

## **Gordano School**

Gordano School is located in Portishead, North Somerset. Portishead is situated on the Bristol Channel coast and is one of the fastest growing towns in the UK. During the past 10 years the population has grown by over 40% and now has a still-growing population of over 22,000. The school was built in 1955 with further buildings added in the 1970s and 1980s and a new hall, drama studio, maths block and music extension added three years ago. It is now a Foundation School within the unitary authority of North Somerset.

The school serves Portishead and outlying villages in the Gordano Valley including Clapton-in-Gordano, North Weston, Portbury and Weston-in-Gordano. It is the only secondary school and comprehensive post-16 provider in the town.

Gordano is a fully comprehensive, co-educational 11-19 school. It is also a technology college, a Leading Edge School and a Training School. Gordano is part of the North Somerset 14-19 Consortium. The school is in a loose partnership with five other secondary schools and a special school to form the North Somerset 7 Federation.

In 2004 Gordano School broke the 70% GCSE 5 A-C mark. Contextual Value Add a year later was excellent as were KS3 & post-16 results. It has maintained this success, achieving 75% 5 A\*-C in 2009 and 65% 5 A\*-C including maths and English. In June 2007 Ofsted rated the Gordano curriculum as outstanding in its final report. It praised the wider offer of choice post-14 and the flexibility from age 13 (three GCSE courses in year 9). SAT results have broken the 90% level in all three core subjects.

### **Map to the school**

Gordano School  
St Marys Road  
Portishead  
Bristol  
BS20 7QR

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