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7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

At the start of every term this academic year we have reminded students of our expectations when on the school site. This term was no exception as we spent Period 1 on Monday during an extended tutor time broadcast to walk through our on-going expectations and goals for the term. The presentation shared with students is [here](#) for your reference.

We have navigated through a substantial part of our examination series now and we continue to be really proud of our students taking their formal examinations, and to everyone in the community in ensuring that students can take their examinations without noise around the very many exam venues that we have. Well done to those Year 10 students who today took their GCSE RE examination and congratulations to our Year 12 students who have taken units/exams in this exam series including AS Further Maths, Core Maths, GCSE retakes in English and Maths and Business BTEC and IT vocational exams. Year 12 internal end of year exams start next week and as such students will be on exam leave for the week to support them in their preparation. Away from the formal exam series we have also been impressed with the focus our Year 10 students have shown in their language speaking assessments this week.

### **Year 7 and Year 9 Activities Week Residential Trips Parent Information Evenings**

We are very busily preparing for our annual Activities Week which takes place between Monday 1st July and Friday 5th July. Parents of children on residential trips will have started to receive information, but also just a reminder that the information evenings for each trip will take place at the following times.

Trip Name	Date	Time	Venue
Y9 North Wales	06.06.24	5-6pm	Sixth Form Hall
Y9 Bushcraft	17.06.24	5-6pm	Sixth Form Hall
Y9 North-West	17.06.24	5-5.30pm	New Dining Hall
Y9 London	12.06.24	5-5.40pm	Dining Hall
Y9 Cornwall	19.06.24	5-6pm	Sixth Form Hall
Y9 IOW	03.06.24	4-4.30pm	Main Hall
Y7 Osmington Bay	03.06.24	5-6pm	New Dining Hall

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### **Year 8 Activities Week**

Next week we will be sharing with Year 8 parents the Year 8 letter which will have a full breakdown of tutor groups and day trip activities for your reference.

All students in Years 7-9 will have an extended assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June where I will outline the organisation for the full week.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

We continue to work closely with students to confirm WEX arrangements for Activities Week and most Year 10 students now have placements confirmed - we have an impressive array of work placements this year! Students are having two extended Friday tutor times to support their preparations for this important opportunity to prepare for future career choices. Please do continue these discussions at home and email [SJones@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:SJones@gordanoschool.org.uk) if you would like additional information and support.

### **Tik Tok and Social Media Alert:**

Please be vigilant about a Tik Tok page called 'Bristol Bop'. It appears to contain pictures of Bristol with names of people written on the pictures; we have received reports that some names include Gordano students as well as students from other nearby schools. Names are added onto the page to get people added to the account and then derogatory comments are sometimes made about them. If you are concerned about any personal reference on TikTok please report it to [info@tiktok.com](mailto:info@tiktok.com) or tap 'Settings' and 'Privacy' and select 'Report a problem'.

We also ask parents to review parental controls on mobile chat groups after some concerns being shared about students being added to large chat groups, receiving inappropriate content and then feeling ashamed and reluctant to discuss with adults or report. For information; you can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. (Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions. If you have any concerns about unsolicited calls, emails or letters then please report it on Action Fraud's website or by phoning 0300 123 2040).

### **Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

Gordano School is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic part-time Midday Supervisor to help support effective and positive management of school lunchtimes in the dining hall, canteen, or other areas of the school as required. This is a pivotal role as the school relies on an organised, dedicated team of lunchtime supervisors to ensure the wellbeing of students. The hours are Monday to Friday 12.30pm to 2pm during term time only. You can find more information and apply [here](#), the closing date is Sunday 16th June 2024.

We wish you a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



**Ms L Blundell**  
Headteacher

## Key Dates for Term 6

Monday 10th - Friday 14th June	Year 12 Mock Exams Week
Tuesday 11th June	6.00 - 7.00 Cromarty House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 12th June	6.00 - 7.00 Fitzroy House Celebration Evening
Thursday 13th June	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations catch-up clinic
Thursday 13th June	6.00 - 7.00 Biscay House Celebration Evening
Monday 17th - Friday 21st June	Year 12 MFL Speaking Mock Exams Week
Monday 17th - Friday 28th June	Year 10 Mock Exams Weeks
Tuesday 18th June	6.00 - 7.00 Portland House Celebration Evening
Wednesday 19th June	6.00 - 7.00 Shannon House Celebration Evening
Thursday 20th June	6.00 - 7.00 Lundy House Celebration Evening
Friday 21st June	9.00 - 12.00 Swimming Gala
Monday 24th - Friday 28th June	Year 12 Bridging Week
Monday 24th June	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 26th June	Year 13 Clearing Day
Thursday 27th June	Year 13 Ball
Friday 28th June	Year 12 A-level Music Recital mock exam (all day)
Monday 1st - Friday 5th July	Activities Week Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition Year 10 Work Experience Year 12 Futures Week
Tuesday 9th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Tuesday 9th July	Parent Forum
Wednesday 10th July	6pm - 7pm DT & Computing Celebration Evening
Thursday 11th July	Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 11th July	Year 12 A-level Music Recital (mock exam)
Friday 12th - Sunday 14th July	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 17th - Thursday 18th July	Creative Arts Festival
Thursday 18th July	Reserve date for Sports Day
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term for students - 12:30 finish
Wednesday 24th July - Tuesday 3rd September	SUMMER HOLIDAY