

# Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI  
LORDSWOOD  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

## Monday 8th January - Friday 12th January 2024

### Week 1

Lordswood School for Girls

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

0121 429 2838

### Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 8th January 2024	Training day 4
Tuesday 9th January 2024	All students return to school - normal time Careers advisor in school KS4 School council meeting Y11 PE Rock Climbing (3:15-6:15 pm)
Thursday 11th January 2024	GCSE Exam results day for November series of exams
Friday 12th January 2024	LSG Sixth form application deadline (external)

### Holidays

I just want to wish you all a lovely holiday and best wishes for the new year. We look forward to seeing everyone safe and well at 8:30am on Tuesday 9th January 2023.

### Support over the holidays

The school is completely closed for the duration of the holidays.

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If you have a safeguarding concern over the holiday please contact CASS on 0121 675 4806 or via their website at:  
[https://www.birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk/info/1/about\\_the\\_trust/310/worried\\_about\\_a\\_child](https://www.birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk/info/1/about_the_trust/310/worried_about_a_child)

If you are concerned about a child's mental health over the holiday period, there are a range of resources on the Forward thinking Birmingham website which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/>

Students can also access support via Kooth, details of which can be found on their website:

<https://www.kooth.com/>

If you require support in an emergency please call 999

## Uniform

Many thanks to all the parents who support the school daily by ensuring that their children come to school on time each day and in the correct uniform. Sadly the last few weeks we have seen an increase in the number of students wearing skirts and shoes that do not meet the school uniform policy, socks that are not the correct colour, jewelry that isn't permitted and make-up.

After the holidays we will be having a focus on uniform standards, please can you ensure that any uniform issues are rectified over the holidays.

If you are unsure of what is/isn't permitted, please check the uniform guide that can be found on the school website:

<https://lsg.kevibham.org/about-us/uniform-guide/>

As always if you have any old uniform that no longer fits (including shirts, skirts, trousers, blazers, KEVI LSG branded PE kit, football boots), we would be very grateful if you would donate it to school. We use any donated items to loan to students who might have forgotten uniform or have a shortage of uniform items due to unforeseen financial circumstances.

## School library

If you have any books at home, from the school library, that are overdue (even if they are very overdue) - please can you return them. There WILL NOT be any fines attached to these books, we would just like them to be returned so that other students may have the pleasure of reading them. Please do not worry about bringing them back; we will just be happy to see them again.

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We are also very grateful to receive any donations of any 'secondary school' suitable books in good condition that you no longer read at home. If you have any books that you would like to donate please drop them off at reception or give them to your child to deliver to the library.

## **Year 11 Parent Survey - Your views required! - REMINDER**

We would like to gather the views of **Year 11 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 27th December 2023**

Many thanks

Mrs Finucane

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## **Creative careers**

In the new year the art and design department would like to offer our students the chance to learn about creative careers from a range of practitioners via classroom activities, lunchtime visits and videos. If you, or someone you know, works as a creative professional and would be happy to tell us more about your job role and journey towards your career please contact Miss Tooley [k.tooley@lsg.kevibham.org](mailto:k.tooley@lsg.kevibham.org)

## **Year 10 - Year 13 Careers Bulletin**

Students in Year 10 - Year 13 will be emailed the new Careers Bulletin to help students with their next steps. Please click on the link below to view:

[Y10 - Y13 Careers Bulletin 22.12.23](#)

Many thanks,

**The Careers Department**

[careers@lordswoodtrust.co.uk](mailto:careers@lordswoodtrust.co.uk)

## **Parental controls on new devices**

Sorting out disagreements online/via social media takes more of our pastoral teams time than any other issue in school. Many of these issues could be prevented if parental controls were activated on devices. If you do not know how to do this, please see the poster below for more information:

# Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for, when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

## IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

## ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

## PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

## IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

## XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

## NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

## WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

## CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

## MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

## SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

## Meet Our Expert

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