

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February 2024

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 19th February 2024	Y8 Assessment week Y11 2nd Mock exams Y13 2nd Mock exams
Tuesday 20th February 2024	Careers advisor in school KS3 School council meeting
Wednesday 21st February 2024	Y11 2nd Mock exams Y13 2nd Mock exams
Thursday 22nd February 2024	Y11 2nd Mock exams Y13 2nd Mock exams
Friday 23rd February 2024	Y11 2nd Mock exams Y13 2nd Mock exams EDI african-Caribbean Conference (9:45am-3pm)

Uniform reminder

We have noticed over the last few weeks an increasing number of students whose trousers and skirts do not meet the requirements set out in the school uniform guide

(<https://lsg.kevibham.org/about-us/uniform-guide/>). Please can you check that your

daughter's school skirt and trousers still fit and use half term to purchase new ones if required.

If they are only slightly too short, a good tip is to unpick the hem and iron out the crease - as there is usually a sizable amount of fabric contained within the hem.

Can we also remind families that we do not permit any piercings except 1 plain gold or silver stud in the lobe of each ear. We therefore encourage you to wait until the start of the summer holidays if your child would like any new piercings that do not meet these requirements.

Online safety

Holidays are when we find an increased number of reported issues relating to online usage. Whilst we can monitor what students are doing on school devices, we do not have this ability on personal devices. We ask that parents are extra vigilant during holidays and weekends regarding their child's online presence.

The most common issues that arise during holidays relate to cyberbullying via social media sites. The following site created by 'young minds' contains some helpful information for parents/carers regarding talking to children about their social media usage:

[Social Media & Mental Health | Guide For Parents | YoungMinds](#)

Sadly online abuse is also an increasing issue amongst a number of young people. The following website contains information about how you can help to protect your children from online abuse: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

If you are concerned about a student potentially being abused online, please report it.

School will be closed over the holidays so if you have a safeguarding concern about a child during the break please call 999 if they are in immediate danger or call Birmingham Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 or Sandwell Children's Services on 0121 5693100.

If it is not an urgent concern, or you have a concern that arises during term time, we do have an online reporting tool called 'my voice'. Details of which can be found on the safeguarding pages of our website: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/safeguarding/>

Year 9 - School Leaver Booster

Can all parents of Year 9 students please complete the School Leaver Booster vaccination E-consent form that has been sent VIA Weduc. The form needs to be completed even if the response is a refusal.

Many Thanks

Year 10 Work Experience Week 17 - 21 June 2024

Thank you to all the students who have arranged their work experience and handed in the parental consent form. For those students who are still trying to find something, please use half term week to arrange a suitable placement.. If your child is struggling to find a placement, Mr Marshall from Learn to Work will be in school after half term to support those students.

Many thanks,
Careers

careers@lordswoodtrust.co.uk

Y11 and Y13 - Examination timetable

Here is a copy of the final along with a copy of the mock examinations instructions and information booklet for students and parents. Please make sure that you have read through this prior to starting your mock examinations.

[Year 11 and 13 Mock Timetable](#)

[Mock examinations instructions & information for students and parents](#)

Here are some quick reminders:

- **Be ready by being equipped** - Make sure that you come to the examinations with all the equipment that you require for it as there is limited equipment to be lent out an especially with calculators it may not be the brand or model you are used to using.
- **Be ready to start** - Make sure that you are arriving ten minutes before stated start time so that we can get you sat down and ready to start the exam puncually.
- **Be respectfully silent** - Make sure that you are silent from the point that you enter the examination hall until you have left the sixth form block after your examination. Don't show disrespect to those students that are still doing their examination.
- **Be respectful to your environment by sitting in the correct seat** - Make sure that you are sat in the correct seat, you can check on the seating plans outside the room or on the individual timetables that you have been given.
- **Be resilient by trying your best** - your best if the most you can safe you have given. Leave every exam being about to say to yourself (I tried my hardest in that and gave it my all).

Regards

Mr Fox

Year 12 Work Experience Week 1 – 5 July 2024

As part of their programme of study, it is a statutory requirement for all year 12 students to attend a practical work placement.

We still have a number of Year 12 students without a placement and we now need all students to have a named placement as a matter of urgency.

If your child is struggling to find a placement, they can see Mrs McInerney in the sixth form office who can offer support finding a suitable placement.

Once a placement has been arranged students are required to complete the Google Form below and return to: r.mcinerney@lsg.kevibham.org

[Year 12 Work Experience Form](#)

The school will then ensure that the placement is suitable and confirm the placement meets health and safety and safeguarding requirements.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R McInerney

Curriculum, Work Placement & Employer Engagement Coordinator

Labour Market Information

Dear Parents/Carers of year 8 and 9 students,

During PSHCE lessons we looked at the Labour Market Information. We discussed how it helps us to research future jobs in the local area, to understand the skills needed for certain roles, and the demand for future employment. Please follow the link to the booklet: [LMI Guild](#)

It would be great if you could find time to discuss this with your children.

Sister Act

Well done to all the students who auditioned for this year's school production. The standard was extremely high and the creative team had some difficult decisions to make. The cast list has now been shared with students. If your child was not successful in being given a named part they will still be in the chorus for the show. We encourage parents to support students in developing resilience by understanding that not all students can have a lead role, but all roles are vital to the success of the production. The groupings will be

shared in the **first rehearsal** back after half term on **Thursday 21st February 3.00-4.10pm.**

All students involved in the show will be provided with a letter outlining the expectations for being in the show and will need to return this to Mrs Swallow by Thursday 28th February in order to retain their place.

Invitation to attend our Virtual Parent Update Meeting- Friday 15th March 2024 at 9:00am

We would like to invite you to our Parent Update meeting that will take place **virtually** on **Friday 15th March 2024 at 9:00am.**

Our Parent update meeting gives parents and carers the opportunity to submit a question or identify an area in relation to school life that they wish to receive an update on. During the meeting, we will endeavour to answer your question and provide any further updates on school development.

Please be aware that individual cases cannot be discussed.

If you would like to attend, please click on the link below to complete the form so that we have details of your email address and any question(s) you would like an update on at this meeting by **Friday 8th March 2024.** Please note that only questions/areas submitted in advance will be included in the meeting due to time limitations.

Please [click here](#) to submit your question/area requiring an update

As this event will be held virtually, the joining details will be emailed to you, using the email address provided when you confirmed attendance by completing the form.

You will also need to have access to a computer device with a video camera and speaker.

Please be aware that this meeting is for parents/carers only.

We look forward to you joining us on Friday 15th March 2024.

Lynne Finucane

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