me at sixthform@gordanoschool.org.uk

The government grants some students who are in financial need a bursary.

This needs to be applied for (forms are available from the Sixth Form office)

Further details are available on request from Mrs Holwell

Key Dates

This term

- Monday 22nd Sept- Sixth Form Autumn Electives begin
- INSET DAY – 26th September
- Thursday 2nd October - Gordano Careers Convention 6 to 8pm (employers/apprenticeships)
- Thursday 9th October - Year 13 Tutor Reviews (online)

Term 2:

- w/c 10th November – LOAF week – focus on organisation
- AR1 – w/c. November 24th
- Thursday 13th November - Sixth Form Open Evening – school finishes at end of P5 - 5 to 7.30pm
- w/c 16 December – RAG Week



Key dates further ahead

Date	Time (if applicable)	Event
Thursday 22nd Jan	4.00 pm – 7.30 pm	Year 13 Progress Evening
February - first two weeks of term 3	w/c 23rd Feb	Year 13 Mock exams
Thursday 11th February	2.30-7pm	Post 18 Apprenticeship Evening
Thursday 8th May		Last teaching day for year 13
Thursday 25th June TBC	Evening	Leavers' Ball



A quick word about "Study Ratings"

- Generated from the data from the End of Year 12 exams.
- Next FORMAL data collection is mid-November.
- Students are made aware of their Study Rating and if they have been assigned a member of staff to be their "mentor". This is discussed in tutor time.



Post 18 – Different options

- Students should have ALL set up a UCAS account and be working on an application
- Careers sessions are more bespoke. Sept – Dec only
- Personal Statements/CVs are a priority
- Early application deadline students have to complete everything by Mon 6th Oct
- Unifrog is a great one stop shop for different opportunities and advice



Careers lessons/1 to 1s/assemblies and tutor times

Grouped by post 18 options

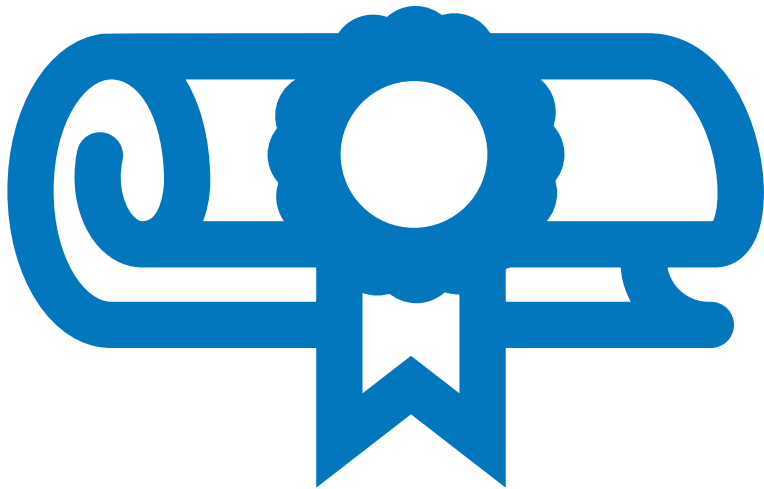
Topics include:

1. Apprenticeships
2. UCAS statements
3. Early entry
4. Financial independence
5. Interviews
6. Student finance
7. Employment



University

This remains the most popular post-18 pathway for our Sixth Formers.



Placement summary

Active applications



Filter applications

Unplaced	10
Placed insurance choice	3
Placed firm choice	108



UCAS Tariff Points

Extended Certificate	Certificate	AS level	A level	UCAS tariff points
D*			A*	56
D			A	48
			B	40
M			C	32
	D*			28
	D		D	24
		A		20
P	M	B	E	16
		C		12
		D		10

Level 3 Cambridge Advanced National (AAQ) Extended Certificate (360 GLH)

Grade	UCAS Tariff points
D*	56
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P	16



EPQ

- **Message update from Mrs Nash**

- Your supervisors are currently in the process of marking and internally moderating all of your fantastic EPQ projects. This process will be completed in a couple of weeks. Below are some dates for you to be aware of;
- Wednesday 15th October – students can come to B3 from lunchtime to find out their mark and sign and check their projects.
- Wednesday 5th November – marks get submitted to AQA who then ask for a sample to be sent to an external moderator.
- Thursday January 8th – AQA release final results and grades for EPQ.
- You are entitled to 3 weeks between 15th October and 5th November to submit an official review of marking if you feel there may have been an issue with the process, for example something was missed, evidence wasn't viewed etc or ask for more explanation about your mark.
- I shall send a reminder before the 15th October to prompt you to come and collect your mark.

- Mrs Nash

We ask students to be aiming for November 4th to have completed their applications!

UCAS Timeline

[Key dates timeline | UCAS](#)



Date	Action
02.10	Conservatoire music application deadline
06.10	Internal early applicant personal statement deadline
15.10	Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science (friday drop in PR)
04.11	Internal deadline - School references completed Student personal statements completed
15.12	Our internal deadline for UCAS applications to be submitted
14.01	Deadline for applications with UCAS
26.02	Extra opens
12.03	Offers received by applicant needs confirming by 07.04
31.03	Offers received by applicant needs confirming by 06.05
05.06	Students accept offer

UCAS – the application journey

1. Apply online

The **UCAS Hub** is designed to help your child explore all their post-18 options in one central place. They can research subjects there and find courses in the search tool, where they can check entry requirements and application deadlines. They need to register and apply in the UCAS Hub.

2. Wait to hear back

Universities or colleges will decide whether to make your child an offer. It'll be:

- **unconditional** – if they've already met the entry requirements
- **conditional** – if the offer's based on exam results





UCAS – the
application
journey

3. Reply to offers

Once all the decisions are in, your child has to reply to their offers by a specific deadline.

- **Select a firm choice** – this is the first choice.
- If the firm choice is conditional, your child can select an **insurance choice** too, if they want – this is a back-up.
- Decline any other offers.

4. Find out if they've got a place

Your child will see in their application if their place is confirmed.

- **If the firm choice is unconditional**, the place is theirs.
- **If the place is conditional**, the university or college will update your child's status when they have their exam results, or other evidence they've met the conditions.
- **If they don't meet the conditions they may be unsuccessful** – in this case, they can use [Clearing](#) to apply for more courses.
- **If your child changes their mind** and no longer wants their firm choice, they can use the 'decline my place' button in their application to use [Clearing](#) to find another place. [More about declining a place.](#)

Useful apprenticeship sites

- UCAS - [here](#)
- Gov.uk - [here](#)
- Degree apprenticeships – stepped process
- Careers advisors – Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Jones. Students and parents
- Careers@gordanoschool.org.uk



Levels of apprenticeships

- Most available Jan onwards but individual to employer
- Individual to each apprenticeship provider



Electives – part of our learning hours



Electives Programme

Term 1 & 2
2024/2025

FITNESS SUITE

FILM CLUB



SIXTH FORM BAND

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Sixth Form Football Team

On a slightly less serious note



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Once again, thank you for coming!

A copy of this presentation will be available soon and we hope to see you at other school events during the year.

Jason Boulton – Head of Year 13

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