

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 6th November - Friday 10th November 2023

Week 1

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 6th November 2023	Y8 Assessment week Y11 1st Mocks Y13 1st Mocks UK Parliament week Careers advisor in school
Tuesday 7th November 2023	Careers advisor in school Y11 1st Mocks Y13 1st Mocks KS4 School council meeting Y12 Oxford University Aspirations trip
Wednesday 8th November 2023	Y11 1st Mocks Y13 1st Mocks Y7 settling in evening (review tutors only) Y8 Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm)
Thursday 9th November 2023	Y11 1st Mocks Y13 1st Mocks Y12 Photography trip - Lightwood Park/Warley Woods (11.15-3pm) Y10/Y11 - Netball fixture @ UOB school (3pm-5pm)
Friday 10th November 2023	Y11 1st Mocks Y13 1st Mocks

Autumn 1 Rewards

A huge well done to the very large majority of our students who have earned Classcharts points this term based on them being ready to learn, resilient and respectful. We are very proud of you.

After half term, students will see our rewards shop open up and they can begin to start spending their points on items such as queue jump passes, vouchers, funky pens and much more.

A special mention to the students below who have achieved the first major milestone of 100 points and have achieved their Bronze badge this year. This is outstanding in one half term- well done!

Year 7- Remie G, Jayne K, Eilya Q, Manuella S, Aria R, Savannah R

Year 8- Mia P, Suzie D, Dora L, Naira I, Jess P, Humaira A, Yawen C

Topping the charts this term with the most points in their year group are:

Year 7 - Remie G

Year 8 - Mia P

Year 9 - Romana A

Year 10 - Sera A

Year 11 - Ore A

Year 12 - Ayesha S

Year 13 - Harjas S

We encourage all parents to log on to class charts so that they can share in celebrating all the fanatic positive points that students have received this term.

Phone calls

In response to student and parent feedback we have been making more of an effort to recognise and praise the majority of students who work hard, day in, day out. Hopefully this has been recognised by the increased number of students receiving positive points this term. As part of our drive to recognise the positive, teachers have been making an increased number of positive phone calls to parents. If you do receive a missed call from school, it might be a teacher contacting you to congratulate your child!

Extra Curricular Clubs - Autumn Term 2023

Please find an overview of the extracurricular clubs and activities that are taking place in the autumn term 2023.

[Click here for extracurricular clubs](#)

This information will also be published on the school website shortly.

Mrs Finucane

AHT - Personal Development

'La Toussaint' (All Saints' Day)

November 1st and 2nd, France and Mexico celebrate 'La Toussaint' (All Saints' Day) and 'El Dia de los Muertos' (Day of the Dead). Why not try some of these recipes at home during your holiday! Take a picture of what you did and send it to me by email. Ms Carriere.

<https://thelanguageskitchen.com/niflettes/>

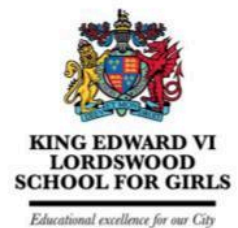
<https://growingupbilingual.com/best-day-of-the-dead-recipes-for-kids/>

La Toussaint is a Catholic holiday honoring all saints and martyrs. Traditional activities include visiting graves of loved ones, attending church services, and laying flowers or candles at burial sites. Foods associated with the holiday are soul cakes, meatless dishes, and chestnut harvest foods.

El Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday honoring deceased loved ones. It involves building ofrendas (altars) with photos, food, and items belonging to those being remembered. Typical dishes are pan de muerto (bread of the dead), sugar skulls, and mole with chicken or turkey. Families visit gravesites and have picnics in the cemetery.

Christmas card competition

Christmas Card COMPETITION



Design a piece of artwork for the front of a christmas card.

Rules

- The design can contain text.
- Must be completed on A5 paper (no bigger).
- Can be portrait or landscape.
- Can be any art material. (Paint/Pen/Pencil/Digital/etc.)
- A maximum of two entries per student.
- Put your name and review tutor group on the back of the design (in pencil so it doesn't seep through).
- Deadline for entries – **Thursday November 29th 3pm**
- Entries should be posted in the christmas card post box in the art department (main desk).

Awards

- 1 design from each year group – these will appear in the school newsletter/website/social media and will each receive a small prize.
- The winners design will be used on christmas cards sent by the school and will receive a voucher and art goodie bag.

IDEAS



READY • RESPECTFUL • RESILIENT

Together, we thrive and add value to the world

Year 8 - Curriculum Evening

The Year 8 Curriculum Evening will take place on Wednesday 8th November (5-6pm) in the school hall.

A letter with further details has been sent out to parents via the KEVI LSG app.
Mrs Adamson

Year 11 - Post 16 Preparation Evening

We hope that you found the evening useful.

We welcome your feedback to help plan future curriculum events, and ask that you complete this short [questionnaire](#).

The PowerPoint from the session can be found on the school website, under Pastoral Care, Year 11.

Mrs Adamson

Y11 - Post 16 Preparation evening - Labour Market Information

At the Y11 curriculum evening on Wednesday I mentioned the Labour Market Information (LMI) booklet. It is a useful resource to refer to when looking at career pathways. Please continue the careers conversations at home, I am including a link to the digital copy for your convenience:

■ [LMI-Guide-MY-WAY-Into-The-World-Of-Work-1.pdf](#)

Thank you for your support,

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

Poppy Appeal

From Monday 6th November until Friday 10th November, All students will have the opportunity to make a donation towards the Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal in order to receive a red poppy.

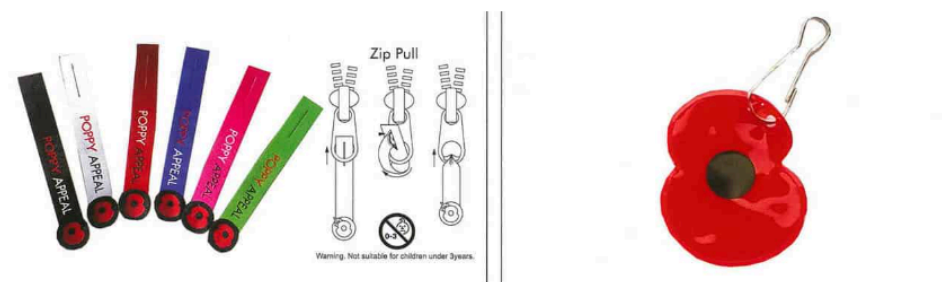
The red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.



There is no set amount that students need to donate in order to get a red poppy because all contributions, whether big or small, are gratefully welcomed.

This year, we also have other poppy related merchandise such as wristbands, keyring clips and zip pulls. If students would like to get one of these items then we do kindly request a minimum donation of £1.

The poppy merchandise is shown below





A member of staff and two students from the Rights Respecting group will be visiting each review group during morning registration in order for students to make a donation and get a poppy.

Student will need to bring in some loose change after half term on the following days:-

Day	Year Groups being visited
Monday 6th Nov	Year 11 & 12 (end of assembly)
Tuesday 7th Nov	Year 9 & 13 (end of assembly)
Wednesday 8th Nov	Year 10
Thursday 9th Nov	Year 8
Friday 10th Nov	Year 7

Many thanks for your support
Mrs Finucane

HAPPY, SAFE HALLOWEEN/BONFIRE NIGHT – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

With the darker nights fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of 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 support and up-to-date safety messages.

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

- **Anti-social behaviour:** Halloween can be a scary time for people who don't like surprises or callers at their door. Think about how your actions and behaviour affect others; elderly and vulnerable people may be frightened by 'trick or treat' so look out for signs in windows that people do not want callers at their door.
- **Personal Safety:**
 - o Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible.
 - 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.

Measles (MMR) vaccination

As half term approaches, this is an ideal time to get up to date with the measles (MMR) vaccination. There has been a recent rise in measles cases across the country, and Birmingham and Solihull have low MMR vaccination rates so there is a risk of a measles outbreak this winter.

The attached letter from Public Health encourages the uptake of the MMR vaccine and can be forwarded to Parents/Carers to provide important information and act as a reminder.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Health Protection team at HPteam@birmingham.gov.uk, or for more information visit [Measles - NHS](#)

[Measels Leaflet](#)