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28th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a week of milestones... including the end of the formal exam season. Therefore, celebrations took place with our Year 11 prom on Monday night and Year 13 prom on Thursday night. Our Year 11 students celebrated their achievements at Ashton Gate Stadium - students arrived looking fantastic and ready for a night of celebrations. It was so wonderful to see our students let their hair down and enjoy themselves in a fabulous venue. Much eating, dancing and laughter was had with some impressive stunts on the dancefloor (including from staff)! We hope they had a wonderful evening!



Our Year 13s celebrated their Prom at the Marriot Hotel in Bristol and again, it was a fantastic evening celebrating together their 7-year journey through the school. It is going to be very sad to say goodbye to our students in Year 13. They have given so much to our community over that time. We really do wish each and every one of them our very best wishes for the next stage of their journeys.

We have also been busy finalising the plans for activities week. The task of organising 26 day trips, 7 residentials, a base activity programme, Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition, plus an extremely strong futures programme for our Year 12 students and an on-site work experience programme for Year 10 students unable to secure a placement is logistically challenging in many ways, but it certainly would not be possible if it were not for the amazing support we get from our staff body during this week, allowing these activities to be staffed and run effectively. A huge thank you in advance to parents for your support in ensuring that your child arrives at the right place, at the right time and with the correct kit list for the day. This is really helpful for us. A reminder is below of the timings for each group for the week (please note the change of timings for Year 8 going on Ninja Warrior/ Bowling - students need to meet please at 8.45am in Biscay common room - not 9.30am as previously advertised and Year 7 students taking part in Circomedia will register in the Main Hall at 8.45am).

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Also, a final reminder to parents of students in Year 8 that waivers must be completed before each trip.

Activities Week Meeting Points and Start Times 2024

PLEASE NOTE: Parents will not be permitted to access the coach park or main school site by car during Activities Week. This is due to the large numbers of students departing at the same time by coach from this area.

Year 7 Base Activities – 2 Groups					
Location: Meet in The Old Gym @ 8.45am - Base Activity Students					
Lead Staff Member - Mr Snow with staff taking Year 7 session 1&2					

Year 7 Meeting points for Circomedia and Wild Place

Registration with Mrs Tipler and staff allocated - In the Main Hall at 8.45am - with Supervising Staff					
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
Circo Media	7L2, 7P2, 7S2 (75)	7L1, 7P1, 7S1 (83)		7B2, 7C2, 7F2 (77)	7B1, 7C1, 7F1 (82)

Registration with Trip Leader - In Science Faculty at 9am - with Day Trip Staff					
	Monday Mr Stokes	Tuesday Mr Stokes		Thursday Mr Stokes	Friday Miss Barwick
Bristol Zoo Project (Wild Place)	7L1, 7P1, 7S1 (83)	7L2, 7P2, 7S2 (75)		7B1, 7C1, 7F1 (82)	7B2, 7C2, 7F2 (77)

Osmington Bay

Meeting place: The Canteen

Register with Trip Leader: Mrs McKenzie- Liddington

Monday 1st July: Meet in the Canteen @ 9.05am - Coaches leave at 9.30am

Tutor Groups	Monday 3rd July	Tuesday 4th July	Wednesday 5th July
7B1, 7C1, 7F1 (82)	Osmington Bay	Osmington Bay	Osmington Bay - return
7B2, 7C2, 7F2 (77)	Osmington Bay	Osmington Bay	Osmington Bay - return

Wednesday 3rd July: Meet in the Old Canteen @ 9.05am - Coaches leave at 9.30am

Tutor Groups	Wednesday 5th July	Thursday 6th July	Friday 7th July
7L1, 7P1, 7S1 (83)	Osmington Bay - depart	Osmington Bay	Osmington Bay
7L2, 7P2, 7S2 (75)	Osmington Bay - depart	Osmington Bay	Osmington Bay

Year 8 Meeting points

Year 8 Registration Locations					
Meet Mr Beesley – Base Activity Students (2 Groups) Location: Elliot Hall@8.45am					
Registration with Trip Leader and staff allocated in Lundy Common Room at 9.30am					
	Monday Mr Supple	Tuesday Mr Supple	Wednesday Mr Supple	Thursday Mr Baker	Friday Mr Baker
West Country Water Park	8S1, 8S2 (51)	8B1, 8B2, 8F1 (75)	8C1, 8C2 (51)	8L1, 8L2, 8F2 (73)	8P1, 8P2, 8P3 (75)
Registration with Trip Leader and day staff in Portland Common Room at 8.00am					
	Monday Mr Turner	Tuesday Mr Turner	Wednesday Mr Alsop	Thursday Mr Alsop	Friday Mr Alsop
Go Ape	8P1, 8P2, 8P3 (75)	8S1, 8S2 (51)	8B1, 8B2, 8F1 (75)	8C1, 8C2 (51)	8L1, 8L2, 8F2 (73)
Registration with Trip Leader and day staff in Biscay Common Room at 8.45am - NOTE NEW TIME					
	Monday Mr Boulton	Tuesday Mr Boulton	Wednesday Mr Hutchinson	Thursday Mr Hutchinson	Friday Mr Hutchinson
Bowling/ Ninja Warrior	8L1, 8L2, 8F2 (73)	8P1, 8P2, 8P3 (75)	8S1, 8S2 (51)	8B1, 8B2, 8F1 (75)	8C1, 8C2 (51)
Registration with Trip Leader and staff doing the trip at 9.45 - In the Elliot Hall					
	Monday Mrs Harradine	Tuesday Mrs Harradine	Wednesday Mrs Sciarrino	Thursday Mrs Sciarrino	Friday Mrs Sciarrino
Portishead Lido	8C1, 8C2 (51)	8L1, 8L2, 8F2 (73)	8P1, 8P2, 8P3 (75)	8S1, 8S2 (51)	8B1, 8B2, 8F1 (75)
Registration with Trip Leader and staff supervising the session at 8.45 in the Sixth Form study area (next to the Dining Hall)					
	Monday Mrs Hawkins	Tuesday Mrs Hawkins	Wednesday Mr Bainbridge	Thursday Mr Bainbridge	Friday Mr Bainbridge
MOJO Active (on-site)	8B1, 8B2, 8F1 (75)	8C1, 8C2 (51)	8L1, 8L2, 8F2 (73)	8P1, 8P2, 8P3 (75)	8S1, 8S2 (51)

Year 9 Meeting Points

Year 9 Base Activities					
12 Groups on Monday – 8 Groups on Tuesday to Friday					
Location: New Sports Hall					
Meet Mrs Harding and Mr Mailey + Period 1 & 2 Base Activity Staff - @8.45am					
Year 9 Residential Trips Meeting Points					
Residential Trips	Trip Leader/s	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Departure Time (coach Park)	Date
Isle of Wight	Dr Humphries/ Miss Clerc	6 th Form Study Area (next to the Dining Hall)	6.15am	6.45am	Monday 1 st July
Northwest	Mr Smith	Dining Hall	6.00am	6.30am	Monday 1 st July
London	Mr Pugh and Miss Orlans	6 th Form Study Area (next to the Dining Hall)	6.15am	6.45am	Tuesday 2 nd July
Cornwall	Mr Dickinson	In the Quad	8.00am	8.30am	Monday 1 st July
North Wales	Mr Powell	Dining Hall	6.00am	6.30am	Tuesday 2 nd July
Bushcraft	Ms Blundell	Lundy CR	8.45am	9:15am	Monday 1 st July

Year 10 Mock Exams and Work Experience Week

Well done to Year 10 for their preparation and attitudes towards the Mock Exams over the last fortnight.

The majority of Year 10 students have work experience placements for next week; we know how valuable these experiences are and thank you for supporting students to access these experiences and to complete the paperwork.

We have a few students who do not have work experience placements, and you will have been emailed by the careers team in terms of planning for next week.

Year 10 into Year 11 - Parental Information Evening

We would like to invite parents of Year 10 students to join us at an information evening on **Thursday 11th July** between **6pm - 7pm**. We will share information from the mock exams, work experience and an overview of support. This will include a parental demonstration of GCSEPod and ways in which you can support students in Year 11.

SEND Coffee and Cake Evening

Please also find details below for our SEND coffee and cake evening taking place on Wednesday 10th July.

SEND
coffee and cake evening

An evening of information and support for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Gordano School
Wednesday 10th July 2024
5.30pm-7.30pm

The SEND team at Gordano with supporting agencies are proud to host an evening of support and guidance for parents and carers of current and future pupils.

- SEMH
- Cognition and learning
- Sensory and physical
- Communication and interaction
- Careers
- EHCP process
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Inclusion
- Funding

Supporting agencies include: Bridging The Gap Together!, TALK CLUB, North Somerset children's centres, OTR, Equine Reflections, NHS Talking Therapies, SAY, SEND AND YOU SENDIAS, North Somerset PCUT, PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE, and North Somerset Council.

Year 8 Guided Choices

We will be meeting with a small number of students after activities week where we may, unavoidably need to use a reserve subject choice. Once we've finalised subjects with these students, we will then confirm choices with all Year 8 students. In the meantime, we will continue to explore different timetable permutations to accommodate the maximum number of first choice subjects as is possible.

Keeping Young People Safe Online

Useful information from the NSPCC below for parents and carers concerned about the sharing of nudes online and advice about how to open a conversation up about the risks involved:

[Sharing nudes and semi-nudes | NSPCC](#)

Next week there will not be a parent letter sent on Friday as I will be on camp for the week with Year 9 students. We will resume Friday's parent letter on Friday 12th July.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher

Key Dates for Term 6

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 5.30pm-7.30pm SEND Coffee & Cake Information Evening
Thursday 11th July	Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 11th July	Year 12 A-level Music Recital (mock exam)
Thursday 11th July	6pm - 7pm Year 10 into Year 11 - Parental Information Evening
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