

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 16th December- Friday 20th December 2024

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 16th December 2024	Careers advisor in school Sixth form Ice skating trip
Tuesday 17th December 2024	Careers ambassador meeting School council meeting with HT Y10 Business studies trip - Cadbury world Y11 PE trip - Rock Climbing (after school) Y7 Reading Buddies - library (registration)
Wednesday 18th December 2024	Y13 Parents evening Y12/Y13 food bank collection Wear something Christmassy day PSHCE ambassadors meeting (lunchtime)
Thursday 19th December 2024	Careers advisor in school Santa Dash
Friday 20th December 2024	Break up for Christmas 12:15pm

Christmas Concert

I would like to say a massive thankyou to all the students, teachers and parents who supported the Christmas concert last night. It was lovely to see such a fantastic array of talents on show. It has definitely helped me to get into the Christmas spirit. These types of

events take a lot of work from everyone involved, but I am sure you will agree that it was worth it - the standard was amazing.

Arrangements for the final week of term

Just a reminder that lessons will be continuing as normal next week - students should attend in full school uniform with books/equipment to complete normal lessons.

There are some additional activities taking place next week that you might need to be aware of:

- Wednesday - Food bank collection.
- Wednesday - In return for being so generous with the food bank collection we reward students with the opportunity to 'wear something Chirstmassy'. This is NOT a non-uniform day. Students should wear normal uniform but can replace one piece of uniform with something Christmas themed e.g. they can wear a Christmas hairband instead of their usual hairband, they can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer/school jumper (but don't forget their dinner card), they can wear christmas socks/tights instead of their normal socks. We purposely do not do a 'Christmas jumper day' because of the cost involved with buying a Christmas jumper just for one day, so please feel free to be as creative as possible.
- Wednesday - Christmas dinner day. If students want a Christmas meal, please make sure that they have at least £2.75 on their dinner account. This will be a traditional turkey lunch and there will also be halal and vegetarian options to choose from.
- Thursday - Santa Dash (please see details below), students to wear PE kit all day, they have the option of wearing something Christmas themed for the lesson when they complete the 'run', they should bring normal books/equipment for the lessons due to take place that day.
- Friday - students will start to be dismissed from school at 12:15pm. There will be extra food prepared at breaktime for those students who would like to use their free school meal entitlement as well as to cater for all students who want to purchase additional food as there will be no lunch served on this day.

School will reopen for all students at normal time on TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY

Santa Dash

The School Games National Santa Dash is back for another exciting day of festive cheer and physical activity!

The 2024 Santa Dash for Lordswood will take place on Thursday, 19th December. As in previous years, this event focuses on promoting enjoyment while staying active.

Students will bring home a sponsorship form, allowing them to be sponsored per lap completed on our Astro pitch. We will be asking them to complete a minimum of seven laps (equivalent to 2 kilometres). Students who feel confident can challenge themselves to complete even more laps within the 40-minute timeframe. Each year group will complete

the Santa Dash at a different time. When they are not completing the run, they will be in normal lessons. Students should therefore still bring all their books/equipment as normal.

We understand that not all students will be able to collect sponsorship money and although we will be grateful for any funds raised, ultimately this is an event to celebrate being active and achieving something together as a school community.

Students should wear their correct PE kit on this day regardless of weather. There is no requirement for them to bring/wear their normal school uniform (i.e. blazer). During the actual Santa Dash, students will be allowed to wear Christmas attire e.g. Santa costumes, Christmas hats, Christmas jumpers.

If the weather isn't conducive with an enjoyable event, then sadly it will be cancelled but students should still come prepared to take part - in case the weather changes during the course of the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone join in the festive spirit and support this fantastic event!

Netball Club

There will be no senior netball club or basketball club during the last week of term. Have a great Christmas!

Mrs Uffindall

Year 10 business trip to Cadbury World

For those who's children are attending the Business studies trip on Tuesday 17th Dec. They will attend period 1 until 9.40pm then go to the canteen where they will be registered before leaving. If they require a packed lunch please don't forget to send them with one. Students will be given the opportunity to visit the Cadbury shop - if they wish to purchase anything, they will need to bring a card or cash.

Online use over the Christmas holidays

School holidays can be a tough time with parents balancing looking after their children, balancing work needs and monitoring online/phone use to keep children safe.

We have been made aware of the Online Safety Hub <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/> which offers trusted digital safety advice for caregivers if you need it.

Online use and technology is great but we always advise:

-Checking your child's phone and computer to see what conversations they are having and what apps/ websites they are accessing- this is essential to keeping them safe

-Have an open conversation with children about why you have to keep them safe online

-Don't permit children to have their phone in their rooms overnight- essential for healthy sleep and staying safe online

-Give children a screen time limit each day to ensure they can exercise, get fresh air and sleep well

If you have any concerns over the holidays, you can contact the NSPCC Call us on [0800 800 5000](tel:08008005000), email help@nspcc.org.uk or fill in our [online form](#) to get advice and support from safeguarding experts.

Or call the police on 999 for concerns that put your child at immediate risk

Information regarding examination equation sheets

The Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual have confirmed that students taking exams in 2025, 2026 and 2027 will not need to memorise the usual formulae for GCSE Maths, and the physics equations for GCSE Physics, GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy and GCSE Combined Science.

The content of the equations and formulae sheets for 2025 has not changed, and they are the same ones which were used in 2024.

In any forthcoming assessments, students will be provided with these resources thus enabling them to make this part of their normal practice in preparation for the summer 2025 examinations.

Reporting of Attendance

Thank you to all parents who report when their child is absent. It ensures we know that students are safe and enables our attendance teams to support students with the barriers to their attendance rather than having to chase it in the mornings.

As of January, the ability to report absence on the KEVI APP via WEDUC will be switched off.

This is because we are using a much more effective tool called **StudyBugs. It really is very quick and easy.**

You can access StudyBugs via <https://studybugs.com/> or download the app.

Please could we ask that you report your child's absence by 08.30am when the registers open.

We appreciate your full support.

Arriving at School

A polite reminder that all students must enter school in the morning via the Lordswood Road entrance. Students who enter the school via the Knightlow Road entrance, without permission from school staff, will not be able to enter the school until 8:30 am which will result in a late mark.

Sixth form - New Entrance arrangements

From January 2025 sixth form students can continue to enter by the sixth form courtyard, and in addition, they will also have access onto the site through the school gate located on Lordswood Road.

For safeguarding purposes, both gates will be locked at 8.25am.

The new access arrangements should make things much easier for our sixth form students, giving them plenty of time to have signed in and reach their registration rooms by 8.30am.

It is a requirement that all sixth form students enter the site wearing a valid ID badge, this should be worn at all times. Students without this will not be permitted to enter using the Lordswood Road entrance, instead directed to go to the school reception on Knightlow Road where a temporary / one day pass will be issued. Students are still expected to sign in, manually selecting their name.

Students will already be aware that mobile phones should not be used unless in the sixth form courtyard or social space. Therefore, students should be reminded not to use them while entering or leaving by the Lordswood Road gate.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our sixth form students that the school day begins at 8.30am by which time all students should be located inside their registration rooms.

All sixth form students are required to sign in using one of the tablets located in the entrance areas, and sign out if leaving during the lunch period or for an appointment. This forms part of our evacuation process, therefore there are no exceptions.

Students arriving late for any reason, including appointments, or leaving early during the school day must report to Reception for this to be recorded and parent/carers informed if

necessary. All appointments must be agreed with the attendance officer in advance, giving at least 24 hours notice.

Want To Thank Our Staff in Education?

The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK early years, schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. You can send them a card via this link and make their day/ week/ year...

https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Bus Stop changes in Birmingham City Centre

From 5 January 2025, more **bus stops** will open in the Eastside area of Birmingham on Corporation Street (across from the Square Peg pub) and on Albert Street.

City Centre bus services will continue to run as normal but with some minor diversions in the city centre and a change to bus stop locations.

Please click [here](#) to access our dedicated **toolkit** which has more information and useful assets around the upcoming changes.

Our toolkit contains useful travel information & assets including a flyer containing a bus stop map and social media assets which will help you communicate the changes to your staff and students

Further information on these bus changes can be found via
www.tfwm.org.uk/MoorStreetBus

If you have any questions or need further assistance in sharing this information, please don't hesitate to contact us at behaviourchangehub@tfwm.org.uk. We're here to support you every step of the way.

Thanks again for all your urgent help in cascading our messages out.