



Nominating Gordano School for the Together Portishead Business Awards 2026 Community Impact Award Category (Giving Back)

If you would like to nominate Gordano School but need help completing the nomination form, here you'll find some guidance for each of the questions.



1) Why are you nominating this business?

Ideas to include:

Gordano School lives its core value of **“Give Back.”**

It is the only secondary school in Portishead and plays a vital role in the town.

Serves over 1,000 secondary and sixth form students.

Makes a positive difference far beyond education.

Supports the community through volunteering, fundraising and partnerships.

Helps local families, young people and businesses.

Creates opportunities that benefit the whole town.

A school with real community heart.



2) What makes this business stand out compared to others in the same category?

Ideas to include:

Combines educational excellence with community responsibility.

Develops kind, responsible and community-minded young people.

Uses its facilities and resources to help the wider town.

Supports businesses, charities, sports and families.

Has impact across many age groups.

Offers opportunities beyond the classroom.

A true community hub, not just a school.

Few organisations support Portishead in so many ways.



3) Can you share a specific experience or example?

Ideas to include:

- Duke of Edinburgh students volunteering locally.
- Work experience students helping local businesses.
- Year 10 mock interviews with employers.
- Open Mic Nights supporting local venues.
- Carol singing in the community.
- Charity fundraising events.
- GoShine facilities used by families.
- Holiday clubs helping local parents.
- Positive experience your child had personally.
- A business benefiting from student placements.

The offer beyond the classroom helps to build confidence and skills in our young people of Portishead.



4) How has this business supported the local community?

Ideas to include:

Helps local businesses through partnerships and work experience.

Raises money for charities.

Supports families with sports facilities and holiday clubs.

Provides youth opportunities and wellbeing activities.

Works with community groups.

Hosts events bringing people together.

Supports transition from primary to secondary school.

Encourages students to volunteer locally.

Gordano supports the community socially, economically and practically through partnerships, fundraising and opportunities for families.



5) What specific initiatives, events or causes have they been involved in?

Ideas to include:

Gordano Community Partners Scheme.

Duke of Edinburgh volunteering.

Work experience and Futures Week.

Year 10 mock interviews.

Gordano Extra.

Activities Week.

Charity House events.

Sixth Form RAG fundraising.

OMG Open Mic Nights.

Carol singing visits.

Primary Legacy Festivals.

Dance showcase with local primary schools.

Bright Sparks with Bristol Bears Foundation.

Portishead Youth Hub links.

Portishead Community Centre links.

Portishead Town FC links.

GoShine gym and classes.

Shine Holiday Clubs.

They are involved in volunteering, fundraising, business partnerships, youth programmes, sport, arts and community events throughout the year



6) What difference have they made to Portishead?

Ideas to include:

Stronger community spirit.

Better opportunities for young people.

Support for local business growth.

Raised money for good causes.

Improved wellbeing through sport and activity.

Helped families during holidays.

Built links between schools and community groups.

Developed future talent and employability.

Made Portishead more connected.

Gordano has helped make Portishead a stronger, more connected and more supportive community.



7) Any other comments

Ideas to include:

A deserving finalist.

A school with heart.

Positive impact reaches beyond the gates.

Proud to have Gordano in Portishead.

Sets an example for others.

Community-focused leadership and students.

Truly deserves recognition.

Gordano School is a fantastic example of an organisation that genuinely gives back and deserves recognition.