

Electives Programme

Term 1/2 2022/23



September 2022 — December 2022

Please see the full Elective Offer and sign up via the forms link on the Bridge by Friday 8th July

<https://mrdbeesley.wixsite.com/gordanoschool/the-bridge-sixth-form>

Questions? Please speak to Mrs Holwell in the Sixth Form Office.

Access to Bristol

The Access to Bristol scheme provides an opportunity to experience life at the University of Bristol and will give you access to its academic expertise and facilities.

Be ready to attend a series of sessions **at the University** on Wednesday afternoons studying one of fifteen subject streams.

Lectures will show you what study is like at the University of Bristol. You will work with current Bristol students and academics who can advise on higher education if you choose to study further in this subject (you don't have to go to Bristol University though!).

Note: you need to apply for this, so choose some back up elective options in case you are not successful.

Lead:	University of Bristol
When:	Wednesday afternoons
Places Available:	Up to 30

Administration Support

Are you well-organised and able to work independently?

Do you take pride in a job well-done?

Would you like to make a contribution to the smooth running of the school?



Why not volunteer to support Gordano's administration team. You could work in Sixth Form or other parts of the school, helping with essential preparation, a project or perhaps in the main school office on clerical / administration tasks. This would be an excellent way to demonstrate your skills to a potential employer.

Lead: Mrs P Holwell

When: Wednesday afternoons or other frees across your timetable

Places Available: 3

Ambassadors of the Earth

An international certificated scheme where you can do something practical to help the environment, promote awareness in environmental issues and raise you own awareness.



This is largely self-directed so you just need to be independent and provide evidence for your certificate.

Lead:	Dr Beer
When:	Wednesday afternoons or other frees across your timetable—S12
Places Available:	10

Book Club

- In week One we will choose a Book to read. Week two will allow time for reading and we will meet again the following week to discuss the book and pick a new one.
- You will be expected to give your feedback and score out of ten on the chosen book and you will all be able to have a chance to pick the next book to read.



Lead: Mrs Holwell & Mrs Brooks

When: Wednesday afternoons every other week

Suitable for: For all you bookworms out there!

Places Available: 20

Careers Support

The careers elective offers opportunity to enhance the schools careers programme, network and gain an insight into events management.

During the elective you will:

- help run careers events such as teatime networking
- generate new displays
- survey and evaluate careers performance around the school.

Teatime
Networking

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Lead:	Dr Beer
When:	Wednesday afternoons working independently with briefs from Dr Beer
Skills:	Interpersonal, lateral thinking, communication
Places Available:	2

Dance

Previous GCSE dance students can come in and support lessons, an excellent opportunity to work on leadership skills as they can assist leading some practical tasks, in addition students can help current GCSE dancers with their group/solo.

6th form students can also audition to be part of the senior dance company



Lead:	Mrs Gaze
When:	TBC—
Skill Set:	Enjoy dance
Places Available:	up to 4 extra curricular 2 for subject support

Debate Society

If you would like to debate some of the most topical issues, join the student Debate Society meeting weekly in the Sixth Form Hall.



Lead:	Daily Manners-Lolley
When:	Wednesday lunchtime
Places Available:	unlimited

Drama

The aim will be to devise a piece of theatre to perform.

Anyone who loves acting - come along! This will be a purely practical session.



Lead:	Miss Orlans
When:	Wednesday PM—DR3
Skill Set:	Enjoy Drama
Places Available:	20

Duke of Edinburgh

A life-changing experience. A fun time with friends. An opportunity to discover new interests and talents. A tool to develop essential skills for life and work. A recognised mark of achievement; respected by employers.

If you are already doing DofE, you can volunteer to help with other electives, ie. Gordano Extra, Student Support as part of the award



Lead:	TBC
When:	TBC
Places Available:	TBC

Eco Club

Helping each Monday run the school Eco club.

Working with Mr Swift and Ms Hennessey, as well as the environment prefect, to deliver an engaging and productive extra curricular experience for students. This will involve facilitating the students projects, working towards school awards, and helping transition the school to net zero by 2035.



Lead:	Mr Swift
When:	Monday Lunchtime—H7
Places Available:	5

EPQ

PLACES FOR THIS ARE NOW FULL

Year 12—if you have opted to do an EPQ please choose this as your Elective. You will be able to use the Wednesday afternoon to study and will also need to be available to attend meetings with the EPQ Coordinator



Lead:	TBC
When:	Wednesday afternoons—EPQ
Places Available:	Student need to sigh up for this

Film Club

From quirky cult classics to critically acclaimed but under-watched masterpieces, Film Club is about getting an eclectic education in the wonderful world of cinema.

Every two weeks, after school for an hour or so on a Tuesday, we watch a different film. Over the two sessions we chat about it, make links with other similar work (by genre, subject matter, directors, actors etc.) and choose the next film to watch. But mostly, we watch - and hopefully enjoy - really cool films.

All films must be feature length and have a BBFC certificate of 15 or lower. We watch films from a huge variety of genres (horror, sci-fi, comedy, romance, and lots of hybrids) but all the films will be a bit off the beaten track and definitely not mainstream. We won't be watching anything from the MCU or the Fast and Furious franchise, for instance.

There will be foreign language films with subtitles, the occasional black and white film, and even some films that are older than Mr Turner himself. There will probably often be biscuits, too.



Lead:	Mr Turner
When:	Tuesday 3.20—4.30pm
Where:	SF1
Places Available:	30

Fitness Suite



Gordano fitness suite is a place where you can build your body strength in a friendly and accessible environment.

If you are keen to build your strength, then join up for the Fitness Suite Elective.

Lead:	Gordano Sports Centre
When:	Wednesday afternoons
Skill Set:	Physical aptitude, interpersonal
Places Available:	up to 15

Forest Skills @ Secret Garden



Come and join us for a creative, practical, nature-based elective in the Secret Garden at Gordano. We will be learning and using a variety of outdoor skills: lighting fires, using tools like knives and bow-saws, shelter-building, and outdoor cooking. We will explore different plants and trees and make new habitats for creatures we find, as well as having a chance to relax and recharge your mental and emotional batteries by being outside in nature. Regular time spent outside has been proven to improve wellbeing, increase concentration and memory and decrease stress, and it's fun! So this is the perfect elective to balance your busy academic timetable and help boost your mood!

Lead:	Sarah Bennett
When:	TBC
Skill Set:	Practical knowledge, organisation, communication & team work
Places Available:	8—14

Learning Hub Mentor

Working with 1:1 students in the Learning Hub as a role model or a "go to"

Any subject / practical or classroom based



Lead: Lyndsay De Long

When: TBC

Places Available: 6

Lower School Subjects



Thinking of working and want to develop more skills? Assisting with lower school lessons will provide you with a great opportunity to hone your communication and interpersonal abilities. Choosing a subject that you love and convey your passion whilst helping the younger years, guiding individuals on how to be a successful learner, is what lower school support is all about.

If you are helping with lower school clubs, you can also use this as your Elective.

Please let Mrs Holwell know who / when and where you will be working.

Lead:	Various
When:	Wednesday afternoons or free periods working with subject teacher
Skill Set:	Practical knowledge, lateral thinking, interpersonal, communication
Places Available:	up to 40

Mental Health Advocates



If you are keen to raise awareness of Mental Health and want to be part of a group that looks at what support the school needs to provide to support students then we have a steering group who meet weekly.

The team are involved in organising Mental Health Awareness Days, keeping the school noticeboards up to date with relevant Mental Health support information, and raising the profile that Mental Health matters.

Lead:	Prefect
When:	Wednesday afternoons
Skill Set:	Communication, organised, creative, inclusive, team player
Places Available:	10

Music

Music Technology (recording studio based)



Lead: Martin Humphries

When: TBC

Places Available: 12

Primary Schools

This is a full year commitment

If your future might involve working with young people, what better way to spend Wednesday afternoons than working in a class in a local primary school?

Each year this is a very popular option, and primary schools really value the contribution of the young adult helpers. This is also an excellent way of demonstrating a career interest in child-care when applying to universities or colleges.



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Together we love - Together we hope - Together we learn

Lead:	Primary Schools
When:	Wednesday afternoons
Places Available:	12

School Council



Have your say! Outwork and implement ideas within the school. Working with our Heads of Council to make a difference.

Not an elective, but now we have your attention, come along and have your say about Sixth Form life!

Lead:	Heads of Council
When:	Lunchtime
Places Available:	TBC

SEMH & Wellbeing

We'd like to invite you to join Mrs Moss to explore how we can evolve our SEMH and Wellbeing offer for all students at Gordano school. We will initially work on a couple of areas which will help us to work together.

You will:

- Help drive, develop and take part in whole school awareness day events, this will be launched with Children's Mental Health week followed by Neurodiversity week Children's Mental Health week.
- Work and access development with Off the Record.

Lead:	SEMH—Mrs Moss
When:	TBC
Places Available:	12

Sports @ Gordano

This option will take the form of a recreational sports afternoon where you will be given a choice of sports activities to take part in.

These will include all the major sports that you would have taken part in during your core PE Lessons.



The options will change each week to give you a variety of activities.

You will be expected to take part each week with appropriate sports kit (no denim!).

Lead:	Gordano PE Department
When:	Wednesday afternoons TBC
Places Available:	50

Work Experience

If you would like to organise a placement to help with your interest in a particular area, a letter from your parents / employer detailing the full details of the placement will be required to support this.



Lead:	Mrs Holwell
When:	Wednesday afternoons
Places Available:	n/a

Yoga

This is 'no fluff' yoga with the intention of helping you switch off from the pressures of Sixth Form life and stretch your muscles out. You do NOT have to be flexible. In fact, this is a great way for the inflexible to find some flexibility!



Lead:	Ms Fairs
When:	Wednesday PM
Places Available:	20

Youth Hub

To help with the youth club sessions we deliver for young people from school year 6 and above. You can help us with delivering different activities to the young people including crafts, baking and sports activities. You will also have the opportunity to build relationships with young people and become someone that they can talk to and gain support from. You will have the opportunity to contribute and run your own activities during our sessions.

We can offer our volunteers a chance to gain an ASDAN qualification as part of their volunteering experience. This looks amazing on a CV and can be used to gain a higher ASDAN qualification which can equate to UCAS points for university.

The logo for Portishead Youth Centre features the words "PORTISHEAD" and "YOUTH CENTRE" stacked vertically. The text is rendered in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a thick black outline, set against a solid blue rectangular background.

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YOUTH CENTRE

Lead: Steph Forrest

When: Monday to Friday,

Places Available: 4