



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

**Virtual Parents' Update
9.00 a.m. on Friday 15th March 2024**

Mrs Kerry Cooney – Headteacher

Mrs Lynne Finucane – Assistant Headteacher, Personal Development

Mrs Sheila Allport – PA to Headteacher & Senior Leadership Team (note taker)

Mrs Cooney welcomed everyone to the Parents' Update and advised that she would be answering as many of the questions raised as possible during the session.

Mrs Cooney provided an overview on how the Parents' Update sessions work:-

- microphones should be on mute throughout the session.
- questions with a similar theme will be grouped together.
- only questions submitted in advance will be answered.
- 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.
- the Headteacher's presentation should not be recorded; notes from the meeting and the presentation will be uploaded onto the school website.
- any questions arising from the session to be emailed to Mrs Allport (pa@lsg.kevibham.org) who will arrange for someone to contact you.

1. Uniform

- There are no current plans to review the uniform policy as there was a full consultation in 2022. As a result, the uniform policy was relaxed and branded products were removed so that parents are able to purchase items from High Street stores.
- We have received very few negative comments about our uniform policy as parents and students are aware of the school policy before they join the school.
- The tight uniform policy contributes to the calm and purposeful environment we have in the school.

2. Assessments

- There are three assessment points each year. This includes two interim reports and one full report detailing formalised feedback.
- Most assessments will take place in normal lessons and may include classwork and homework. The exception to this is the final assessment point which will be based on end of year exams.
- If a student is constantly exceeding expectations in a particular subject, then we may review this to ensure that students are constantly challenged.

3.	<p>Homework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homework is set on a weekly basis based on a recommended timetable which is published on the school website. This will include online tasks, worksheets, revision and some practical activities. - Not all homework will be marked by teachers as other methods are also used such as self-assessment and peer assessment. - Parents can view details of the homework that has been set via Class Charts. If any problems are experienced with logging into this system, please email the office who will be able to assist. - If students would like additional homework they are encouraged to read or visit the GCSE pod. 	
4.	<p>Parents' evenings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All year groups have a curriculum evening and a parents' evening each year - Year 7 students have an additional parents' evening towards the start of the year to check how they are settling in. - Primary school parents' evening operates differently as parents meet with a single teacher. In secondary school parents meet with each subject teacher for 5 minutes. - The decision for parents' evenings to remain online was due to 73% of the school community who voted for this option. More parents join the online meetings in comparison to the number of parents who used to attend the face to face meetings which were previously held in school. - If parents experience technical difficulties due to having no device or wifi, parents are welcome to come into school to use a computer or we can loan a chromebook for the meeting. 	
5.	<p>Supply Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When teachers have a short term absence due to sickness, lessons are covered by our two cover supervisors. - Longer term absences are covered by subject specialists via an agency and who attend our CPD and training sessions and are able to teach the subject in the same manner as their normal teacher. 	
6.	<p>GCSE Prep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last year GCSE and A-levels returned to normal as the Covid adjustments were removed across the country. - The GCSE and 'A' level examination results were higher than pre-covid results and our GCSE results put us in the top 100 schools in the country. - There are low stake assessments in place each lesson to ascertain areas where additional teaching may be required. - There are a range of interventions in place for year 11 and year 13 students including revision guides, revision pod, lunchtime and after school intervention sessions, two mock exam sessions and an alternative timetable is in place once the exams start. - If parents have questions about any specific subject, please email office@lsg.kevibham.org detailing the subject area that they would like to discuss. 	

7.	<p>Catering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The catering department provide food for over 1,000 students and try to adapt the menus to accommodate a variety of tastes. - External visitors often comment on the quality and presentation of the food provided in school. - AIP are the catering company and they create menus for the schools within the Trust. Together with the school catering manager, they meet with our school council every term to obtain feedback from students on the food that is being provided. - Unfortunately, parents cannot be invited into school to observe lunchtimes due to the area being so busy and also due to safeguarding issues. 	
8.	<p>Friendship Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When friendship issues arise, we work with students to try and resolve any issues that arise. - The main cause of friendship issues in school is mainly due to social media and we can only advise students regarding this. - There are very few bullying issues but if they do arise then we issue sanctions and we follow-up by working with the students to stop any future bullying incidents occurring. - The pastoral team recently attended 'Girls on Board' training to assist with resolving these issues. There is also a book available for parents titled 'When girls fall out' by Andrew Hampton which is recommended. 	
9.	<p>Enrichment opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching and support staff run extra-curricular activities voluntarily and we are reliant on staff goodwill and having the skills to be able to offer to run the clubs. - The range of activities and clubs available can be found on the school website. - If students have ideas for extra-curricular activities, they can discuss these with their teachers or their school council rep to see if there is anyone in school who has the skills to lead a club in this area. 	
	<p>Mrs Cooney thanked the parents for listening and hoped that they found the information provided useful and asked that parents continue to submit their questions as it is helpful to review these when future decisions are being made in school.</p> <p>Any further questions should be emailed to Mrs Allport at pa@lsg.kevibham.org</p>	