

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 18th December - Friday 22nd December 2023

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 18th December 2023 | Y10 Business studies trip (Cadbury world) Deadline for bringing in Secret Santa presents |
| Tuesday 19th December 2023 | Y11 PE Rockclimbing (3:15-6:15pm) |
| Wednesday 20th December 2023 | Y11 Parents evening Wear something Christmassy day Christmas Dinner Day Y12/Y13 - Food bank collection |
| Thursday 21st December 2023 | Y7 Netball match @ home (Bartley Green) |
| Friday 22nd December 2023 | End of term gathering (12:30) |

Christmas Concert

I would like to say a massive thankyou to all the students, teachers and parents who supported the Christmas concert last night. It was lovely to see such a fantastic array of talents on show. It has definitely helped me to get into the Christmas spirit. These types of events take a lot of work from everyone involved, but I am sure you will agree that it was worth it - the standard was amazing.

Arrangements for the final week of term

Just a reminder that lessons will be continuing as normal next week - students should attend in full school uniform with books/equipment to complete normal lessons.

There are some additional activities taking place next week that you might need to be aware of:

- Wednesday - Food bank collection. Please see details at the end of this bulletin.
- Wednesday - In return for being so generous with the food bank collection we reward students with the opportunity to 'wear something Chirstmassy'. This is NOT a non-uniform day. Students should wear normal uniform but can replace one piece of uniform with something Christmas themed e.g. they can wear a Christmas hairband instead of their usual hairband, they can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer/school jumper (but don't forget their dinner card), they can wear christmas socks/tights instead of their normal socks. We purposely do not do a 'Christmas jumper day' because of the cost involved with buying a Christmas jumper just for one day, so please feel free to be as creative as possible.
- Wednesday - Christmas dinner day. If students want a Christmas meal, please make sure that they have at least £2.65 on their dinner account.
- Thursday - lost property collection, end of the school day.
- Friday - students will start to be dismissed from school at 12:15pm.

School will reopen for all students at normal time on TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY

Christmas Rewards Assemblies

All of next week Monday 18th- Friday 22nd December we will have our rewards assemblies to recognise and reward all of our wonderful students for meeting the schools' values of ready, respectful and resilient.

We will have 96% attendance and over raffles, positive points prizes and gifts linked directly to meeting our values. We are really looking forward to seeing so many students rewarded,

This term we are pleased to share that there have been 402 positive phone calls made to parents and carers from staff, 501 purchases made at our Classcharts rewards shop and a whopping 45,000 positive points issued across the school. A huge well done



to all of those students who have achieved that, to the staff for recognising and rewarding them and to parents for supporting the school and their children.

Period products

We do have a supply of sanitary products that students are welcome to use if ever they require them in school. These can be found in the 'pink box' by reception. In addition, if your daughter requires additional period products to use over the Christmas holiday, we will be giving out packs on the last Thursday of term - you might want to bring a spare carrier bag to carry them home.

Extracurricular clubs - Spring term 2024

Please find details of the clubs that are taking place in the spring term.

[Click here](#) for the timetable of clubs

Please discuss the clubs on offer with your child and if your child wishes to join the club, please complete the relevant form below. If your child already goes to one of these clubs and they are going to carry on, complete the form too.

[Year 7 clubs](#)

[Year 8 clubs](#)

[Year 9 clubs](#)

[Year 10 clubs](#)

[Year 11 clubs](#)

[Year 12 clubs](#)

[Year 13 clubs](#)

If the club runs after school then by completing this form, you are giving your permission for your child to stay in school until 4:00pm.

Completion of the form must be completed by **Monday 18th December 2023.**

Please note no clubs take place after school on a Wednesday due to staff training

Many thanks

Mrs Finucane

AHT:Personal Development

Year 13 Parent Survey - Your views required! - REMINDER

We would like to gather the views of **Year 13 parents and carers** on a range of school related areas to help us ensure we are providing the best provision for our students. We would appreciate you taking the time to fill in a short survey at your earliest convenience.

Please [click here](#) to complete the survey.

Thank you to all those parents who have already provided feedback.

Please note that this survey will be open to accept responses **until Wednesday 20th December 2023**

Many thanks
Mrs Finucane
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Independent Careers Advisor

We are very fortunate to have an independent Careers Advisor in school every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Johal is an expert in her field of study and will be arranging to see students each week.

Students will be notified of their appointment in the Student Bulletin and reminders will be left in their register and students will also be emailed.

Work Experience

As part of their programme of study, students in Year 10 and Year 12 will spend one week on practical work experience. Students have all been informed with many already having something in place.

Please encourage your son or daughter to make arrangements as soon as possible so all the safeguarding checks can be carried out before their placement begins.

It is also good to have something arranged as early as possible before all the best placements are taken.

The dates for work experience are as follows:

Year 10: Monday 17th - Friday 21st June 2024

Year 12: Monday 1st - Friday 5th July 2024

Parents of year 10/11 students

Please follow the link to a newsletter from Halesowen College; it contains some useful tips regarding applications and revision as well as information specific to the college:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uAhd7JoFckrH-lqG8izQeinfcp_AnnML/view?usp=sharing

Maria O'Neill | Lead Professional in PSHCE | Careers (CEIAG) Lead

Year 12 and 13 Vocational Subject Examinations - January 2024

Hi All

External Examinations in Vocational Subjects are happening from Tuesday 9th to Tuesday 23rd January 2024, these examination will be occurring in SF7. Students that have examinations will be given their individual timetables next week (week commencing 18th December 2023) and the timetable is available to view on the examination noticeboard.

Regards

Mr Fox

HAPPY CHRISTMAS – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

With Christmas fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour during the festive break from school. Whilst we hope they will enjoy socialising with friends and family, we also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from danger, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that, as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social

behaviour involving our students; and provide additional support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to remind our students about the following: -

Personal Safety:

o Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members, and keep Christmas gifts and other valuables (such as smartphones/watches/headphones) out of public view whenever possible, especially during your journey to and from school, when you return in the New Year.

o For apple devices parents/carers can active 'Find My' which includes Activation Lock – A feature that is designed to prevent anyone else from using your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, if it's ever lost or stolen. Activation Lock turns on automatically when you turn on 'Find My' on your device – more details on this feature are available here: [Activation Lock for iPhone and iPad - Apple Support](#)

o Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour, and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects, including sudden death! Information is available at www.talktofrank.com

Social Media: Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation, or regret in future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.

Weapons in public places: Carrying a knife or other weapon will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them. Don't take BB Guns, Gel Blasters/Guns, or any other real looking toy guns into public spaces as these can cause alarm to the public - which could receive a Police Firearms response.

Off-road bikes: These can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.

E-Scooters: In the UK, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a provisional or full driving licence to ride a hire e-scooter. A privately owned e-scooter can only be used in a private place with the landowner's permission; they are illegal to use on a road or in a public place.

Remember the company you keep: If your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.



The student leadership team will be collecting food donations for Salma Food Bank. We are also supporting Bearwood Action For Refugees

Wednesday 20th December 2023

KEVI Lordswood School for Girls and Sixth Form Centre wish to help people in the local community. Your donations will be extremely helpful to support families during the winter break. And we can make a difference for refugees and those experiencing homelessness.



THE COLLECTION IS FOR 1 DAY ONLY



Please place any donations into the box at reception as you arrive at school on Wednesday 20th December 2023 and remember to bring in unopened/unused packaged items. Please ask for your parents/ carers permission when taking items from your cupboard.



ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED:

- **Tinned fish/meat, lentils, vegetables**
- **Packets of mashed potato**
- **Rice / Pasta**
- **Rice pudding/ custard**
- **Crisps /sweets/chocolates (treats)**
- **Cereals**
- **Long-life milk/fruit juice**
- **Tinned fruit/tomatoes**
- **Teabags/coffee**
- **Hygiene products/toiletries (e.g. shampoo, toilet paper, deodorant)**
- **Household cleaning items**



Bin collections

Birmingham city council have asked us to share the scheduled changes to bin collection over the Christmas period:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/christmascollections>

Sixth Form Application Deadline

A reminder that the deadline for sixth form applications is Tuesday 19th December