

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 6th January- Friday 10th January 2025

Week B

Lordswood School for Girls

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

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 6th January 2025	School closed for teachers training day
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Back to School KS3 School council meeting Year 7 Reading Buddies Application for student leadership team (open) Year 11 PE trip (Rockclimbing after school)
Wednesday 8th January 2025	
Thursday 9th January 2025	Careers advisor in school

Holidays

I just wanted to take a moment to say a massive thankyou to the whole school community for another highly successful term. The students have, as always, been a delight to be around and continue to represent the school to the very highest standard.

As parents, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for trusting us with your children's education and for being so supportive. We are all human and I know that we don't always get everything 100% right all the time, but we do try and we do care (very

much) about your children and their happiness. Thank you for working with us to become the best school we can for your child.

Finally, I am sure you would want to join me in thanking all the staff for their hard work this term, they really do go above and beyond to create experiences and memories that I hope your children will remember as they become adults and have children of their own.

I wish you all a very restful and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing everyone safe and sound at normal time on TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2025.

Be Ready for School

As we prepare for the start of the Spring Term I wanted to take the opportunity to share the list of equipment that all pupils need to bring to school:

- School Planner
- Black ink pen (and a spare)
- Pencil (and a spare)
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Coloured pencils
- Exercise books and text books for each lesson
- Calculator
- Green ink pen
- Whiteboard pen
- Highlighter pen
- Glue stick

This list can also be found in the school planner.

As the first term comes to an end it is likely that your daughter's glue sticks and pens are starting to run out. Please could you check that your daughter has all the equipment listed above for the start of the new term.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents that students should not be bringing scissors into school - if students require scissors, they will be provided by the class teacher.

Thank you, Mrs Adamson

Uniform

As we near the end of another fantastic term, please can parents use this opportunity to check that all uniform still fits, we have a number of students who have grown and therefore have trousers and skirts that no longer meet the uniform guidelines. We also find that after every holiday we have students return without school shoes because they

discover that they are too small after the Christmas break. Please can you ensure that this is checked prior to Tuesday 7th Jan.

Talking point

There is a lot of evidence that shows that spoken language skill is one of the strongest predictors of a child's future life chances.

- Students with increased oracy have more emotional confident, improved peer relationships and higher emotional wellbeing
- Oral language ability plays an important role in GCSE attainment; students with higher language ability are more likely to achieve higher grades in Maths, English and English Literature
- On leaving school, children with poor verbal communication skills are less likely to find employment and more likely to suffer from mental health difficulties.

Sadly national evidence also highlights that students anxiety and nervousness about speaking increases as they move through secondary school. This is something that we are keen to avoid for students attending KEVI LSG.

We provide a range of opportunities for students to develop their spoken language skills in lessons and through extra curricular activities, but just like other elements of learning, we know that practicing skills at home can really help support learning in school.

As a parent of a secondary school student myself, I am fully aware of how difficult it can be to get teenagers to engage in conversation, we will therefore be adding a 'talking point' to each bulletin moving forward. This will be shared with parents, students and teachers so we are all working together to develop oracy skills and students can really think about how they develop their response so please do ask them the question each week.

The questions/prompts have been developed by a team of professionals who specialise in oracy. We encourage you to use the prompts as conversation starters, maybe when driving somewhere with your child, or whilst preparing dinner or eating a meal. I have been trying these prompts with my own child and have found out so much about him in a relatively short period of time, at the same time as developing his oracy skills.

The talking point for this week is:

'What traditions do you have and which ones you want to continue with when you are older'

Activities out of school

Does your child do any activities outside of school e.g. swimming, dancing, athletics, guides, scouts, singing, acting, craft, cadets, kickboxing.

If so, we would love to know about them!

We are very aware that many of our students have fantastic and exciting lives outside of school and we love it when students tell us about these experiences... However, we are very conscious that only a small proportion of students will be telling us about these activities and as such we could be missing opportunities to make the curriculum more interesting and relevant. We could also be missing out on opportunities to share in their excitement about upcoming events or to congratulate them on their successes.

If you would like to share details, please can you complete the following survey? Please can you complete a separate survey for each different activity that they do e.g. if they swim and do gymnastics please complete two separate surveys so we can collect information on each activity.

<https://forms.gle/LX9VuXhKSLgohLZIA>

Many thanks for sharing this information

Mrs Cooney

Year 13 Parent Survey - Your views required! - REMINDER

We would like to gather the views of **Year 13 parents and carers** on a range of school related areas to help us ensure we are providing the best provision for our students.

We would appreciate you taking the time to fill in a short survey at your earliest convenience.

Please [click here](#) to complete the survey.

Thank you to all those parents who have already provided feedback. Your views are very important to us.

Please note that this survey will be open to accept responses **until 3:00 pm on Monday 6th January 2025**

Many thanks
Mrs Finucane
AHT:Personal Development

Wider personal development opportunities December 2024.

In December, students had the opportunity to explore different facets of culture and fun through various school trips. The Year 12 business studies students enjoyed a delightful outing to the German market, where they immersed themselves in the festive atmosphere, whilst analysing the financial and environmental impact of the markets on Birmingham.

Year 12 and 13 Sixth Form students took to the ice, showing off their skating skills and sharing laughs during a fun-filled evening at the ice rink. Meanwhile, the Year 10 business studies students indulged their sweet tooth with a trip to Cadbury World, where they learned about the chocolate production methods and marketing, enjoyed interactive exhibits, and of course, sampled some delicious chocolates. These experiences offered a perfect blend of education and enjoyment, creating lasting memories for all.

Flu Vaccines

Many schools will be experiencing the effects of increased winter illness in their pupils and staff. NHS services in Birmingham are seeing many more adults and children with flu than this time last year. It is therefore important that all pupils take action to protect themselves against winter illness.

It is recommended that **all children are eligible** should protect themselves against flu by taking up the offer of the [free flu vaccine](#).

It is recommended that **all children that are eligible** should protect themselves against Covid-19 by taking up the offer of the [free Covid-19 vaccine](#).

Good hand hygiene should be adopted by all to prevent the spread of illnesses such as norovirus that can cause diarrhoea and vomiting.

With best regards

Health Protection and Environmental Public Health

Trip to France- important information

We are excited to be preparing for the upcoming trip to France in March and Ms Carriere would like to invite you to an important meeting to discuss the details of the trip. The meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 8th January

Time: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Location: Social space, Sixth Form Centre

We kindly request that you bring your daughter's passport to the meeting so that we can make photocopies in advance of the trip.

Kind regards,

Ms Carriere

Kooth Support

With the Christmas break approaching I know we encourage our students to use Kooth but please also see Student Space information below should they want it: <https://studentspace.org.uk/support-services/text-message-support>

Their number is 85258 and young people just need to text 'SHOUT'. It is a free messaging service should they feel they need any extra support.

December Aspirations Bulletin

Students in Year 7 - Year 9 will be emailed December's Aspirations Bulletin, which our Careers Champions have created. To view a copy, click here:

[December Aspirations Bulletin](#)

Careers Bulletin

Year 10 - Year 13 students have been emailed the latest Careers Bulletin. To view a copy, please click below:

[Careers Bulletin 20.12.24.docx](#)

Many thanks,
Rose

SEND Occupational Therapy Newsletter

Spring Term 1

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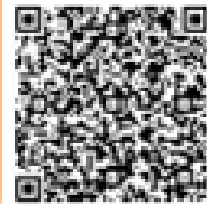
Sensory Circuits at Home:

This online webinar explains the benefits of using a sensory circuit and how to implement at home to support with regulation.

Book via Eventbrite

Wednesday 29th January 13.00 – 14.00

Coming Soon: Face to Face Parent Sensory Circuits at Home



SEND Occupational Therapy Webpage:

We are developing our website on Birmingham's LOCAL OFFER, this will allow you access to our OT newsletter, FREE advice videos on different topics including dressing skills, sleep, P.E, sensory and many more!

Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Parents, professionals and educational staff can contact the OT advice line to gain advice and signposting on a child's need.

Monday- Friday, 09:00- 16:00.
0121 683 2325

Interpreting Advice Line information is found on our website via the QR code.



Community Paediatric Occupational Therapy Webpage:

A variety of advice packs (self-care, school skills, sensory) are available on the Occupational Therapy website.



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