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21st June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are almost at the end of our 2024 examination series with just a small amount of A Levels left to complete. I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all our students throughout this examination period from our Year 10 students through to Year 13. It can be a challenging time managing the wide variety of subjects studied over a short period of time. However, our students have worked incredibly hard and with real focus, determination and effort every step of the way. We are immensely proud of them and wish them a well-deserved extended summer break.

Year 8 Activities Week Day Trips

Just a reminder that consent is needed for students to take part in activities at Go Ape, Ninja Warrior, West Country Water Park and MOJO Active.

All waivers must be completed by a parent/carer in advance of the trips. If we don't have consent your child will not be able to participate. Staff are not permitted to sign these on your behalf.

If you haven't already done so, please read and **complete the following forms by 12noon on Monday (24th June):**

[West Country Water Park](#)

[Ninja Warrior](#)

[Go Ape and MOJO](#)

If you have any queries, please email our Activities Week Team: trips@gordanoschool.org.uk

32.5 Hours - Consultation Update

Thank you to all parents that completed the consultation we ran earlier in the year regarding the DFE requirement for the school to provide 32.5 hours per week for students, starting from September 2024. During this process we also consulted with the staff body. We have looked in detail at the responses from both staff and parent feedback and considered all points, including the view from parents that having different start time on a Friday would be confusing for students. We place a high value on the tutor time programme, which includes time with students' tutors, our reading programme and assemblies, so the additional 5 minutes per day will support us in ensuring that we have that quality time each morning. Please see below for the current timings of the school day and the new timings of the school day from September 2024.

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Current Timings

All Students Years 7-13		
	MTWT	F
Reg	8.45	8.45
P1	9.05	9.20
P2	9.55	10.10
Breaktime	10.45	11.00
P3	11.15	11.25
P4	12.05	12.15
Lunchtime	12.55 (bell at 1.35)	1.05 (bell at 1.45)
P5	1.40	1.50
P6	2.30	XXX
End	3.20	2.40

New Timings

All Students Years 7-13		
	MTWT	F
Reg	8.40	8.40
P1	9.05	9.15
P2	9.55	10.05
Breaktime	10.45	10.55
P3	11.15	11.20
P4	12.05	12.10
Lunchtime	12.55 (bell at 1.35)	1.00 (bell at 1.40)
P5	1.40	1.45
P6	2.30	XXX
End	3.20	2.35

SEND Coffee and Cake Evening - 10th July 2024

An evening of information and support for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities. Find more information [here](#).

Portishead Community Pride Event

A community event to celebrate Pride Month is taking place at Portishead Youth Centre this Sunday, 23rd June. Full details are on the attached [poster](#).

Gordano General Election!

Next Friday we will be replicating the democratic process for students by having a Gordano General Election! The Sixth Form Hall will be our school polling station. It will be open: before school, breaktime and lunchtime for students to come along and cast their ballot, if they wish to (no photo ID for them!)

Over the next week tutors will be briefing students about where and when to vote. We will be running the ballot as though they lived in the constituency of the school, North Somerset. They will also be shown information from the BBC site for the candidates on the ballot with a summary statement from them and links to manifestos, so that they can cast an informed vote. [UK Parliamentary general election: The 6 candidates in North Somerset \(whocanivotefor.co.uk\)](#)

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This week I received a copy of the *draft* final Ofsted report following our inspection, hopefully this means I will receive the final report next week enabling me to share it with our parent community.

We wish you a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 6

Monday 17th - Friday 28th June	Year 10 Mock Exams Weeks
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