

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 16th October - Friday 20th October 2023

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 16th October 2023	Bookbuzz Launch Careers advisor in school
Tuesday 17th October 2023	Careers advisor in school KS5 School council meeting Governors meeting: Curriculum and Pastoral committee (4:30-6:30pm)
Wednesday 18th October 2023	Y7 Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm)
Thursday 19th October 2023	Schools climate change assembly @ camp Hill boys 9am-4pm

Values Days

On Tuesday 10th October we had our first Values Day. Throughout the day all year groups looked at various themes connected to the main focus of the day: Respectful Relationships. We looked at identity, values and personality, boundaries and everyday consent, healthy relationships online, spotting signs of unhealthy relationships, ending a relationship, as well as many more topics.

The aim of the day is to empower our students to lead healthy and fulfilling lives, safeguard themselves by making healthy decisions and setting boundaries. Please keep the conversations going at home.

Together, we thrive and add value to the world

BE READY  **BE RESPECTFUL**  **BE RESILIENT** 

We are looking forward to the 2nd Values Day in January with the focus on Being ready for the future (mainly focused upon careers planning). If you would like to contribute to the Careers Day: maybe deliver a talk or support with the Careers Fair, I would be delighted to hear from you: m.oneill@lsg.kevibham.org .

Student Responsibility to 'Be Ready'

Just a polite reminder that part of our school ethos is to 'Be Ready'. We have seen an increased number of students forgetting equipment for school. Reception can not call home when this happens and if you are bringing items in for your child please be aware that we can not deliver items to classrooms. Students will need to come to reception to collect any item that is delivered to school.

Students have a time table and are aware of the lesson for the next day so should be packing their bags in advance so they can 'Be Ready'.

Classcharts

Many thanks to all the parents who have downloaded and are using the Classcharts App to track how many positive and negative behaviour points students have received. Classcharts also allows parents to track homework that has been sent/completed and to receive notifications of detentions.

After half term this will be how we **communicate all detention** notifications so it is **essential** that you register before this date. To access classcharts, you will need the code that was uploaded to the KEVI LSG app a few weeks ago - it can be found under the 'reports and documents' tab. If you have any questions please contact the school office and we will do everything that we can to support you.

Studies show that a major contributing factor to student success at school is parental engagement - this is an easy way of learning more about what your child is learning in school and to celebrate their achievements.

The Children's Society and British Transport Police

West Midlands Police have partnered with The Children's Society and British Transport Police to help raise awareness of exploitation. We are working hard with our specialist teams and community partners to disrupt and prosecute criminal gangs exploiting young people.

Do you know the signs of child exploitation? Would you know where to report exploitation if you spotted the signs?

Exploitation can happen anywhere. It happens online and offline. Children are being targeted outside fast food outlets, at shopping centres, through online games, and social media. There are many types of child exploitation including money laundering, stealing from shops, transporting drugs via trains and bus routes.

Signs of child exploitation:

Ask yourself, is a young person:

- Travelling alone, particularly in school hours, late at night or frequently?
- Looking lost or in unfamiliar surroundings?
- Anxious, frightened, angry or displaying other behaviours that make you worried about them?
- In possession of more than one phone?
- Carrying lots of cash?
- Potentially under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
- Being instructed or controlled by another individual?
- Accompanied by individuals who are older than them?
- Seen begging in a public space?

You can find out more information from the #LookCloser campaign website here [#LookCloser To Spot Exploitation | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/campaigns/look-closer)

If something doesn't feel right, don't wait, report it:

Call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency

Text the British Transport Police on 61016

Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

If you would like to talk to your schools officer about exploitation or your concerns, please get in touch with the school or your local police team today [Your Local Police | West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](https://www.west-midlands.police.uk)

Thank you,

West Midlands Police

First aid provision

We are very fortunate to have a large caring team of first aiders in school. However, it is important to note that they are 'first aiders' and not trained medical professionals. They are all volunteers who offer to provide first aid, alongside their full time role in school. The definition of a first aider is: *someone in an organisation who has been trained to give immediate medical help in an emergency.*

We have noticed an increasing number of students who are requesting support from first aiders for non-emergency situations e.g. injuries sustained out of school, headaches, period pains, stomach ache. Whilst we can be caring in these situations, there is very little 'help' that a first aider can provide. In the majority of cases students do not require sending home and therefore will usually be asked to return to lessons.

Please can you speak to your children about only requesting support from first aid if they have a) injured themselves in school, b) have a condition that requires immediate care e.g. asthma attack, c) feel ill enough to go home.

We have also noticed some students coming to receive first aid on a regular basis. We used a programme called Medical Tracker that emails parents when first aid has been

administered. If you notice a pattern please can you arrange an appointment with the GP to check that this isn't a sign of any underlying condition.

London drama trip payment

Just a reminder that the next payment date for the trip is 20th October.

Medical and dietary information forms have been sent out and need to be completed by Friday 19th October so that this information can be taken into consideration when organising the trip.

Year 7 Curriculum Evening

The Year 7 Curriculum Evening will be held on Wednesday, 18th October, at 5 pm. Please could we politely request that only one parent and their daughter attend this event due to limited space in the Hall. The evening will finish at 6 pm. Letters containing more information about the evening have been sent to Year 7 parents. Thank you, Mrs Peniket.

Bookbuzz 2023

Bookbuzz is a reading programme run by Book Trust, a charity which promotes a love of reading in children. In September, all of year 7 were shown a short video in which 16 children's authors described their latest books; they were then allowed to select one book each to keep. The books arrived this week and English teachers have been distributing them to their classes.



Study support webinar

In the run up to the mock examination exams which will be starting the week beginning Monday 6th November, many of you may be wanting to know how you can support your child.

This link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FLodJngqFc&t=157s> will take you to a webinar which focuses on effective study strategies which your child should be using at home. I hope you will find some of the techniques suggested useful.

NEW Careers Bulletin

Students in Y10 - Y13 will be emailed this fortnights Careers Bulletin with opportunities, information and competitions. Please click on the link below to view. Many thanks, **The Careers Department**

[Careers Bulletin 13.10.2023.pptx](#)

Duke Edinburgh Launch Events

Thank you to those parents and carers that attended the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Launch Events on Wednesday 11th October for Year 9, 10 and 11. We hope that you found it informative and learnt how you can support your young person through the award if they choose to sign up. If you were unable to attend then attached is the PowerPoint for you to look through, if you have any questions please contact Mr Fox. If your young person is interested in participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Scheme this year that a completed enrolment form must be submitted to Mr Fox in room 006 by 15:00 on Friday 20th October 2023. If you have need a form fresh copies can also be collected from Mr Fox in room 006.

Regards

Mr Fox

WEAR RED DAY - Show Racism the red card - Friday 20th October 2023

On Friday 20th October 2023, it's 'WEAR Red' day. At Lordswood we take anti-racism very seriously, promoting equality, diversity and inclusion throughout our whole school community and that is why we are supporting this worthy cause.



To show your support, we would like to invite all students to wear non-uniform, including something red, in return for a donation of £1.

Donations can be made via the **KEVI LSG app**.

You will receive a notification in the app when the payment goes live. Please go to payments and then to 'Offers', here you will find the 'WEAR RED DAY' payment link to make your donation.

The ability to make a donation via the app will be open from **Monday 16th October at 8:00am and will close on Tuesday 24th October at midnight.**

Please remember that on occasions like this appropriate clothing should be worn as the school is still a working environment. Please read the information below called ' Non-

uniform day dress code' to check what is allowed and what isn't. This can also be found on the 'School Uniform' page in the student planner.

Please also be aware that nail varnish is allowed but nail extensions are not.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS DRESS CODE	On occasions when students are permitted to wear their own clothes (charity fund raisers, school trips and visits), it is important that students dress appropriately as the school is still a working environment. Hats should be removed inside the school building. Skirts, shorts and dresses should be at least mid-thigh length; usual school rules still apply to hair colouring. Slash jeans should not be worn. The following clothing is unsuitable and not allowed: see-through clothing (e.g. see through blouses), strapless or spaghetti strapped tops, clothing that reveals the midriff, clothing with inappropriate logos or slogans, flip flops, high heels or backless footwear. Large hooped earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons.
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Thank you for your support

Mrs Finucane

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