## Parent Bulletin



## Monday 17th March-Friday 21st March 2025

## Week A

Lordswood School for Girls <a href="https://lsg.kevibham.org/">https://lsg.kevibham.org/</a> 0121 429 2838

**Upcoming dates** 

Date	Event
Monday 17th March 2025	Careers advisor in school Neurodiversity Celebration Week Y8 PE trip - Boundless outdoors (Bell Heath, Stourbridge)
Tuesday 18th March 2025	KS3 School council meeting Y7 Reading Buddies - library (registration) Y12/Y13 RE University of Birmingham trip (PM only) Roatary Club: Jenny Hughes
Wednesday 19th March 2025	Y11 - Drama exam Y13 Oxford University trip Y10-Y13 Business studies presentation University of Birmingham: Philosophy, Ethics & Religion
Thursday 20th March 2025	Careers advisor in school
Friday 21st March 2025	World poetry day

	Non-uniform day - Comic relief Year 12 Model United Nations (8:30-3pm)
Saturday 22nd March 2025	Year 12 Model United Nations (9-3pm)

#### This week...

The University of Birmingham's Year 9 Forward Thinking programme offered some students a unique opportunity to experience university life firsthand, giving them a glimpse of what it's like to study at a higher education institution. The students, who attended on Tuesday, were truly inspired by the day and are now seriously thinking about going to university in the future. We wish them success in their academic aspirations!

The 'Slime the Teacher' event took place afterschool on Thursday. Students have been vigorously voting over the last few days for a teacher to be drenched in green slime. The unlucky member of staff got a generous dunking of slime, much to the delight of the students. The whole event created a fun and unforgettable moment! All proceeds will be going towards making the Year 11 Prom a very special, memorable occasion.

The school also celebrated Young Carers Action Day, by recognising the vital support provided by those students who provide care for their families with an illness, disability, and/or addiction. Miss Hadfield, a member of our Learning Support Team, is dedicated to providing support for those who are young carers and on Friday, there was a special get together in the school canteen.

In addition, the Year 7 STEM day inspired younger students to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through a range of engaging activities.

Furthermore, Year 11 and 13 students took part in the Birmingham School Wellbeing Census, contributing valuable insights into student wellbeing and mental health across the region.

## Year 9 and 10 French trip

Last weekend I was fortunate to accompany a group of Year 9 and 10 pupils and 4 teaching staff to France. It was a busy but wonderful weekend! We made crepes, ate snails, experienced a traditional French market, visited a Chocolate Factory and attended The Last Post at the Menin Gate Memorial, YPres. The pupils were respectful and courteous to everyone they met during the weekend and they were a credit to our school, upholding and demonstrating our school values of being ready, respectful and resilient. Thank you to the

staff; Mrs Carriere, Mrs Flox-Nieva, Mrs Faulkner and Ms Khatoon for making the trip possible!
Mrs Adamson

## **Punctuality**

The Government rules changed regarding lateness in September. If a student is not present at the start of registration then we *have* to mark them as L - late. If they are late past the end of registration, then we *have* to mark them with a U code. This U code counts as an unauthorised absence. 10 unauthorised absences in a 90 day period means that we have to start absence monitoring procedures. This can result in parents/carers receiving fines purely due to lateness. We don't want that for anyone.

Please can you therefore remind students of the importance of arriving in school with enough time to visit lockers etc. and still get to their registration rooms <u>before</u> 8:30am.

We are seeing an increased number of students arriving late, giving reasons for their lateness as medical appointments but without this being supported with evidence or contact from parents. Unfortunately without this supporting evidence we have to mark them as late. Please can you therefore contact the school (ideally before the appointment) so that we can code the absence/lateness appropriately.

If you want to check your child's punctuality and attendance, this can easily be accessed via classcharts. If you require a code to access your classcharts account, please contact <a href="mailto:office@lsg.kevibham.org">office@lsg.kevibham.org</a> and they will send you your code.

## **Interfaith Iftar Party 24th March 2025**

Dear Parents and Guardians.

We are pleased to extend an invitation to our KS4 and KS5 students for the inaugural Lordswood School for Girls Interfaith Community Iftar. This significant evening provides an opportunity for our school community to come together in a spirit of unity and mutual Respect. Iftar, the evening meal that marks the breaking of the fast during the holy month of Ramadan, holds deep significance for many. We warmly welcome students of all faiths and worldviews to participate in this meaningful gathering. The meal will consist of a three-course menu with soft drinks included, and vegetarian options will be available.

**Tickets are priced at £9** and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis with limited availability. Tickets can be purchased through parent pay.

The event will take place on Monday, 24th March 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

We sincerely hope that many of our students will join us for this enriching evening.

# Fundraiser - RED NOSE DAY! In aid of Comic Relief

On **Friday 21st March**, Lordswood will be holding a fundraising day in aid of 'Comic relief'.

RELIEF RED NOSE DAY
FRIDAY 21 MARCH

We would like to invite all students to wear non-uniform to show support in return for a donation of £1.

Your money supports incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK, such as re-rooted which helps refugees starting again in the UK.

Donations are made via the **KEVI LSG app**.

Click on the **parent pay** link, then follow the instructions to make your donation.

The ability to make a donation via the app will be open from Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 8:00am and will close on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 2:30pm.

More information about red nose day can be found here: Red Nose day

Please remember that on occasions like this appropriate clothing should be worn as the school is still a working environment. Please read the information below called 'Non-uniform day dress code' to check what is allowed and what isn't. This can also be found on the 'School Uniform' page in the student planner.

Please also be aware that nail varnish is allowed but nail extensions are not and that your child cannot wear 'crocs' footwear.

## **Supporting Your Children With Exam Anxiety for Parents of Students in Years 10-13**

Are you interested in attending a webinar to support your children through their exams? We are hoping to get Sam Garner, Mental Health and Inclusion Consultant and Founder of Balanced People and Balanced Schools, to lead a webinar for parents of exam age students in the aim of supporting your children through any potential exam anxiety. We would just like an expression of interest at the moment and a time that would suit you.

https://forms.gle/2yPEFJEkVP1qXVn76

Many thanks

Mrs L Betty

#### **NEW Careers Bulletin**

Please click below to view the latest Careers Bulletin which is emailed to all students in Year 10 - Year 13:

Careers Bulletin: March 14th

#### **Work Experience**

Well done to all the Year 10 and Year 12 students who have secured their own work experience placements. We know it will be a great introduction into the world of work.

If you are still struggling to find something, please persevere and get something in place as soon as possible.

#### Reminder of dates:

Year 10: 16 - 20 June 2025

Year 12: 30 June - 4 July 2025

Kind regards,

Mrs McInerney

## **Boundless Outdoors Trip (Year 8)**

We are very much looking forward to the Boundless Outdoors trip on **Monday 17th March**. Please ensure your daughter wears comfortable and appropriate clothes, such as a T-shirt, jumper, joggers/leggings and trainers, and as the weather is looking a bit on the cooler side, layers and a thin waterproof jacket are advised. Please also make sure your daughter has a packed lunch and plenty of water with them.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to the PE department.

### **Child Bereavement UK**

Birmingham team will be hosting our first Crafts to Remember Event. The event will be held at Oddingley Hall, 18 Oddingley Rd, Birmingham B31 3BS on Wednesday 19th March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm

There will be the opportunity to join other families in making crafts to remember someone special who has died, supported by experienced Child Bereavement UK's Bereavement Support Practitioners and Jemma, a wonderful creative artist.

This event is free for families to attend but they must book their place using the link below.

We hope the event will be supportive, caring and fun. We would really like to welcome you to this event. If you would like to attend, please follow the link below and ensure you mark the form as Birmingham. If you would like to talk through the event, please do not hesitate to contact Matt, Fateha or Bina on 0121 7167161 or email <a href="mailto:Birminghamsupport@childbereavementuk.org">Birminghamsupport@childbereavementuk.org</a>



## Talking point:

To encourage good oracy, we ask that parents and students discuss a different 'big question' each week. This does not have to be done during a dedicated discussion time, it could be whilst doing any daily activity e.g. driving somewhere, eating dinner, shopping.

The topic of this week's talking point is: Self reflection

The question prompt for this week is: If you could make one serious change in the world, what would it be?





Be Empowered.....



#### **Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers**

### **Be Empowered Workshops**

The community languages workshop of this academic year
Thursday's 10am – 2pm (for 6 weekly sessions)
Running Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>April, Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May, Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>, Thurs
15<sup>th</sup>, and Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.

#### At Evolve Centre Building, 99 Glover Street, Birmingham, B9 4EN.

Are you a parent of a child with special or additional needs?

additional needs themselves.

Do you want to meet with other parents and learn more about local and national services and what they can offer?

We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

#### TO BOOK – Complete the booking form and return to: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk

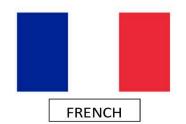
This workshop is going to be conducted in a number of community languages.

For more information contact:

Gulshan Hussain on 07827 082752 or Christine Legore 07770 762056

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BOOKINGS IS THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025!





Do you want to feel more confident about working with practitioners and making decisions about your child's journey?







BENGALI (Sylethi)

