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4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Last night we hosted our annual careers convention where we welcomed a vast array of different providers and held talks around apprenticeships, university applications and college options. It was wonderful to see so many families join us across the evening and to see our young people so engaged. I would also like to extend a huge thanks to our careers team in planning and delivering this event.

Tutor Meetings

I would like to invite parents to attend our virtual Meet the Tutor evening on Thursday 10th October. This is an important opportunity to speak to your child's tutor and we encourage students to join the discussion with you. Appointment slots are approximately five minutes long and can be booked at any time between 4pm and 7.30pm. You can book your appointment [here](#).

Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to join us for our Year 8 and Year 11 information evenings this week. The presentations are available on the [Parental Communications page](#) of the school website, alongside the previous presentations for Years 9, 10, 12 and 13. Hopefully these presentations are useful if you were not able to join us.

The final information evening for Year 7 takes place on 17th October and the link to book is below.

[Year 7 - Thursday 17th October](#)

Homework

Now that we are well into the academic year, students are being set regular homework by all their teachers. We have made some small adjustments to our homework setting timetable, to ensure that we are best meeting the needs of students. Please see below for the detail of your child/children's homework timetable.

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Year 7 - 9 students: Homework for the fortnight is set on ClassCharts on the same day for each year group, by 4pm, and is due between no less than 7 and no more than 14 days later, across all subjects.

Maths homework will be set weekly, on the same day, in support of the Sparx programme we use, which relies on weekly completion.

1Monday	1Tuesday	1Wednesday	1Thursday	1Friday
	Y7 set and final deadline for completion a fortnight later		Y8 set and final deadline for completion a fortnight later	
2Monday	2Tuesday	2Wednesday	2Thursday	2Friday
	Y9 set and final deadline for completion a fortnight later			

Year 10, 11 and KS5 students: homework is set across the fortnight (weekly or fortnightly to suit the member of staff), on ClassCharts, with a deadline for completion of 7 days or more. Students should only be set revision tasks that support their exam preparation in the three weeks leading up to and during mocks (except in instances where they are completing Non-Exam Assessed components of their courses).

Community Behaviour

As we approach Halloween and Bonfire night, please have a conversation with your children about the dangers associated to playing with fireworks - including firecrackers - and the life-changing injuries these can cause. Please also note the age limits on purchasing fireworks.

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) - 10th October 2024

WMHD is on Thursday, however, so that we can spend time reflecting on supporting our wellbeing while in school, we will be highlighting this work on Friday 11th October. Students are invited to wear an item of yellow clothing to support #HelloYellow and there will be assemblies and tutor activities to highlight support.

Activities Week 2025

The Year 7 and 8 Activities Week programmes for 2025 have been launched today, and you can view the brochures for Years 7, 8 and 9 using the links below:

[Year 7 Activities Week brochure](#)

[Year 8 Activities Week brochure](#)

[Year 9 Activities Week brochure](#)

For more information visit our [Trips & Activities Week webpage](#), or contact trips@gordanoschool.org.uk if you have any questions.

Portishead Youth Centre - October holiday activities

Bookings are now open for October half term activities and trips run by Portishead Youth Centre. You can find more information [here](#).

October Holiday Camps at St Peter's Primary School

The deadline is this Sunday to book a place at the early bird discounted rates at PH Camps' multi-activity holiday camp. For more details, please see this [poster](#).

Wishing you a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 1

Monday 7th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 1)
Tuesday 8th October	Parent Forum 6pm
Wednesday 9th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 2)
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11th October	Hello Yellow Day
Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October	Year 11 GCSE History Trip to Munich
Monday 14th October	Year 10 Travel & Tourism Trip (group 3)
Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October	Year 11 GCSE Dance Set Phrase Exam
Thursday 17th October	Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Minehead/ Porlock Weir
Thursday 17th October	Year 7 Parental Information Evening 6pm
Monday 21st October	Year 11 Careers Trip to Weston College
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 GCSE Art Mock Exam
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 11 Futures Evening 2pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October	Year 11 GCSE Art Photography Mock Exam
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	HOLIDAY