

# Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI  
LORDSWOOD  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

## Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February 2024

### Week B

Lordswood School for Girls

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### Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 5th February 2024	Y7 Assessment week Y12 Assessment week Start of LGBTQ+ History month Children's Mental health week Apprenticeships week Careers advisor in school Y11 MFL mock speaking exams Y10 Citizenship trip - London (Parliament)
Tuesday 6th February 2024	Careers advisor in school KS5 School council meeting Safer internet day Y11 MFL mock speaking exams
Wednesday 7th February 2024	Deadline for options form Y12 Computer science trip to BCU (all day) Y11 MFL mock speaking exams
Thursday 8th February 2024	Y11 MFL mock speaking exams
Friday 9th February 2024	Non-uniform day - Young minds Y11 MFL mock speaking exams

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## Fundraiser -Young minds

On **Friday 9th February**, Lordswood will be holding a fundraising day in aid of 'Young Minds', a mental health charity for children, young people and their parents, making sure all young people can get the mental health support they need



Therefore on **Friday 9th February**, we would like to invite all students to wear non-uniform, including something yellow, if possible, to show their support 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 'Young Minds Non Uniform Day' payment link to make your donation.

The ability to make a donation via the app will be open from Monday 5th February at 8:00am and will close on 13th February at midnight.

More information about the charity can be found here <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

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.

<b>NON-UNIFORM DAYS DRESS CODE</b>	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  
AHT: Personal Development

## Year 9 Parent Survey - Your views required! - REMINDER

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We would like to gather the views of Year 9 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. Your views are very important to us.

Please note that this survey will be open to accept responses until 3:00pm on Friday 9th February 2024

Many thanks

Mrs Finucane

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## **Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th February 2024**

The theme for the day is "Inspiring Change? Making a Difference, Managing Influence, and Navigating Change Online,"



UK Safer Internet Hub has created a range of pages to help you talk about these issues and ideas with your child, no matter how much time you have and in an age-appropriate way.

## **Help and advice for you as a parent or carer**

### **About Safer Internet Day 2024**

Read more about the theme of the day.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>

### **Things change so fast online, it's hard to keep up with what my child is doing**

Staying up to date with what children are doing online can feel like a challenge sometimes. Here are a few simple steps you can take to help bridge the gap.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing-2>

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## **My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do?**

The easiest way to address this is to research the game or app before you download it, to see what it is and what it offers e.g., in-app purchases, or connection with others etc.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/my-child-keeps-asking-to-play-a-game>

## **My child is asking for a new device and I'm not sure they're ready for one**

It's important to think carefully before getting any kind of device for your child. Not only can it be an expensive decision, it's also necessary to consider the 5 'Ws'.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/my-child-is-asking-for-a-new-device-and-im-not-sure-theyre-ready-for-one>

## **I'm not sure if the content my child is watching is a good influence on them, what can I do?**

Children begin to be influenced by the content they watch as soon as they're old enough to go online.

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## **What does an influencer do and how can they affect children's behaviour?**

Influencers are people who use their internet presence, celebrity status, or relationship with their audience to affect the behaviour of their followers.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/what-does-an-influencer-do-and-how-can-they-affect-childrens-behaviour>

## **My child is keen to share content and make a change online. How can I help them achieve this safely?**

Lots of young people are turning to the internet to talk about issues they're passionate about, to help raise awareness, and promote social change.

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### **How to make a report online**

Information to help you, if you need to make a report on an app, game, or website.  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/how-to-make-a-report-online>

### **Find out more about specific issues**

If you want more information about specific online safety issues, there are a range of places that you can go.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/find-out-more-about-specific-issues>

## **West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership**

The West Midlands Violence reduction partnership, are providing a range of training opportunities for parents to learn more about issues surrounding youth violence.

This awareness training programme aims to develop and improve understanding of the threat from County Lines and Criminal Exploitation. All sessions are free of charge to attend and will be delivered via Microsoft Teams.

There are limited spaces, with only 300 spaces available per session, so please sign up at your earliest opportunity to guarantee your place if any of of interest to you:

[Session 1 - Tuesday 27th February, 14:00 – 15:00](#)

This webinar will teach you how to help children and young people explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- Help you understand how children experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nsppcc-online-safety-tickets-811457801127?aff=oddtcreator>

[Session 2 - Wednesday 28th February, 13:00 – 14:00](#)

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Childline is the UK's free, 24-hour helpline for children and young people. Run by the NSPCC, Childline gives children and young people up to the age of 19 confidential support with whatever is worrying them. You will find out more about how Childline works, what makes their confidentiality policy so different and how they support and safeguard young people. You will also find out about the range of resources available through the Childline service and how this can help you to support the children around you.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/childline-today-tickets-811469766917?aff=oddtcreator>

Session 3 - Wednesday 28th February, 14:00 – 15:00

County lines is becoming one of the most prevalent forms of modern slavery, affecting children and vulnerable adults across the country. This awareness raising session run by The Clewer Initiative is aimed at parents, grandparents and guardians of children and young people. It will cover the following questions:

- What is county lines?
- Why should parents/grandparents/guardians be aware of the issue?
- How can we spot the signs?
- What can we do about county lines and how can we talk to our children about it?

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-county-lines-for-parents-grandparents-guardians-tickets-809041935207?aff=oddtcreator>

Session 4 - Thursday 29th February, 10:00 – 11:00

This St Giles Trust gangs and county lines session consists of speakers with lived experience within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the realities and consequences of county lines, gang involvement and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an authentic and credible understanding of this complex and cross cutting issue.

The session will help parents and carers to identify the signs and triggers that a child or young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of how to appropriately respond to such indicators.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-session-for-parents-guardians-and-carers-tickets-809050159807?aff=oddtcreator>

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## Free school meals February Half Term

Birmingham City Council will be providing families who are entitled to free school meals with a £20 supermarket voucher to help you buy food for your family during February half term.

You will be sent an email from ourselves with a link for the voucher early next week, you can then download the voucher and it can be used in a variety of supermarkets.

## Pe kit/ trainers donations

PE Dept are seeking some help. Have you got an old pe kit/ trainers that your daughter no longer fits in? If so, we would love you to donate this to school so that we can re-use this in PE. If you do have some then please send it to school with your daughter and bring it down to the PE office.

Many thanks

## NEW Careers Bulletin

Please find below this weeks bulletin aimed at Year 10 - Year 13. To view a copy, please click on the link below where you will find out about our recent Career Values Day last Wednesday.

[Careers Bulletin 02.02.24](#)

Many thanks,

Careers

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