



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

**Virtual Parents' Update Meeting
8.30 a.m. on Friday 13th December 2024**

**Mrs Kerry Cooney – Headteacher
Mrs Lynne Finucane – Assistant Headteacher, Personal Development
Mrs Sheila Allport – PA to Headteacher & Senior Leadership Team (note taker)
4 parents joined the meeting**

Mrs Cooney welcomed the parents and thanked them for taking the time to join the meeting. An overview of the code of conduct for the meeting was provided:-

- Microphones should be on mute throughout the session.
- All questions with a similar theme will be grouped together.
- Only questions submitted in advance will be answered.
- Any questions about your own child will not be answered during the update but will be passed onto an Achievement Co-ordinator who will make contact with you directly.
- 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. OFSTED Update

- In May 2024, OFSTED visited the school for a 2 day full inspection when the school was awarded 'Good' in all categories. OFSTED were especially pleased with our students' behaviour and curriculum planning.
- OFSTED reported that there were massive improvements in assessments since the previous inspection.
- Year 11 outcomes remain strong, we are in the top 230 schools in the country and top 3.5% nationally for progress.
- Pupil Premium is in the top 150 schools and top 2.5% for progress.
- There is additional funding to support specific pupil premium students who have received free school meals within the last 6 years.
- We hope to receive a positive progress score for post-16 students for the first time. Average grade of a C+ (only 8 grades from B-). Value Added score is forecast to be +0.28.
- Post-16 student enrolment was low last year but we have 118 students who have joined us in year 12 from September.
- The School Development Plan has been updated and has been split into specific OFSTED areas which are being focused upon.

2.	<p>Focus this Year</p> <p>Quality of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the consistency of curriculum planning and teaching and learning. Any inconsistencies are currently being addressed. - Improve assessment to inform curriculum planning and teaching practices ensuring that we are closing any gaps with regard to student learning. - Improve outcomes for Pupil Premium/SEND students. We continue to support PP and SEND students to ensure that they are working as closely as possible to all other students. <p>Behaviour and attitudes to learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve attendance by focusing on supporting PP, SEND and those students who are unable to attend school due to mental health needs. - Improve consistency of rewards. A large number of awards were given to year 7 students but considerably less to year 13 students. We are considering the type of awards that year 13 students may like to receive. - Providing support relating to bullying and the perception of bullying. We are focusing on the understanding of students between falling out with friends v bullying. <p>Personal development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the provision of trips and extra-curricular activities. There are a large number of opportunities for students to go on trips and attend extra-curricular clubs. We are also focusing on attendance from both SEN and Pupil Premium students. - Develop PSHCE curriculum provision in the PSHE lessons and drop-down days. - Develop character education. There are three school values that fit very well in this area; civic virtue, contribution to the school and wider community and volunteering which we are focusing on. - Develop British Values in both pastoral and academic curriculum which continues to be worked on. - Improved tracking of student destinations. We are pleased with the number of students who go on to Higher Education and we would still like these students to be a part of our community. <p>Leadership and management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff wellbeing: we are continuing to focus on the wellbeing of our staff. - Improve student and parent pride in the school. Students are well behaved and want to learn and there are many extra-curricular opportunities available. - Review and improve CPD for all staff across the school. - Ensure the future financial stability of the school. Birmingham City Council are struggling financially. This means that we have had to increase our interventions for students, e.g. mental health services, which is causing additional financial strain on the school budget. <p>Sixth form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the number of students joining the sixth form. - Improve sixth form outcomes. - Expand the non-qualification programme to include employability skills, communication skills and community outreach. 	

3.	<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A home-school communication policy has been introduced to improve communication between the school and parents. - We ask that parents email the admin office wherever possible as this enables teachers to ascertain answers to the questions before responding to the parents. - Parents should not visit the school without an appointment as we cannot guarantee that the person you want to see will be available. - If you do not receive a response to your email, then please contact the student's achievement co-ordinator who can follow this up for you. - If this isn't successful then contact my PA – PA@lsg.kevibham.org and I will personally follow this up. 	
4.	<p>Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have a very good offering of trips across all year groups. Last year there were over 100 trips arranged for students (that's over 1 trip every other day!). - It does take considerable time to organise a school trip – payments, risk assessments, consent, setting cover all have to be addressed which is not part of a teacher's contract but they organise trips because they value giving the students experiences that are worthwhile to them. We have to balance the financial demands placed on parents and the school as we don't charge for the associated cover teacher costs which average at about £250 per teacher per day. - Additionally, the minibus is no-longer available for use and taxis and coaches are currently being used. Activities are also being organised in school to reduce the transport costs, e.g. Spanish play, careers fair, Christmas fairs. - There are also activities arranged which will offer additional opportunities for students, e.g. EDI committee, debate club, football club. - We are currently auditing the 'annual' trips which take place for each year group so we can ensure an even spread of opportunities for all, e.g. Year 7 always go to the theatre and Dudley Zoo, Year 10 always go on a History/Geography field trip and visit Drayton Manor. 	
	<p>Mrs Cooney closed the session by offering a massive thank you to the parents for their continued support and the fantastic students we have who have been taught to have such lovely manners and who are so hardworking.</p> <p>Any further questions should be emailed to Mrs Allport at pa@lsg.kevibham.org.</p>	