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**Post 16 Preparation Evening
Wednesday 25th October 2023**

Year 11 Curriculum information

**Mrs Karen Adamson
Deputy Headteacher -
Quality of Education**

Year 11 Curriculum

Subject	Number of lessons (every 2 weeks)
English	8
Mathematics	8
Science	8
Spanish / French	5
Geography / History	5
RE	4
PE	4
Option 1	4
Option 2	4
TOTAL	50

Careers and Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) are covered through a series of drop down days, assemblies and the morning review programme.

Year 11 options

Option 1

- Art & Design
- Business
- Computer Science
- Citizenship
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- Music

Option 2

- Art & Design
- Business
- Creative media
- Drama
- Health & Social Care
- Photography
- Separate Science

Year 11 Key dates

Week commencing 23rd October 2023

French / Spanish mock speaking examinations

Week commencing 6th & 13th November 2023

First set of mock examinations

Friday 15th December 2023

Mock results day & reports shared with parents

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Year 11 parents evening

Week commencing 5th February 2024

French / Spanish mock speaking examinations

Week commencing 19th & 26th February 2024

Second set of mock examinations

Friday 22nd March 2024

Second mock results day & reports shared with parents



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Week commencing 29th April 2024

GCSE photography & art examinations

Week commencing 7th May 2024

GCSE French & Spanish speaking examinations

Week commencing 13th May 2024

GCSE examinations start

Thursday 22nd August 2024

GCSE Results Day

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Year 11 Guidance, Expectations & Suggestions for Successful Revision

**Ms Laura Siviter
Achievement Coordinator
for Years 10 and 11**

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How to support your child

How you can help with motivation:

- Remind your child why they are doing this. Discuss their aspirations and next steps.
- Praise their efforts.
- Offer incentives and rewards, if appropriate, for dedicated and purposeful work. Many respond well to short term rewards to keep them on track. (Pizza night? Cinema trip?)
- Remind them that mocks are important, but they will have their 2nd mocks and their final examinations in which they can make even more progress.

Exams MADE easy workshop (23/10/23)

Outcomes: By the end of the workshop, students had:

- Learned and mastered a range of revision strategies - identifying those which work best for them and understanding how to use them in their revision plan.
- Knew how to use revision time efficiently.
- Improved their memory skills and metacognitive abilities.
- Gained confidence in their own abilities and potential.
- Increased motivation and reduced stress levels connected to revision and exams.
- Developed a positive attitude towards revision , exam preparation and independent studies.

Skills taught and their Benefits

Benchmarking is an analytical process aimed at helping students to measure their progress and attainment across multiple areas of study. It enables students to then prioritise their efforts accordingly.

Active Reading involves more than simply reading a text – it involves questioning, reflecting, and evaluating the information presented in the text. With this skill, your students will become focused and proficient readers.

Mind Mapping is used to visually organise information within a hierarchy, showing relationships between topics and ideas, which can help students better understand and remember the material.

Skills taught and their Benefits

The Memory Palace is a technique that taps into a person's natural ability to remember places; their spatial memory. Developed by the ancient Greeks, this strategy is considered to be one of the most powerful tools for memorisation.

Revision Planning is essential for effective study. Students will learn how to apply Spaced Learning and the Leitner System to make the most of their time.

Cue Cards are useful tools for memorisation, as they encourage students to condense and filter information, which can improve understanding and retention.

How you can help with revision planning:

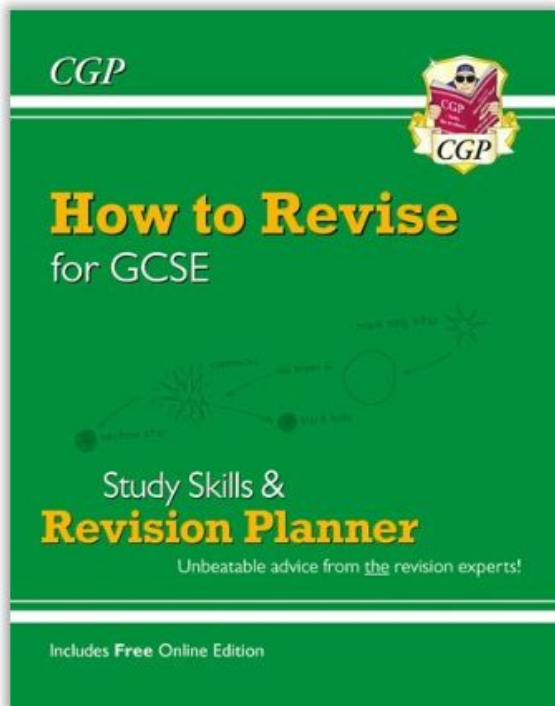
- Revision timetable
- Encourage your child to use key takeaways from MADE workshop
- Ensure sufficient time for revision but also build in time for family and friends as well as hobbies and time to relax.
- Access a range of resources - past papers, GCSEPod, BBC bitesize - subject specific learning platforms
- Remove distractions especially when testing
- Test, test, test!
- Aim to finish in plenty of time for bed. Good sleep patterns are essential.
- When the examination timetable is published, ask to see it
- Maintain an interest in what they are doing and ask what you can do to help.

Our gift to you!



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How you can help with exam stress:

- A certain amount of stress is normal
- They may want to talk more about their feelings during this period but equally they may choose not to discuss things at all.
- Make sure they stick to their revision timetable and are continuing to follow hobbies and have time for family and friends. Many students may try and skip relaxation saying they have to work more. Relaxation time is incredibly important and if they are revising well then they must take this time.
- Healthy eating, water, exercise
- Make sure your child knows which exams they have on each day and that they have the equipment they need ready in their bags.
- Encourage them to eat breakfast and bring a snack and water.

Talk to us



If you are worried about your child, your first point of contact should be their review tutor, or if it is subject specific, please contact your child's subject teacher. They can be contacted via the school office. The email address for all queries is office@lsg.kevibham.org

Please make sure you state the full name of the child, their teacher's name and a brief summary of your enquiry on the email. This helps the office team to direct the email to the correct person.

Key points of contact

Review Tutors: **11D S. Healey**
11L S. Duggal

11G A. Southerton
11R C. Delaney

11S L. Baker
11W J. Johnson

- Subject teachers and Lead Professionals
- Achievement Coordinator for Years 10 and 11: **L. Siviter**
- Examinations Officer: **M. Fox**
- Co-ordinator for CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) and work related learning: **M. O'Neill**
- Associate Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion; SENCO (including Access Arrangements) : **S. Clews**
- Assistant Headteacher - Assessment, Data and Outcomes: **L. Verma**

Next steps - college/VI form applications

- Amongst other information, application forms will ask for the following information:
 - Course choices
 - Mock results
 - Teacher predicted grades
 - Referee
 - Attendance
 - Punctuality
 - Behaviour
 - Confirm all grades
 - Extra curricular

Year 11 GCSE Examination Support and Guidance

**Mrs Loveena Verma
Assistant Headteacher - Assessment,
Data and Outcomes**

Year 11 Examinations

The Year 11 Mock Examination Period begins the week commencing 6th November 2023 and last for 2 weeks.

Students will be given a personalised timetable which includes the date, time, duration and title of the examination and the room in which the examination will take place.

Examinations Room Expectations

- From the minute students enter to the minute they leave the examination room, they are under examination conditions, this means that they must be silent at all times and must not communicate in any way with other candidates.
- Anyone that does not adhere to these regulations will be removed from the examination room and will need to complete all of their examinations in isolation after school.

Clothing for Examinations



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- School uniform
- Rubber soled shoes or trainers (to protect the floor of the Sports Hall).
- There must not be any writing on students hands, this includes henna designs. If they arrive at school with writing or designs on their hands that cannot be quickly removed this could result in them not being allowed to take the examination.

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Year 11 Examinations



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**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**



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Equipment for Examinations

- All **relevant items** should be brought for each examination e.g. a calculator, protractor and compass for Mathematics and Science examinations.
- Pens, pencils, erasers, rulers and a sharpener must be in a **clear pencil case** or **clear plastic bag**.
- Only **black ink pens** should be used.
- Correction Fluid and Correction Tape are not allowed.
- Tissues are not allowed.

Food and Drink in Examinations

- Only clear bottles of water are allowed into the examination rooms
 - Labels must be removed from the water bottles prior to the examination.
 - Water only.
 - Drink that are not water or that are not in a clear bottle will be confiscated.
- Sweets, chewing gum or any other type of **food is not allowed**.



GCSE examination support and guidance

- Provisional exam timetable has been published- subject to change
- Practical/oral examinations

May timetable

- No study leave
- Study support & interventions

Year 11 Careers

Mrs Maria O'Neill

**Co-ordinator for CEIAG (Careers Education, Information,
Advice and Guidance) and work related learning.
Lead Professional in PSHCE.**

Introduction - Careers

In the UK, all young people must now stay in some form of education or training **until their 18th birthday**.

This means that after Year 11 – you can choose to study A-Levels, T-Levels or BTECs, or go into an apprenticeship or another form of work based learning.

For these options, you could study at a college, sixth form (LSG has a great one!) or ‘on the job’ with an apprenticeship/work based learning.

Careers mean different things to different people.

1 To me, a career means climbing the ladder – you start off in a low paid job and then get promoted.

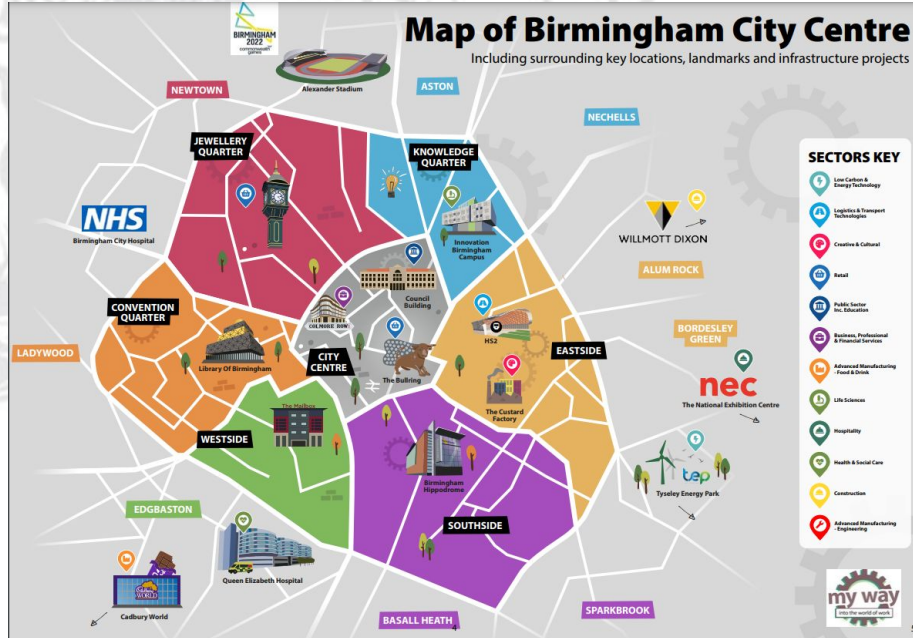
2 Any career I have would need to fit around my life, not the other way around.

3 I have loads of different interests and ideas. I don't want to have to choose just one to earn money from.

4 I can't think of anything worse than being stuck in the same job for 40 years. I'd be so bored!

5 To me, a career means not staying in one place. You move to different jobs at different organisations.


The job market is constantly changing.




Example Sector Roles: Including, subjects to consider, skills and salaries.

Roles	Skills
Management Consultant £25,000 - £90,000 Business analyst £30,000 - £70,000	Communication Problem Solving Literacy and Numeracy Digital Customer Services
Solicitor £25,000 to £100,000 Legal Executive £15,000 to £100,000 Finance Office £19,500 to £34,000 Tax Advisor £22,000 to £60,000	Communication Problem Solving Literacy and Numeracy Digital Customer Services Communication Problem Solving Literacy and Numeracy Digital Communication Problem Solving Literacy and Numeracy Digital
Other Professional Services relevant subjects: Maths, English, Business Studies, Economics, ICT	Communication Problem Solving Literacy and Numeracy Customer Services
Estates Agent £15,000 to £40,000 Business administration £15,000 to £30,000	Communication Problem Solving Literacy and Numeracy


Discover more to start your journey




Interview with Shamen Gallagher from Wedgen



Interview with Darren Clarke from Arcadis




Interview with Gurjit Tiwana from Gowling WLG




There are many ways to start your career


Download the activities for the BPF5 Sector
Click on the relevant cog to download the activities



Interview



Research

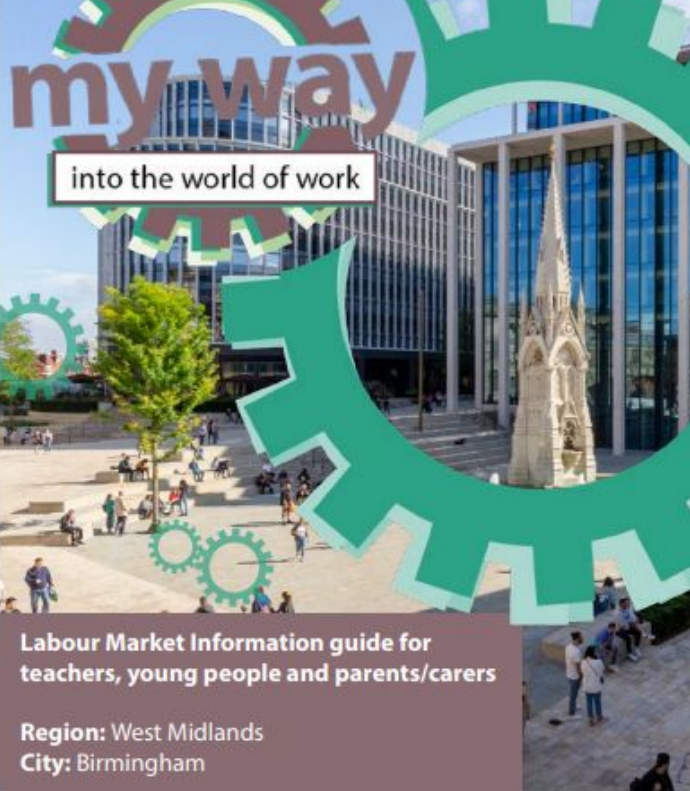


Sector Word Search

Useful links

- UK Work Experience Programme | www.cappemini.com
- HSBC Holdings plc | www2.deloitte.com
- www.hbbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates | www.ey.com
- www.gowlingwlgcareers.co.uk | www.northernbankbank.co.uk

Find out more about the job roles on the National Careers Service website



Labour Market Information guide for teachers, young people and parents/carers

Region: West Midlands
City: Birmingham



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Introduction

Labour Market Information (LMI) is a useful tool to support young people with making informed career choices. LMI can be used to provide an overall view of the past, present and future of the world of work. Young people can use LMI to research the current state of the jobs market, including future jobs in the local area, understand the skills required for certain job roles and the demand for future employment.

The world of work is changing rapidly and LMI supports young people with gaining a greater knowledge and understanding about employment sectors, employers, jobs, typical rates of pay and general employment trends. New technology and industry changes can often create a growth or decline in some sectors. Therefore, it is important that young people are given the tools and information to aid their decisions about future careers.



3,277,100
Population aged 16-65
in West Midlands
2020



151,630
Enterprises in West
Midlands
2020



£28,998
Gross annual pay in
Birmingham
2021



515,000
Jobs in Birmingham
2019

To make well informed career decisions, young people could consider the key factors below:

- What qualifications and career pathways will be the best option for certain careers?
- What job opportunities are available locally? (Relocation may be required for certain jobs)
- Which industries or job roles are increasing or declining?
- How much you would expect to earn in certain job roles?
- Who the main employers are in the employment sectors, what jobs they have on offer and what qualifications and skills they are looking for?
- What the working environment is like?

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Where to study?

SIXTH FORMS

Sixth Forms are educational settings, usually attached to a school (such as Lordswood). They usually offer A-Level courses, but also sometimes offer BTECs and T-Level courses too.

COLLEGES

Colleges are educational settings, usually standalone (such as Halesowen College). They usually offer BTECs and T-Level courses (and a wider variety than Sixth Forms with specialist centres for things like hairdressing or animal care). They often offer A-Levels too.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are work-based learning. You learn 'on the job' and will usually receive a wage whilst you're working and learning. You can also gain qualifications. If you take a higher or degree apprenticeship, your employer can partner with a university or training provider to provide degree-level learning. Apprenticeships are available in lots of areas.

The range of apprenticeship opportunities



Accounting



Aviation



Horticulture



Architect



Creative & Digital



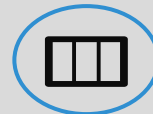
Teaching



Cyber Security



Surveying



Project management



Nursing



Dental Nursing



Hospitality



Hairdressing



Legal Services

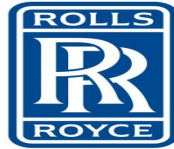


Journalism

Supported by
National
Apprenticeship
Service

And many more....

Which employers offer apprenticeships?



LEWIS BRIDGL

“We keep moving forward,
opening new doors
and doing new things,
because we're curious,
and curiosity keeps
leading us down new paths.”

— Walt Disney



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Sixth Form at King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls

Mrs Karen Leadbetter, Director of Post 16 Studies



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Continuing your Educational Journey at KEVI LSG Sixth Form

Students in our sixth form make excellent progress, are well supported and value their time with us. Staying with us ensures a smooth transition from year 11 to sixth form.



About our Sixth Form

- Co-educational
- Approximately 200 students
- Mixture of internal and external students



Familiar
but
Different

Excellent Support

The background of the slide features a soft-focus photograph of students in a classroom. In the foreground, two young women with long dark hair are looking down at a book or document. One is holding a pink highlighter. In the background, another student is visible, also appearing to be engaged in their work. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet concentration and collaborative learning.

“Sixth form is a warm environment; not only do the staff and students care for each other’s mental well being, also the teaching environment really encourages creativity and curiosity.” Ella

First-class teaching
Post-18 advice and
guidance

Sixth Form Team - open
door policy

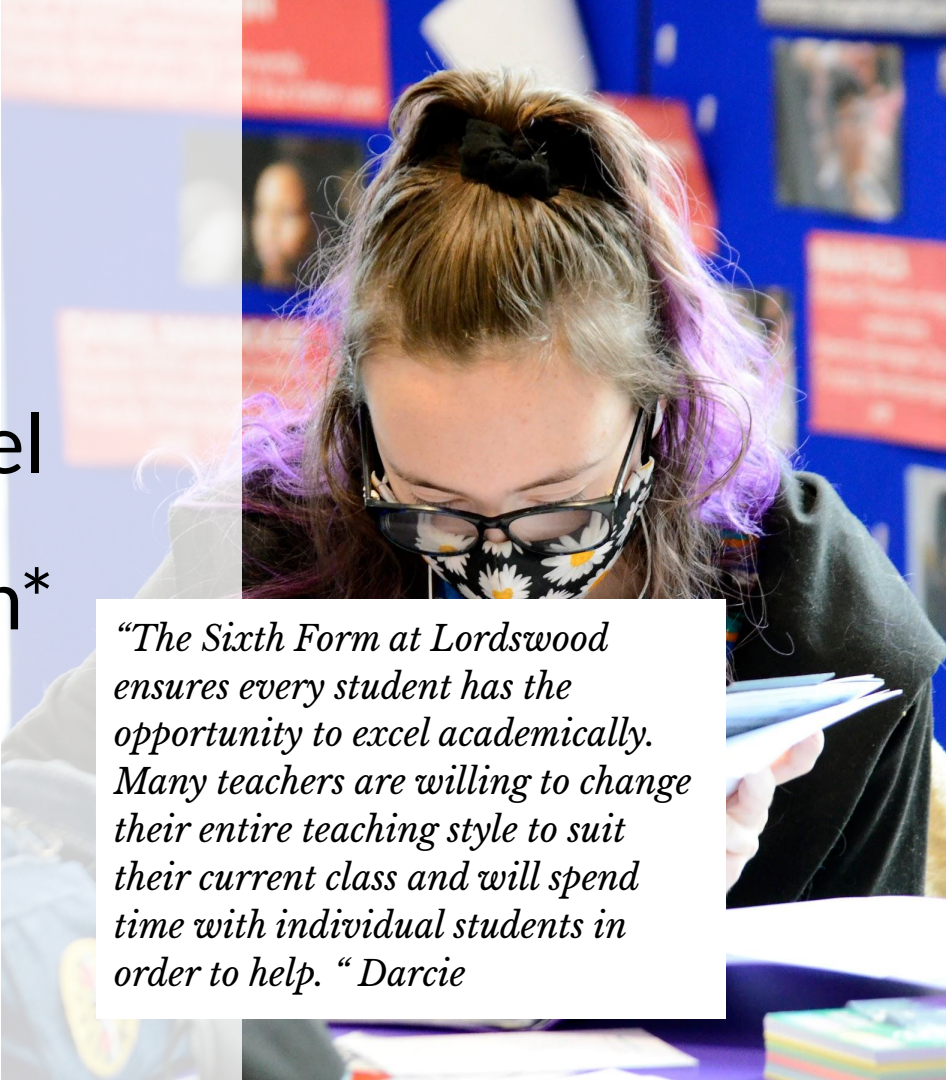
Bursary Scheme

Post-16 Student Support
Officer

Excellent Outcomes

Average grade C at A Level

Average grade Distinction*
at BTEC

A young woman with brown hair tied up in a bun, wearing glasses and a black face mask with a white floral pattern. She is looking down at a stack of papers she is holding. The background is a blue wall with various posters and notices.

“The Sixth Form at Lordswood ensures every student has the opportunity to excel academically. Many teachers are willing to change their entire teaching style to suit their current class and will spend time with individual students in order to help.” Darcie

Excellent Outcomes

100% students in university, jobs or training

Progression to top universities, including Russell Group:

2023 - Birmingham, Exeter, Aston, Warwick, Manchester, Nottingham,



Excellent Facilities

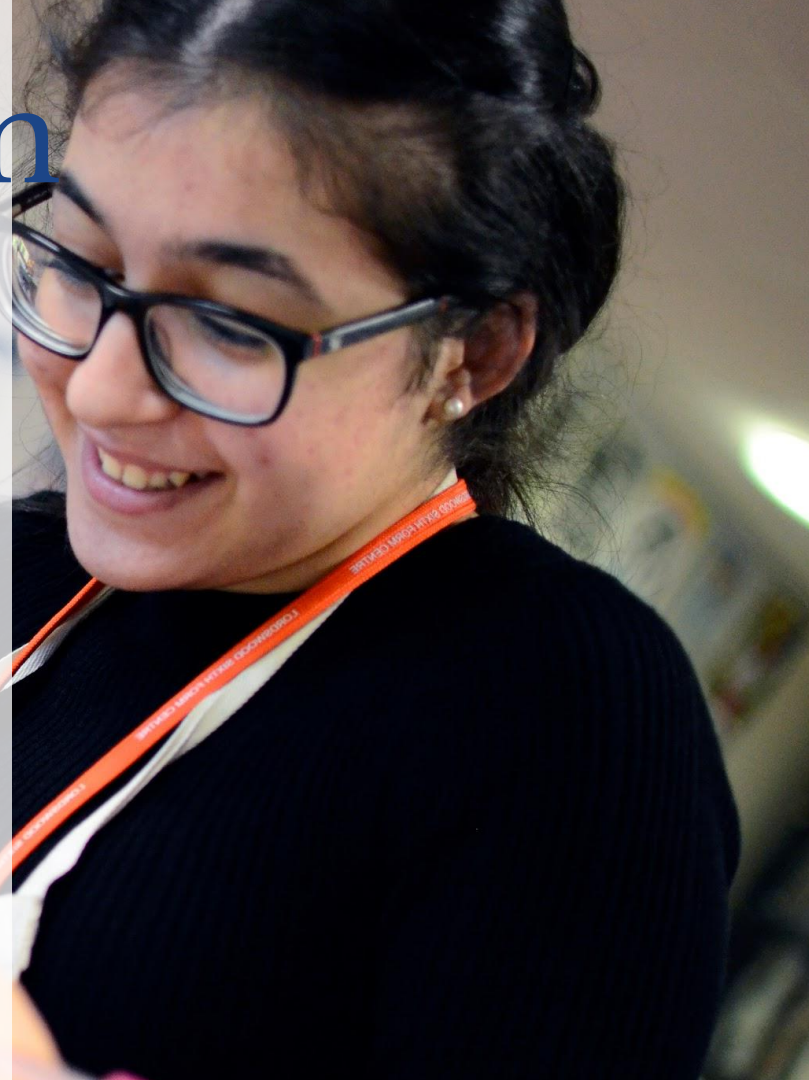
- Social Space
- Dedicated teaching rooms
- Study Hub
- Cafe
- Sports Hall
- Artificial Grass Pitch



Our Curriculum Pathways

Level 3

- A level and BTEC
- Extended Diploma
- T Level Education and Childcare



Our Subjects

A Level

Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
English Literature
Film Studies
Fine Art
Geography
Government and Politics
History

Law*

Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Philosophy of Religion & Ethics
Photography
Physics
PE
Psychology
Sociology

Vocational

Applied Science Extended Diploma or Extended Certificate
Business Extended Certificate
Criminology Diploma
Health and Social Care Extended Certificate
IT Diploma
T Level Education and Childcare

Lots of
courses to
choose
from



Joining the Sixth Form

- Priority places are offered to our Year 11 students; this is conditional on them gaining the entry requirements for their chosen programme of study.
- Students must choose between 1 and 3 courses totalling 585 learning hours.

General Entry Requirements

- Level 3 courses (A Level, BTEC)
- 5 grade 5 at GCSE including Maths and English
- Individual Entry Requirements may vary per subject
 - Science/Maths - Grade 6/7 in Maths, English, Science
- A full list of courses and entry requirements can be found on the sixth form area of the school website.



Life in Sixth Form

Social Activities

Enrichment Programme

PSCHE Programme

Study Programme

Academic Enrichment

Leadership Opportunities

Post-18 Advice and Guidance

Find out More

Open Evening
Wednesday 22nd
November
5.00 - 7.00



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SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

5.00pm - 7.00pm



Outstanding support
Excellent outcomes
New sixth form block
Wide range of subjects

**Come and see what makes
us the best choice for you**

King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls, Knightlow Road, Harborne B17 8QB

lsg.kevibham.org

Find out More



Taster Day

Thursday 23rd November

Be a sixth former for the day.

- 5 subject tasters
- Sixth form dress code
- Lunch in the sixth form block

How to Apply

Online application form + interview

<https://lordswoodgirls.applicaa.com/year12>



Condensed application form for KEVI LSG students. Students must login in with their school email address and individual password.

Deadline for Applications



Deadline

Friday, December 1st,
2023

Interview Day

Tuesday, December
19th, 2023

Wednesday, December
20th, 2023

Find Out More on the school website

<https://lsg.kevibham.org/>

Sixth Form

A-Level Courses

A-Level Courses offered

