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15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had some lovely email communications today following our Post 16 Open Evening last night. Thank you to all students and parents who joined us to look at our Post 16 offer. We are very proud of the sixth form provision we have for our young people at Gordano and encourage you to explore the sixth form area of the website where you will find all the details and relevant information in terms of application process and course outlines. If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact the sixth form team through our school mailbox mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk. A huge thank you to our wonderful sixth form students and the sixth form staff team who contributed significantly to the organisation and running of last night's event.

Coach Car Park Closure - Mon 18th and Tue 19th November

The coach car park will be closed for two days on Monday and Tuesday next week for urgent repairs. Potholes will be filled to ensure the area is safe and the surface can be used as a car park for the foreseeable future. The decision to close the car park in its entirety has been made to ensure the work can be carried out safely and runs as smoothly as possible; thank you for your patience whilst the work is completed.

Flu Vaccinations - Change of date for Year 11

Please note the change of date for flu vaccinations. Year 7 to 10 vaccinations will go ahead on the planned dates, with Years 7 and 8 on Wednesday 11th December and Years 9 and 10 on Thursday 12th December. Due to a clash with Year 11 mock exams, the Year 11 vaccinations will now take place on the morning of Monday 16th December.

If you have not already done so, please provide consent via [this link](#) as soon as possible to assist Sirona with planning and ordering vaccines.

Lost Property

The student centre has a large quantity of unnamed coats in the lost property store. If your child is missing a coat (or any other items) please ask them to go to student centre reception to check if it is there. Any coats not claimed by mid-January will be offered for sale on the school's online pre-loved uniform store.

Anti-Bullying Week

We have been supporting national Anti-Bullying Week throughout the school week with house assemblies and Odd Sock Day. We have reminded students who they can speak to within their House if they have a concern and we have again shared the Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying ([anti-bullying](#)) and highlighted that it can take various forms - online, physical, verbal and emotional.

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Childline resources are informative for both students and parents:

[Bullying, abuse, safety and the law | Childline](#)

Safeguarding

In connection to online safety we continue to remind students about the importance of their online presence and how to protect themselves. If inappropriate images are shared, the below link is a reminder of how these images can be removed.

[Report Remove | Childline](#)

Phone-Free School

We have made the decision to use the Yondr system to support us with ensuring we have a truly phone-free school. We believe this is necessary in order to protect our students and support focused learning. We will have this in place by September 2025 at the latest. There will be much more communication on this to follow, nearer to the point that we introduce Yondr within the school.

Many thanks to all who came along to Tuesday's Parent Forum to discuss this; your questions and thoughts will really help us in considering the logistics of establishing the system.

Sporting success

And finally, Gordano were one of only 3 secondary schools out of 12 to field a full set of runners in the North Somerset cross country championships this week. The weather and conditions were fantastic leading to some outstanding individual and team results, and a number of our students have been invited to represent North Somerset in the Avon School Championships in January.

Year 7 boys - 5th

Year 8/9 boys - 1st

Year 10/11 boys - 3rd

Year 7 girls - 1st

Year 8/9 girls - 4th

Year 10/11 girls - 1st

Overall Gordano won the event and are North Somerset champions for 2024. A huge congratulations to all students involved.

We would also like to wish our swimmers the very best of luck on Saturday as they compete in the ESSA team finals in Birmingham, competing against the top private and state schools in the country.

We wish you all a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 2

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November	Learning Hub Functional Skills Maths Exams
Tuesday 19th November	Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 2)
Wednesday 20th November	INSET Day
Thursday 21st November	Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol Harbourside (group 3)
Thursday 21st November	Year 10 Travel & Tourism trip to London
Thursday 21st November	3.35pm Years 10/11 General Knowledge Quiz
Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November	Year 11 GCSE Music Coursework Recording Day
Monday 25th to Friday 29th November	Year 11 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
Wednesday 27th November	Careers Teatime Networking
Thursday 28th November	Year 9&10 UPS trip to Weston-super-Mare Fire Station
Monday 2nd to Friday 13th December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 2nd December	Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam
Tuesday 3rd December	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 4th December	Year 9 Travel & Tourism trip (group 1)
Thursday 5th December	Year 12 & 13 MFL trip to BFI Southbank
Tuesday 10th December	Year 9 Travel & Tourism trip (group 2)
Tuesday 10th December	Year 12 Art trip to Bath Art Exhibition and Gallery
Wednesday 11th December	Flu Vaccinations (Years 7 and 8)
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December	Year 11 Textiles Mock Exam
Thursday 12th December	Flu Vaccinations (Years 9 and 10)
Monday 16th to Friday 20th December	Sixth Form RAG Week
Monday 16th December	Flu Vaccinations (Year 11)
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Concert all-day rehearsal
Tuesday 17th December	Sixth Form Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December	6.30pm Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18th December	Year 7 - Year 11 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	5pm - 6pm A-Level Certificate Evening
Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term - 12.30pm finish for students
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January inclusive	HOLIDAY