

April/May Term 5 2021

Newsletter

For Students, Parents & School Staff

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CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 13th, 14th & 15th JULY 2021

We're back!!! The Creative Arts Faculty is delighted to announce plans for the first performance event on school site for over a year. With the timely lessening of the Covid restrictions to which we have become so accustomed, we will be able to invite guests to a showcase of our students' performing talent.

The Festival has always been an opportunity to enjoy our five subjects in one fun, light-hearted and spirited evening; Music, Drama, Dance, Art and Photography. The showcase this year will be performance focused, with a huge range of material from a broad age range.

We are so proud of the students' resilience, continuing to practice and perform through lockdowns and the in-school restrictions caused by Covid. The occasion will be a symbolic marker to recognise such incredible determination and the end of a very challenging academic year for everyone.

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of term six. We will remain Covid respectful throughout (there are likely to be some procedures in place) and can guarantee that all plans will have been rigorously checked. Details to be released as soon as possible.

With a reduced capacity and a tweaked format, there are limited tickets. So please bookmark the dates and keep an eye out for ticketing information and Covid guidance.

Nothing brings people together like Creative Arts subjects. It will be just the tonic following tough times. We can't wait! Mr Hill (Head of Creative Arts & Head of Art)



GORDANO SCHOOL

The **Creative Arts Festival**

*A taste of
Drama, Dance, Music,
Art & Photography
in one fun-filled evening*

Tuesday 13th July
Wednesday 14th July
Thursday 15th July
Main Hall, 7.00 - 9.30pm (tbc)

Ticket details released early June
(with reassurance of Covid safety measures)

Headteacher's Blog



It is always with a mixture of great pride and sadness to see cohorts 'move on', and more so this year than ever. In previous years as May half term approaches Gordano would be bidding a fond farewell to some Year 11 and Year 13 students with colourful assemblies and fitting celebrations. While this year's farewell has been a little quieter than most, it is no less heartfelt. I wanted to acknowledge the conduct and approach of Year 11 and 13 students over recent weeks. They have responded to the 'call' with real maturity, respect and positivity, especially given the very challenging times that they have been through, and have really 'set the tone' for the rest of the school. We could not be more proud of the way that they have navigated the challenges. It says so much about them as young people with the talent and resilience to go on and make wonderful contributions in their lives. As ever, all of our students remain part of the Gordano 'family' and we will remain here to support in any capacity that we are able.

Term 5 has not been a long term, but it has certainly been a very busy one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the hugely professional way in which they have been returning a sense of 'normal' to the school alongside the immense burden of running the assessments for Year 11 and 13.

As lockdown restrictions are lifting we are proceeding with cautious optimism and looking forward to re-introducing some actual on site events into the Gordano School summer calendar. We hope to be able to invite some of our community on-site soon to enjoy the Creative Arts Festival in mid-July. Plans are also afoot to run a 'scaled down' Activities Week including Sports Days, the Year 7 Sponsored Walk, the Year 12 Futures Week and an Activities Day for Year 10. We are planning for normality across all parts of the school to resume from September, with a full extra-curricular diary. Fingers crossed that we continue to head in a positive direction! Wishing you all a well-deserved, enjoyable (and hopefully sunny) half term. Tom Inman - Head teacher

Diary Dates

Thursday 27th May - **INSET AFTERNOON** - Students to leave at lunchtime

Friday 28th May - **LAST DAY OF TERM 5**

Monday 31st May - Friday 5th June - **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 7th June - **FIRST DAY OF TERM 6**

Monday 14th - 25th June - **THE BRIDGE** - Y11 & 13 Next Steps

Tuesday & Wednesday 15th & 16th June - **Year 8 Vaccinations**

Friday 18th June - **Swimming Gala**

Friday 18th June - **Carnegie Book Award**

Wednesday 23rd June - **Year 7 Poetry Performance**

Wednesday 23rd June - **Year 6 into 7 Transition Evening**

Thursday 1st July - **DT & Computing Celebration Evening**

Monday & Tuesday 12th & 13th July - **Art & Photography Exhibition**

Wednesday & Thursday 14th & 15th July - **Creative Arts Festival**

Monday 19th July - **Going for Gold Reward Day**

Tuesday 20th July - **LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS 12.30 FINISH**

Wednesday 21st July - **INSET DAY 6**

Tuesday 10th August - **A Level Results Day**

Thursday 12th August - **GCSE Results Day**

Thursday 22nd July - Wednesday 1st September - **SUMMER HOLIDAY**



HOUSE FORECAST - PORTLAND

Greetings from Portland House! First and foremost we would like to wish our Year 11 students well, 11P1 and 11P2! You have been amazing! It was so nice to be able to see you all following the hard work during the Counting Assessments. Now that the majority of these are complete we wish you all a well-earned break! It is not long until you are back for 'Year 11 Bridging' but I hope you enjoy the opportunity to experience life as a Sixth Former! For those of you who are not returning and are off to exciting new ventures at College or Sixth Form elsewhere - we wish you all of the very best. I hope you feel [#ProudtobePortland](#) and remember your time at Gordano fondly as the Class of 2021.



Year 10's: as you'll know now is the time for you to 'step up' especially as you are now the eldest year group in the main school. Please continue to keep high expectations of yourself and each other and we look forward to seeing you represent Portland with pride.

I wish the Year 10's who have volunteered to be a part of the House Captains team lots of luck. In the next few weeks there will be information about the 'candidates' being shared in tutor times - so look out for the 3 words that best describe them and their planned first acts as House Captain or Vice House Captain. Finally Year 10's - good luck with your Mock exams in Term 6!

7P1 & 7P2 - I look forward to welcoming you to Portland House from Monday 7th June. I've heard good things, so please keep this up and I look forward to getting to know you more over the summer term.

Portland & Inter House Sport! Without wanting to sound like too much of a competitive PE teacher, let's show some Portland Panther determination with the upcoming Inter-House events! I would love to be showing off a few yellow ribboned trophies when the final assembly comes round! Keep an eye out for the extra-curricular clubs and let's smash Sports Day!

I would like to thank the awesome Portland tutor team who are doing so much to care for their tutees. Finally I'd like to thank the incredible efforts of our Assistant Head of Portland House, Mrs Robinson. Mrs Robinson is epic, she's worked so hard to get to know us and is always keen to help, to support and share words of wisdom. Thanks Mrs Robinson from everyone in Portland!

Mr A Dickinson Head of Portland House [#ProudtobePortland](#)



GORDANO BBC YOUNG COMPOSERS CONTESTANTS

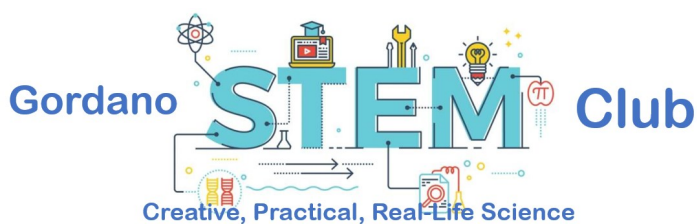
Five talented musicians from Gordano have been entered into the 2021 BBC Young Composer's Competition. This national contest celebrates young people who are "bursting with creativity, originality, and potential" and who can showcase this talent through their own musical compositions.



That is certainly the case for our five entrants: Our youngest contestant, pictured left, is pianist Marnie Whitehouse from Year 9 who will be competing alongside Year 11s Caleb James, Hannah Jones, Daisy Manners-Lolley and Orla Walters. Lots of luck to all our contestants. As their teachers we are incredibly proud of the skill, ambition and musical maturity they have each shown in their music, especially during such a tumultuous year. We're keeping our fingers crossed for all of you, good luck everyone.



CALLING ALL ASPIRING SCIENTISTS - YEAR 7 & 8 STEM CLUB



If you are interested in the world around you and want to do some practical science fun then this is the club for you.

Are you an aspiring scientist seeking some lunch time activities? Gordano's Physics and Chemistry teachers Miss McLauchlan and Dr Delaney have just started a lunchtime club for Year 7 and 8 on alternate weeks on Tuesdays. The STEM club features fun practical activities and all the experiments are designed to build on students' creative problem-solving and analysis skills in science.



So far each year group has done Skittle chromatography. The purpose of this practical was to extract the dyes from Skittles to see which colours were contained within each coloured Skittle. This week students will be designing and building rocket balloons and calculating the speed of their rockets to enter onto a leader board. It should be a blast! Come along, spaces are limited so if you would like to join in please email Miss McLauchlan on amclauchlan@gordanoschool.org.uk.

THANK YOU TO LUSH CRIBBS CAUSEWAY

We are always happy to receive ideas that help to promote good health and wellbeing for staff and students alike. If you have ideas you would like to share with us please email Lorna Moss lmoss@gordanoschool.org.uk and she will post your comments and ideas on the board in the staffroom.



FAREWELL TO YEAR 11 & 13 2021 & INTRODUCING 'THE BRIDGE'

We would like to wish all our Year 11 and 13 a fond farewell for the summer and their next steps, good luck to everyone for the forthcoming results days in August and remember we are here to support you with your all important next steps in your chosen higher education or career path moving forward. Of course we hope many of you currently in Year 11 will be joining us for 6th form in September 2021. For those of you heading to college, other sixth forms or job opportunities we wish you all well.

Designed with our Year 11 & 13 students in mind, Mr Beesley and Ms Fairs have been busy creating dedicated 'Bridge' pages as part of the virtual school website. These pages outline the many options available to you post 16 or post 18. For more details on the opportunities and events taking place between 14th and 25th June follow this [link](#). Places must be booked by 28th May, so please find the options that suit you best.

+ Extended Induction
Year 11 > Year 12
Year 13 > Onwards



Choose your pathway:

[Year 11 - Gordano School Sixth Form](#)

[Year 11 - College placements](#)

[Year 11 - Apprenticeships](#)

[Year 13 Students](#)



D of E RETURNING NEXT YEAR



Well done to the 15 staff member's who have volunteered to be part of our new Duke of Edinburgh crew, in preparation for restarting the programme next year.

Our plucky staff members braved the challenging terrain of Dartmoor and the elements, on one of the wettest weekends so far, to complete a DofE navigation course to hone their map reading and orientation skills.

The team were walking in torrential rain

for six hours earlier this month. Everyone passed the course and remained in good spirits despite enduring soggy sandwiches and the persistent British weather. Many thanks to our willing volunteers.

For those interested in signing up for DofE next year please email Mr Cartwright for more details on jcartwright@gordanoschool.org.uk. The DofE scheme offers our students a fantastic opportunity to learn some valuable life skills outside the classroom and enhance their CV's to assist with higher education and future job opportunities.

YEAR 11 DRAWING ON THEIR TEXTILES SKILLS FOR FINAL PENCIL CASE PRACTICAL WORKSHOP

This week saw Year 11 leaving us and after a year of limited practical workshops, we thought it would be great to send them off with some home-made goodies.

Workshop 1 saw the group, post exams, make a simple fitted face mask. They used poly-cotton fabric in a variety of bright colours with white lining and interfacing for added protection. They each stitched the pieces together following the guide and finished off with adjustable straps. All did amazingly and now have a lovely new mask each to showcase.

Workshop 2 was aimed at preparing the group with basic equipment moving on to A-Levels, college or apprenticeships, making a basic zip-up pencil case from recycled material. The group each chose some denim, added simple decoration and finished with a colourful zip. The base was shaped so it would sit nicely on a desk. Great work all round, this was a lovely way to say goodbye to such a wonderful group.

Mask & Pencil Case Workshops



Y11
Textiles
2021





Karate & Fitness at Gordano

Daigaku Karate Kai at Gordano School

Self-defence - discipline - Confidence - Respect - Strength - fitness

We practice Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate, a practical karate style that places emphasis on real protection. Priority is placed on practical techniques but also on ensuring individuals become as fit as possible in order to reach their full potential. There are sessions for adults, children and teens, with sessions adapted for each group. Classes are suited for all students, from the super fit to those that want to get fit. We welcome beginners and practitioners from other styles at every level. The club has a good mix of ages and all levels. So if you want to get fit, learn something new, learn self defence, build self confidence, experience high levels of self achievement, make friends in a warm inclusive club, then don't hesitate to call or just pop in.

Junior classes at Gordano School

Mon Years 6+ 5-6pm

More junior classes starting soon

Adult Classes at Gordano School

Mon - 8pm

Wed - 7.30pm

Sat - 10am - adults/juniors/families

Sun - 10am Zoom Bootcamp

For more information
on costs, availability
and other sessions;
juniors, teens & adults
please contact me

As a school teacher at Gordano, I am aware that every child matters. With over 37 years of teaching and training in the martial arts I hope that I can challenge your child so they can reach their potential.

Contact Dan Lewis 7th Dan Principal Instructor

T: 07958-363522

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W: www.gojukaratebristol.co.uk

1st Session FREE

PHASE 3 REOPENING

From 17th May we can restart our indoor class programme, kicking off with Pilates, Circuits and HIIT. Zumba from 1st June.

We are also happy to announce that we will reopen for Badminton, Squash and Table Tennis bookings.

New members welcome, with flexible memberships from £14.99 per month. Contact us for details.

GORDANO SPORTS CENTRE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Seeking a starting point for improving your summer fitness? We have the answer to all your exercising needs, right on your doorstep. As from 17th May many of our indoor fitness classes have already resumed and most have spaces available. Come along and join the fun.

Choose from Pilates, Circuits or HIIT. Zumba is also restarting from 1st June and the team are already taking bookings for Badminton, Squash and Table Tennis. New members are always welcome with flexible memberships available from just £14.99 per month. For more details contact the sports centre directly. Register or book a session via the website www.gordanosportscentre.co.uk, or call us on 01275 843942. The sports centre is open 16:30 - 22:00 Monday through Thursdays, until 21:00 on Fridays, 09:00 - 18:00 on Saturdays and 08:30 - 20:00 on Sundays. Follow us on facebook [here](#) for all the latest updates on new classes. If you are a local fitness provider looking for a venue contact the team directly on the following email: sportscentre@gordanosportscentre.org.uk

Welcome to the Gordano School Library newsletter for parents and carers, bringing you news of books and events in the library as well as reading news.

LIBRARY ACCESS

The library has now re-opened before and after school with year group bubbles still in place:

<h3>Timetable</h3> <p>One year group per day</p>				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Odd Y7 Even Y8

On Fridays, the library is now open to Year 7s on Odd weeks and Year 8s on Even weeks.

A reminder of library opening hours:

Mondays-Thursdays 8.15-4.15

Fridays 8.15-3.45

Borrowing books from the library

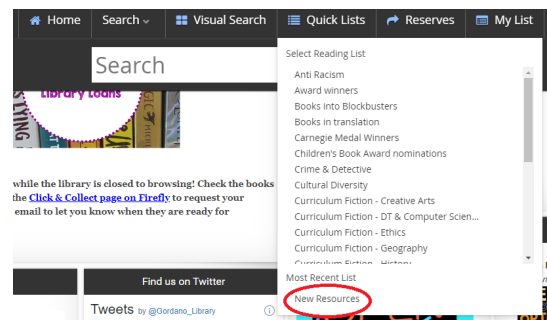
Accessit

We are moving book reservations to Accessit, our library management system. Each student should have received an email with their Borrower ID and password which they will need to use the system. All the information needed to log on and reserve books directly from Accessit is available on Firefly > Resources > Students > School Library > Library Catalogue > Using Your Accessit Account.

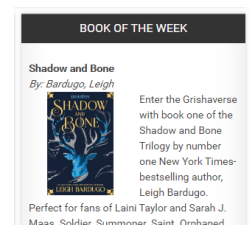
Students are now able to browse and borrow books when they come to the library on their dedicated day.

New library resources

New resources are added to the library stock regularly. If you would like to check out our new resources, go to the [catalogue](#) and under Quick Lists, choose New Resources.



We also highlight a new resource each week as our book of the week, both on the library catalogue and on our [Twitter feed](#).





HAY FESTIVAL
HAY-ON-WYE

Hay Festival will be online again this year and events are free. It will take place between 24th May and 6th June. The events for children and young people include talks by Jeff Kinney, Benjamin Zephaniah and Michelle Paver. For more information on events and how to register for them, visit:

<https://www.hayfestival.com/wales/home>



**Children's
Book Award**
The Federation of Children's Book Groups
Registered Charity 268289

We are looking for keen readers to help us test books for The Children's Book Award, the only national book award entirely chosen and voted for by children and young people! All you need to do is read and rate the books. All the information is available on FireFly in the library pages and the list of books that need "testing" is available on the library catalogue [here](#).



Volunteers for the Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

**WILD WORLD
Heroes**

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

North Somerset Libraries are looking for volunteers for this year's Summer Reading Challenge - Wild World Heroes - developed in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to inspire children to stand up for the planet!

They are looking for volunteers between Saturday 10 July - Saturday 11 September at several libraries, including Portishead, Clevedon, Pill, Nailsea and Long Ashton.

This volunteering opportunity is for those aged 14 and over and an excellent opportunity for young people looking for work experience, items to add to a CV, or volunteering opportunities for the Duke of Edinburgh award. Applications are open until Monday 14th June.

This will be dependent on COVID guidance on reopening proceeding as planned. All procedures have been adapted to be delivered in a COVID-safe way.

Please contact library.volunteers@n-somerset.gov.uk for details, and you can find more information at www.northsomersetlibraryvolunteers.wordpress.com



Do not hesitate to email us if you have any questions: libraryteam@gordanoschool.org.uk



NORTH SOMERSET AC SUMMER 2021



IF YOU ARE ENJOYING ATHLETICS AT SCHOOL, THEN
COME AND SEE WHY WE ARE SO HIGHLY RATED...

SPRINTS/SPEED DEVELOPMENT WITH CHRIS
LONG JUMP (YEAR 9+) WITH CHRIS
HURDLES WITH SOPHIE
DISCUS, SHOT & HAMMER WITH BRUCE
ENDURANCE WITH JULIAN/RUSS

COMPETING SUCCESSFULLY IN...

TRACK & FIELD – NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE, & AVON LEAGUE
CROSS-COUNTRY – GWENT LEAGUE
ALSO IN ROAD RACES, RELAYS, OPENS & CHAMPIONSHIPS



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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UK DEVELOPMENT CLUB OF THE YEAR 2012
SOUTH WEST CLUB OF THE YEAR 2018