

# Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI  
LORDSWOOD  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

## Monday 16th September- Friday 20th September 2024

### Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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

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### Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 16th September 2024	Year 7 early lunch School council election week Careers Advisor in school
Tuesday 17th September 2024	Year 7 early lunch Year 7 reading buddies- training session
Wednesday 18th September 2024	Year 7 early lunch
Thursday 19th September 2024	Year 7 early lunch Year 13 Geography field trip Careers Advisor in school Y11 Physics study day - KES
Friday 20th September 2024	School Photographs Year 7 early lunch Year 12 course change deadline

### School Photographs

Your child will be having their professional photos taken on Friday 20th September 2024.

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Please could you check their uniform before they come to school. Could you also make sure they are not wearing any makeup or jewellery that is not permitted in school. If any students come to school with makeup on they will be asked to remove this at reception and any jewellery not permitted will be confiscated until the end of term.

All students will bring home a card with a QR code that you can scan, this is where you can purchase pictures directly from the photography company, all students will have their photograph taken even if you don't plan to purchase a copy as we use these photos in school for our registers.

## Homework Timetables

The homework timetables for all students can be found on the school website via the link shared <https://lsg.kevibham.org/homework/>

## School platforms

As children get older and more independent - it is normal for parents to feel more distant from their children's education. As a parent of a 15 year old child myself, I know how difficult this can be - if you ask about school you start to consider yourself lucky if you even get a response when you ask how school was. As well as the usual parents evenings we try to support you in remaining 'in touch' with what is happening in school via the following communication tools:

- KEVI LSG app - this is our main form of communication. All messages, letters, consent forms, reports are sent through this app. You can also see your child's attendance and timetable. This is also how you make payments to the school e.g. food, trips, pay for lost dinner cards etc. It is essential that ALL parents generate an account. If you don't want the app, you can register via a normal internet browser. For more information: <https://www.reachmoreparents.com/parent-support>
- Classcharts - students and parents both have access to classcharts via apps that can be downloaded or via a normal internet browser if preferred. This is where you can see what homework has been set for your child to complete. You can also see what rewards and sanctions have been recorded for your child. This is how we communicate with parents regarding detentions - it is therefore essential that you register using an email address that is monitored on a regular basis. Students can use their app to 'spend' their positive points via our online reward shop in classcharts. We ask that parents check classcharts at least once a week and discuss any behaviour points/homework set with their children. For more information: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>
- Bulletins - we share a bulletin (like this one) each week. If you forget to read it, don't worry, we also save a copy on the school website: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/letters-to-parents-carers/>
- Newsletters - each term we celebrate our school community via a newsletter. If you want to read past editions they can be found on our website: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/about-us/newsletters/>

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- Social media platforms - we currently have accounts with X, Instagram and Facebook. We use these to share information with both the school community and the wider community. This is a lovely way to find out about trips and activities that have taken place in school. You can search for us via the following:
    - X - @KEVI\_LSG
    - Instagram - Kevi\_lordswoodschoolforgirls
    - Facebook - King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls
  - Parent Update meetings - if you prefer hearing a human voice rather than reading, we offer a parent update meeting each term. This is an online meeting where parents can hear about developments at the school and have questions answered regarding procedures at Lordswood (we do ask that these are submitted in advance so we can answer them more effectively).

## Headteacher's Question time

HT Question time is back and the first session is taking place on **Friday 4th October 2024**. This is a special session whereby students have the chance to ask a question that they may have about any aspect of school life to a panel of teachers including the head teacher, Mrs Cooney.

Students can submit their question by clicking on the link in their student bulletin.

So if a student has a burning question that they wish to ask on the 4th October, please encourage them to submit a question.

If their question is selected, then they will be invited to attend the question time session by Mrs Finucane.

Deadline for submitting their question is **Thursday 26th September 2024**.

Many thanks

Mrs Finucane

AHT: Personal Development

## First aid provision

We are very fortunate to have a large caring team of first aiders in school. However, it is important to note that they are 'first aiders' and not trained medical professionals. They are all volunteers who offer to provide first aid, alongside their full time role in school. The definition of a first aider is: *someone in an organisation who has been trained to give **immediate medical help** in an **emergency**.*

Every year we see a number of students requesting support from first aiders for non-emergency situations e.g. injuries sustained out of school, headaches, period pains, stomach ache. Whilst we can be caring in these situations, there is very little 'help' that a

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first aider can provide. In the majority of cases students do not require sending home and therefore will usually be asked to return to lessons.

Please can you speak to your children about only requesting support from first aid if they have a) injured themselves in school, b) have a condition that requires immediate care e.g. asthma attack, c) feel ill enough to go home.

We use a programme called Medical Tracker that emails parents when first aid has been administered. If you notice a pattern please can you arrange an appointment with the GP to check that this isn't a sign of any underlying condition.

## First day of school social media posts

What security questions does your bank ask when they phone you? Date of birth? Primary/Secondary school attended? Make/Model of your first car?

Now think about the information that you post online - especially regarding your children?

The following blog explores the potential dangers of posting first day at school images and birthday photos online. As a parent myself -I know this made me think!

<https://www.waynedenner.com/protect-your-child-the-hidden-dangers-of-posting-back-to-school-photos-on-social-media/>

## What is?

Most people have heard of phishing and know what to look for, but do you know what smishing, vishing and quishing are?

Phishing is a malicious email that encourages you to click a link which could install trojan software to access your computer, email server or data. It might also leave a keylogger which would record your keystrokes, perhaps revealing your password.

Smishing is a malicious text message (SMS) that will have a link to click on your smartphone.

Vishing is a voice message or an actual caller aiming to find out your personal information, access your bank account or encourage you to make payments.

Quishing is a QR code that will take you to a malicious or fake site. There are examples where criminals have set up fake payment pages for car parking charges using their QR code stuck over the top of the legitimate QR codes on signage.

As most students have mobile phones that they use out of school, it is important that you are aware of these and speak to your child about the potential risks associated with clicking on links that they have not requested.