

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March 2024

Week A

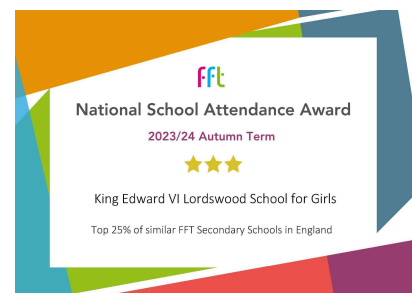
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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 4th March 2024	Careers week Careers advisor in school
Tuesday 5th March 2024	Careers advisor in school Governors meeting: Finance committee (4:30-6:30pm) KS5 School council meeting
Wednesday 6th March 2024	Y8-Y10 University of Birmingham Masterclass - PP/HAP - Philosophy of conspiracy theories
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book day
Friday 8th March 2024	International Women's Day Y7 - Live stream with Joseph Coelho (Childrens Laureate) 10-11 am

This week at King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls we have:

- We have won a National School Attendance Award for the Autumn Term 2024 putting us in the top 25% of similar Secondary Schools in England.
- 8G have achieved the highest positive points last week- well done to those students in Ms Branson Harper's review group.
- Last week Mrs Uffindall took students to an Equality Diversity and Inclusion African-Caribbean Conference and they were lucky enough to listen to some highly inspirational speakers with a view to implement good practice in school



Bring it on Brum! Is back for spring 2024!

Dear Parent / Guardian

2024 dates announced for FREE holiday clubs in Birmingham!

As the spring holiday approaches, we want to highlight the FREE, engaging and fun-filled holiday clubs available across the city throughout 2024. Designed to provide a safe and stimulating environment for your child during the holidays, Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs guarantee your child an unforgettable experience packed with exciting activities and opportunities for learning and socializing.

Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. All clubs provide a nutritious and delicious meal too! Programmes vary depending on location.

Holiday Club Dates 2024*

Spring	Summer	Winter
Monday 25 th March- Friday 5 th April 2024.	Wednesday 24 th July- Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Monday 23 rd December- Friday 3 rd January 2025

*Excludes weekends and Bank Holidays.

Eligibility Criteria

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs for FREE.

Booking Information

You will need your Bring it on Brum! code to book your holiday activities through the Bring it on Brum! website or directly with the holiday club of your choice.

Your Bring it on Brum! (HAF/FSM) code is: 3304060

Holiday clubs can be booked via the Bring it on Brum! website at www.bringitonbrum.co.uk.

Bookings for spring holiday clubs will open from **Monday 4th March 2024**.

Last year, we had a significant number of young people booked onto holiday clubs and not attend. This takes spaces away from other children who would like to attend. If you book an activity for your child/ren and they can no longer attend, please contact the provider to cancel the spaces so these can be made available for other children.

Activity Packs

If you are not able to access face-to-face holiday clubs, at home activity packs are also available. You will need your Bring it on Brum! code to request a free activity pack. Packs are available one per eligible child and are available for primary or secondary age.

Families can register for a free spring activity pack from **Wednesday 28th February**. More information on the activity packs and how to register can be found at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/activity-packs-and-food-boxes.

We hope you make the most of this fantastic opportunity!

Year 10 Work Experience Week 17 - 21 June 2024

Well done to all the students who have found work experience placements. A large majority have handed in their parental consent forms. However we do have a number still outstanding. If you have yet to sign the consent form, please can you do so as soon as possible. If you have signed the form, please can you check that your child has remembered to submit it to student reception.

Mr Marshall from Learn to Work will be back in assembly on Tuesday 5th March to provide an update. If there are students who do not have anything arranged, we will offer support and match students to a suitable placement from the Learn to Work database.

Year 12 Work Experience Week 1 - 5 July 2024

Thank you to all the students who have arranged a placement for work experience week and to all of the students proactively looking. We know it can be a challenge!

For any student who does not have a placement, please can parents encourage their child to use this weekend to visit potential employers. A good tip is to look within your friends and family group to see if they could help you with a placement at their place of work or business.

Remember the benefits of work experience are:

- *Provides a more realistic basis for career planning and decision-making*
- *Increases motivation and self-confidence*
- *Illustrates the personal qualities and key skills required in the workplace*
- *Provides an understanding of teamwork and what makes a good employee*
- *Gives an introduction to safe working practices and general behaviour*

Your survey results

Thank you to all parents/carers who have taken the time to complete the surveys that are sent out after parents evenings, it's greatly appreciated. It really helps us to see what is working well and what areas we need to investigate and do more work on.

So far this year we have gathered feedback from the parents of Year 7, 9, 11 and 13.

Based on the feedback that we have had so far, you have agreed that your child is happy and feels safe at school, that the school makes sure that its students are well behaved, has

high expectations and that there are a good range of subjects available. We thank you for recognising the work that we do in these areas.

You have identified that we need to do more to support the wider personal development of students. Personal development is about providing students with a wide range of experiences and opportunities such as extra-curricular activities, trips and events. It also includes providing students with opportunities to develop their independence, confidence and resilience as well as giving students a voice to shape the day to day running of the school.

We currently have over 50 extra curricular clubs running either at lunchtime or after school. These cover sporting, creative and academic interests. A large proportion of our student population attend these clubs. We have also organised 50 trips and/or events so far this year, that's an average of 2 trips or events taking place every week!

This year we also have introduced more student leadership opportunities. There is a sixth form student leadership team who oversee a variety of student groups within the school. The student groups are Peer mentors, Reading buddies, Agents for change, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) committee, Eco and sustainability committee, Perfects, Careers Ambassadors, Rights Respecting group, Language Ambassadors, Arts Ambassadors and LSG community group.

The school council, with democratically elected form representatives, meet on a regular basis to discuss issues that have been raised by the students. Headteacher Question Time gives students 2 opportunities per term to ask the headteacher a question and students are involved in consultations where necessary. Currently we are consulting students on the use of the student planners.

The personal development of the students continues to be a focus and there will be more opportunities for the students next term such as the summer extracurricular clubs, charities week, something different day, diversity day as well as trips and events.

The next parent survey will be for Year 8 parents and details will be sent out via the parent bulletin and the KEVI LSG app shortly.

Year 11 GCSE Drama component 1: Devising Plays. Centre awarded marks

All students have now had the opportunity to attend one to one support sessions in order to redraft their supporting notes. Mrs Swallow has remarked and discussed these marks with students. All of the work, including the practical performance and evaluations, have been internally moderated and are now ready to be submitted to the examination board.

If a student wishes to challenge the way that marks have been awarded they must contact the school before 12.00pm on Tuesday 5th March. After this date the marks will have been submitted to Eduqas. They will then be externally moderated and released in August. Please refer to the Internal Appeals procedure should you require further guidance

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r2nTdZqppU0TAaloOrQYNcS7z8hoEUvB/edit>

Kind Regards

Mrs Swallow

Sister Act - Technical crew sign up sheet

Please complete the google form if you wish to participate in 'Sister Act' as part of the technical crew. You **MUST** complete this form in order to be added to club lists.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q36_W2_8FM9YEEEWaEObBujp4sIxAgqzNpheXMN8PJ4/edit

Card Reader in Sixth Form

In the Sixth Form Servery Area, in addition to using cash and the dinner cards, which can be topped up using the Weduc App, there is now the option for sixth form students to pay for food and drink using either a credit card, debit card or Apple Pay. This has been trialed during the past week and is proving to be a popular alternative payment option.



History Trip

Please note that the parents and carers of all Y10 history students have been sent a **letter via Weduc**. The letter invites students to a history trip on **Monday 20th May** and requires a payment. If you have any questions please contact the school who will pass on a message to the History Department. If you have any concerns about payment please do not hesitate to contact us as we might be able to help.

Vaccination reminders:

A reminder to all parents of Year 7,8,10 & 11 to return the MMR Vaccination forms. Please note that even if you are refusing for your child to have the MMR Vaccination, the form still needs to be returned with the refusal box signed.

Year 8 Students will be bringing home HPV Vaccination forms, please return these as soon as possible.

Class Charts

Please can all parents log in to class charts/download the classcharts Parent App, the benefits of doing so include:


Being able to see your child's positive events

Any issues they may be having in lessons

Details of any detentions that have been set

Notifications and announcements regarding school life.

If you are not aware of how to log in, or your log in details please email office@lsg.kevibham.org FAO Miss Lawlor who will contact you to support.





Ramadan Mubarak

Fasting for Ramadan?

We respect your beliefs and to help you with this we are offering a packed lunch for you to take home at the end of the school day.

Simply speak to your catering team with your name and form group and your packed lunch will be ready for you to collect after your last lesson.

This offer is open to
ALL students



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