



**KING EDWARD VI  
LORDSWOOD  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

**Virtual Parents' Update  
9.00 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Mrs Kerry Cooney – Headteacher  
Mrs Lynne Finucane – Assistant Headteacher, Personal Development  
Mrs Sheila Allport – PA to Headteacher & Senior Leadership Team (note taker)**

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	<p><b>Mrs Cooney warmly welcomed everyone to the Parents' Update and advised that she would be answering as many questions raised as possible during the session.</b></p> <p>Mrs Cooney provided an overview on how these sessions work:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- microphones should be on mute throughout the session.</li><li>- questions with a similar theme will be grouped together.</li><li>- only questions submitted in advance will be answered.</li><li>- questions about your own child will not be answered during the forum but will be passed onto an Achievement Co-ordinator who will contact you.</li><li>- the Headteacher's presentation should not be recorded; notes from the meeting and the presentation will be uploaded onto the school website.</li><li>- any questions arising from the session to be emailed to Mrs Allport (<a href="mailto:pa@lsg.kevibham.org">pa@lsg.kevibham.org</a>) who will arrange for someone to contact you.</li></ul>	
1.	<p><b>OFSTED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We are currently working with our School Improvement Support partner, Mr Warner, and the Trust. We have regular external reviews and these are indicating that improvements are being made. Unfortunately we have no control when Ofsted will return but they do indicate 2.5 years after the initial inspection, so possibly in September 2024. The Ofsted report is issued approximately six weeks after their visit.</li></ul>	
2.	<p><b>GCSE Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The syllabus information for each subject, each term, can be found in the curriculum area of the school website.</li><li>- There are links to the specifications of each subjects.</li><li>- Students are prepared for GCSEs in every lesson by developing their knowledge.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revision sessions are available at lunchtime and after school.</li> <li>- Mock exams take place which gives the students experience of learning on how to complete examinations.</li> <li>- Year 11 students will have assemblies which will include the preparation required for exams.</li> <li>- There are a selection of different resources available including revision guides and one-to-one support if this is needed.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Marking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traditional marking of high stakes assessments is followed by whole school feedback sheets. This is indicated by a yellow sheet which is included in the students' workbooks. Feedback is then shared for all students to the whole class.</li> <li>- Students' self-assessment is carried out by the students marking their own work.</li> <li>- Peer assessment: students will mark each other's work and feedback to each other.</li> <li>- Class activities take place to ensure that students understand what they have been taught during the lesson. Any further intervention required following this activity can then be arranged.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Reporting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student and Parent Voice were consulted regarding target categories and reporting.</li> <li>- When students repeatedly reach their targets we will increase the targets to ensure challenge is maintained.</li> <li>- Ready, respectful and resilient grades are now in place to recognise a wider range of attributes on the interim reports.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Parents' Evenings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The timing of parents' evenings are arranged when teachers will have suitable information to share with parents.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Mock Examinations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These cannot be arranged earlier than November as we need half term to review any gaps in students' knowledge identified by the year 10 exams in June.</li> <li>- Sixth form and colleges will accept the latest forecast/predicted grades that have been provided to students, this can be the grades awarded at the end of year 10.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Communication with Parents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letters will be sent if wider information sharing is required.</li> <li>- If there are concerns relating to a particular student, we will email or telephone parents to advise.</li> <li>- If the concern refers to safeguarding, it will be a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who will contact parents.</li> <li>- If parents have a concern, please email the office whose details are on the school website, with a request for a teacher to make contact with you.</li> </ul>	

8.	<b>Cover Teachers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There were two vacancies this term which we could not fill before the Summer. These vacancies have now been appointed to and permanent staff will be starting in January.</li> <li>- A few staff have resigned this term and we are currently recruiting for their replacements.</li> <li>- If staff are absent due to sickness we have no option other than to get agency staff. We do have preferred suppliers for agency staff and the staff are always qualified teachers.</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>Extra Subjects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is dependent upon the subject and whether specific teachers are required to be able to teach this.</li> <li>- The examinations officer, Mr Fox, can provide further information if required.</li> </ul>	
10.	<b>After School Clubs/Trips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These clubs are a voluntary activity provided by teachers as they do not get paid for organising these clubs.</li> <li>- We do have some music ensembles and the music teacher can provide information regarding these.</li> <li>- DoFE provide weekly sessions for year 9 and year 10 students.</li> <li>- Trips: these have to be balanced against the amount of time that teachers are taken out of the classroom in order that this does not impact on student learning.</li> </ul>	
11.	<b>Charity Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only online donations are available for charity events as there is an associated cost if we have to arrange a cash collection.</li> </ul>	
12.	<b>Canteen</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The queuing system at lunchtimes has been improved.</li> <li>- Students are only moved once they have finished eating.</li> <li>- With regard to the amount of food cooked, we do have to balance this between cooking enough food and not having too much waste and there is always food left at the end of the day.</li> </ul>	
13.	<b>Positive Praise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This has been a main focus this year. The rewards shop has been launched and students are valuing this.</li> <li>- Value cards have been introduced due to Student Voice requests.</li> <li>- Directed time has been added for staff to telephone parents, particularly with positive feedback.</li> </ul>	
14.	<b>School Prom</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All event dates for the school year are detailed on the KEVI Lordswood School for Girls app.</li> <li>- Within the settings, you can integrate the information detailed on the app onto your calendar or mobile phone.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Mrs Cooney thanked the parents for joining the update. Teachers are always saying that they value the support they receive from parents. The questions that you raise during these updates are taken into consideration when future decisions are being made.</b></p> <p><b>If anyone has any further questions, please email Mrs Allport – <a href="mailto:s.allport@lsg.kevibham.org">s.allport@lsg.kevibham.org</a></b></p>	