

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 2nd December- Friday 6th December 2024

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 2nd December 2024	Careers Advisor in school
Tuesday 3rd December 2024	KS5 School Council Meeting Year 7 reading buddies Year 11 PE trip
Wednesday 4th December 2024	
Thursday 5th December 2024	Careers Advisor in school Christmas Fete 2:15pm
Friday 6th December 2024	HT Question Time Sixth Form shoebox collection

 **Exciting News! Our School Christmas Fête is Coming!** 

We are absolutely *thrilled* to invite you all to our **Christmas Fête** on **Thursday, 5th December!** It's going to be a festive afternoon filled with excitement, fun, and lots of surprises!

There will be **stalls galore** with something for everyone – from delicious homemade cakes, perfumes, and unique jewellery, to tasty treats like **samosas** and **gingerbread decoration**. We'll also have **hot chocolate** and **mulled drinks** to keep you warm, as well as face painting and games for the whole family to enjoy. Plus, don't miss out on our **tombola** – a chance to win fantastic prizes for just a small amount of money!

Father Christmas will also be making an appearance in his magical **Grotto**, accompanied by his cheeky **elves**. I wonder who they could be?! 🧑🏻‍🎄 ✨

Students will have the chance to buy an **early access ticket** for just **£1** on **Monday** from the **ClassCharts table** – but be quick, as tickets are **limited!** This will give students access to the fete between 2:15pm and 3pm.

Parents, you're warmly invited to join us from **3:15pm** via the **Knightlow Road entrance**, where you will be greeted by our talented **school choir** spreading festive cheer!

This year, we're aiming to raise as much money as possible for our school **minibus**, so please keep an eye out for our **collection buckets** around the venue – every little bit helps!

We want all students and families to have an unforgettable time, so don't forget to bring plenty of **change** and get ready for lots of fun!

We can't wait to see you all there for what promises to be a **magical** Christmas celebration. 🎉🌲

See you at the fête! ✨

Extra curricular activities - Thursday 5th December

As we are inviting parents to the Christmas Fete, and want to give all students the opportunity to attend, extra curricular activities on this date will be cancelled.

Students will be welcome to attend the fair, however, please be aware that members of the public will be in attendance.

Donations

We are still looking for donations of:

- Gift sets
- Chocolate
- Cuddly toys
- Christmas decorations
- Books

For the Christmas fete. Students can bring these to the donations table by lost property.

Year 12 Work Experience Week Reminder - NHS Opportunity

If you are hoping to spend Work Experience Week within the NHS, please complete the attached application form ASAP and return the completed forms to work.experience@uhb.nhs.uk

Please complete it as soon as possible, as this field is very competitive, and placements go quickly.

Deadline to find a placement: Friday, 31st January 2025

This is a reminder to all Year 12 that you must secure your placement by Friday, 31st January 2025.

Once you have arranged a placement, complete the initial placement form on Unifrog so we can start the background checks around safeguarding and health and safety. Here is a video to guide you.

<https://cdn.unifrog.org/video/d1oea9nec6/480.mp4>

Wider personal development - update on November opportunities

November proved to be another packed month for personal development opportunities. This month provided a unique blend of educational experiences designed to enrich students' understanding across various subjects.

In the sixth form, the Biology Live event at the University of Birmingham gave biology students the opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research and gain insights into the latest developments in biological sciences. Business students received an informative talk from the Bank of England, providing them with a deeper understanding of economic policies and their impact on the financial world. For those with a passion for the arts, the Art and Photography A level students visited the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham providing an inspiring day of contemporary art exploration, sparking creativity and discussion for their project work.

Year 11 students reaching the end of their Forward Thinking programme attended a celebration event at the University of Birmingham offering them a chance to reflect on their achievements and aspirations and to look ahead to future opportunities. This event celebrated the hard work and dedication of the Year 11 students involved as they transition into the next phase of their education.

Year 8 and 9 students took part in some STEM workshops and activities. These were dynamic, hands-on sessions designed to ignite curiosity and inspire young minds in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The workshops focused on real-world problem-solving, encouraging students to apply theoretical concepts through practical activities such as scientific experiments and the Faraday engineering challenge.

Year 7 students got into the Christmas mood by going on the theatre trip to see *A Christmas Carol*; a magical experience that brought Charles Dickens' timeless classic to life. Students were captivated by the stunning performances, atmospheric staging, and festive spirit of the production. The trip offered an exciting opportunity to deepen their understanding of the classic story while enjoying the thrill of live theatre.

Additionally, students involved in the EDI (Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion) Student Committee joined the other EDI student committees from across the KEVI Trust to further develop their commitment to fostering inclusive environments, learning from experts and developing initiatives that promote positive change in our school and beyond.

All these opportunities, events and trips not only enhance academic knowledge but also provide valuable real-world experiences that will benefit students personally as well as in their future studies and careers.

Hardship Grant

We are aware that this time of year can be challenging for families, especially as it is so cold at the moment. We have been made aware that Birmingham City Council have allocated some money to fund a hardship grant for families who might be finding this time of year especially difficult. Sadly this is only available for families who are registered as living in Birmingham and the grant is means tested - but hopefully it will be of use to some of our families.

For more information please follow the link below:

<https://www.bvsc.org/hsf>