

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 22nd September - Friday 26th September 2025

Week B

Lordswood School for Girls

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

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 22nd September 2025	Year 6 Open morning (9:00-9:45)
Tuesday 23rd September 2025	Year 6 Open morning (9:00-9:45)
Wednesday 24th September 2025	Year 6 Open Evening (5pm-7pm)
Thursday 25th September 2025	Year 6 Open morning (9:00-9:45)
Friday 26th September 2025	Year 6 Open morning (9:00-9:45) European Day of Languages

Positive beginnings

What a wonderful start to the term with our students demonstrating their respect, resilience and readiness to learn. A huge congratulations to the following students who

have the most positive points in their year so far: Leela B (Year 7), Maya H (Year 8), Sujood S (Year 9), Natalia K (Year 10), Samira K (Year 11), Aribah A (Year 12) and Norabel O (Year 13).

Well done to the following form groups who have the highest attendance rates so far this term: Ms Bryce and Mrs Swallow's 7R, Ms Ratajska's 7W, Miss Baker's 8S, Miss Patel's 9G, Miss Fitzpatrick's 10S, Miss Bhutani's 11D, Ms Ali and Mrs Tooley's 12.2 and Ms Khan's 13.3!

Our new starters in Year 7 and 12 have settled in wonderfully and made the transition to secondary school and sixth form so well. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting them and look forward to seeing how they develop over their time with us.

We've had a flying start with our extra curricular clubs- Rights Ambassadors meeting, Careers Ambassadors meeting and Reading Buddies have begun their training.

We look forward to what next week has to offer!

Important Parking Reminder for Parents and Carers

To ensure the safety of all our students, we kindly remind you to park **safely and responsibly** when dropping off or collecting your children.

- **Do not park on the zig-zag lines.** These areas must be kept clear to allow children to cross safely and to maintain visibility.
- **Do not perform U-turns in the road.** This poses a serious risk to both pedestrians and other drivers.
- **Do not park on the grass banks.** This causes damage to the environment and can obstruct views for others.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe. We have informed the local police of our concerns who will be aiding us in keeping our children safe.

School Photographs

Your child has had their professional photos taken today.

All students will bring home a card with a QR code that you can scan if you wish to purchase pictures directly from the photography company. Please allow 24 hours for the photos to be uploaded

School platforms

As children get older and more independent - it is normal for parents to feel more distant from their children's education. As a parent of a 15 year old child myself, I know how

difficult this can be - if you ask about school you start to consider yourself lucky if you even get a response when you ask how school was. As well as the usual parents evenings we try to support you in remaining 'in touch' with what is happening in school via the following communication tools:

- KEVI LSG app - this is our main form of communication. All messages, letters, consent forms, reports are sent through this app. You can also see your child's attendance and timetable. This is also how you make payments to the school e.g. food, trips, pay for lost dinner cards etc. It is essential that ALL parents generate an account. If you don't want the app, you can register via a normal internet browser. For more information: <https://www.reachmoreparents.com/parent-support>
- Classcharts - students and parents both have access to classcharts via apps that can be downloaded or via a normal internet browser if preferred. This is where you can see what homework has been set for your child to complete. You can also see what rewards and sanctions have been recorded for your child. This is how we communicate with parents regarding detentions - it is therefore essential that you register using an email address that is monitored on a regular basis. Students can use their app to 'spend' their positive points via our online reward shop in classcharts. We ask that parents check classcharts at least once a week and discuss any behaviour points/homework set with their children. For more information: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>
- Bulletins - we share a bulletin (like this one) each week. If you forget to read it, don't worry, we also save a copy on the school website: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/letters-to-parents-carers/>
- Newsletters - each term we celebrate our school community via a newsletter. If you want to read past editions they can be found on our website: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/about-us/newsletters/>
- Social media platforms - we currently have accounts with X, instagram and facebook. We use these to share information with both the school community and the wider community. This is a lovely way to find out about trips and activities that have taken place in school. You can search for us via the following:
 - X - @KEVI_LSG
 - Instagram - Kevi_lordswoodschoolforgirls
 - Facebook - King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls
- Parent Update meetings - if you prefer hearing a human voice rather than reading, we offer a parent update meeting each term. This is an online meeting where parents can hear about developments at the school and have questions answered regarding procedures at Lordswood (we do ask that these are submitted in advance so we can answer them more effectively).

Parent pay

We have been asked to share the following information from parent pay:

Dear Parent,

We've been made aware of a fraudulent app currently listed in app stores that mimics ParentPay branding. While it may look familiar, this app is unauthorised and not supported by ParentPay Group.

Please note:

- *ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app store.*
- *To use ParentPay, visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from your mobile phone or computer.*
- *After logging in, you can save a shortcut onto your phone's home screen.*

We take your security seriously and have taken swift action to report the fraudulent listing and request its removal.

No action is required - this is for information only.

Yours sincerely,

ParentPay Group Customer Service Team

Student Voice: Headteacher's Question time

Headteacher's Question Time is a special session that takes place twice a term.

Students have the chance to ask a question that they may have about any aspect of school life to a panel of teachers including the head teacher, Mrs Cooney.

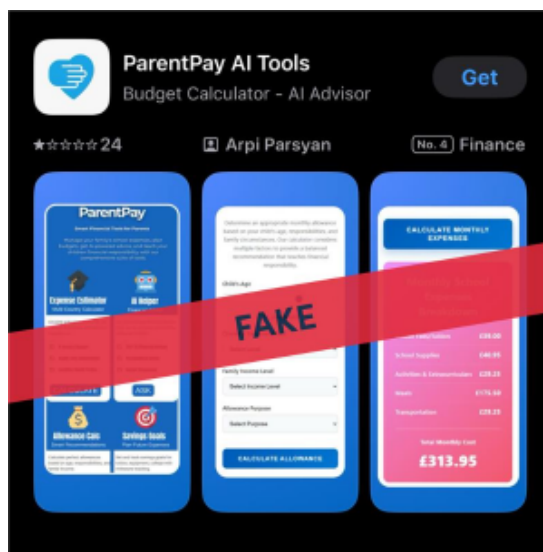
Students can submit their question by completing a form that is in their student bulletin.

The first session is taking place on **Friday 3rd October 2025**.

So if your child has a burning question that they wish to ask on the 3rd October, please encourage them to submit a question.

If their question is selected, they will be invited to attend the question time session by Mrs Finucane.

Deadline for submitting their question is **Thursday 25th September 2025**.



Extra Curricular Clubs - Autumn Term 2025

Please find an overview of the extracurricular clubs and activities that staff are offering in the autumn term 2025 so far.

[Click here for extracurricular clubs](#)

This information will also be published on the school website shortly.

Mrs Finucane

Drama clubs

All drama clubs start the week beginning 2nd September. You will need to collect a pass from Mrs Swallow for lunchtime clubs and collect a letter of consent for the after school club.

PE clubs

SPORTS CLUBS		2025/2026 (Autumn Term)		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME
Sixth Form Sports - Badminton - Basketball 1:30-1:55 Mrs Aston		Lower School Sports - Badminton - Basketball 1:30-1:55 Miss Johnson	Sports Ambassadors 1:30-1:55 Mrs Aston	
AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	
Football 3:05pm to 4:00pm Year 7-11 Miss Johnson and Miss Delaney	Gymnastics 3:05pm to 4:00pm All years (inc. Sixth Form) Mrs Vine	Sixth Form Football 3:05pm to 4:00pm Sixth Form Only Aston Villa	Basketball 3:05pm to 4:00pm All years (inc. sixth form) Mrs Uffindall	- For after-school clubs: STUDENTS MUST HAVE A NOTE IN THEIR PLANNER TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL UNTIL 4PM - Changing rooms can be used for students who do not have PE on that day. - PLEASE ENSURE YOU ALWAYS REGISTER AT EACH CLUB - Thank you and see you at one of them!
Trampoline 3:05pm to 4:00pm GCSE PE Pupils Only Mrs Vine	Netball 3:05pm to 4:00pm All years (inc. Sixth Form) Mrs Aston/Mrs Uffindall			
Dance 3:05pm to 4:00pm All years (inc. Sixth Form) Mrs Vine				

Music - Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons (except piano) will begin Week beginning 22nd September. Please make sure that student know to check their time on the notice boards outside the music rooms. It is their responsibility to attend lessons. Below are the days that each teacher will be in school. Please ask your child to see Mrs Swallow if there are any queries.

Monday	8.30-9.30	Lower Strings
Monday	9.00-12.00 (online)	Guitar
Monday	2.00-3.00	Brass
Tuesday	8.00-11.00	Woodwind
Thursday	9.30- 1.15	Singing
Thursday	10.00-2.00	Upper strings
Friday	09.20-12.00	Drums

If you have not yet paid for the lessons please do so at your earliest convenience on ParentPay. There is one space available for lessons in brass, three for woodwind and two for Upper strings. If you are interested in one of these places please see Mrs Swallow.

Year 7.

Thank you to the Year 7 that expressed an interest in having lessons this year.

Unfortunately if you do not hear from Mrs Swallow, or receive notifications for payments from ParentPay then there is currently no capacity to have a lesson for the instrument they have requested. We will keep your expression of interest on file and notify you if this changes.

If you have been allocated a lesson, please can you pay as soon as possible to facilitate the start of lessons.

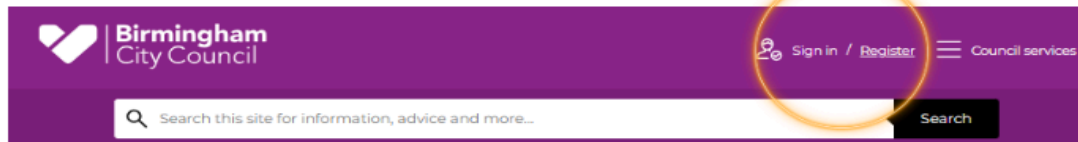
Year 8-11

If your child had instrumental lessons last year but are not continuing, **they must bring their instrument into Mrs Swallow.** Please ask them not leave it in the music

department. It is their responsibility to make sure it is returned as per the terms of the home school agreement.

Applying for Bus Pass via Birmingham City Council website

1. Register (if you have not already done so) an account via the Birmingham City Council website (https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50052/school_travel/888/apply_for_a_childs_travel_pass).



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Travel passes for 5 to 16 year olds

In some instances, Birmingham City Council is able to offer children travel passes to get to school.

To be eligible for a travel pass, a child must:

- live in Birmingham
- be between 5 and 16 years old ([unless they have learning difficulties or disabilities](#))
- attend one of the following:
 - State school (school maintained by the council)
 - Pupil referral unit
 - Non-maintained special school
 - Free school
 - Academy
- have to walk further than the distance (qualifying distance) shown in the table below when considering their shortest possible walking routes

Distance estimator

Age	Started at the school they're travelling to after 1 September 2013
Up to 8 years old	2 miles
Over 8 years old	3 miles

2. Register your account as below.

Birmingham City Council

Once registered you can track the progress of your cases and collaborate in real time.

Create an account

It only takes a few minutes. If you already have an account [Sign in](#)

Email

We're going to send an email to this address. You'll need to open it and click on the link to continue registration.

3. Sign in to your account.



Birmingham City Council

Once signed in you can track the progress of your cases and collaborate in real time.

Don't have an account? [Register](#), it takes less than a minute.

Email address

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[Problems signing in?](#)

4. Click on the link labelled 'Child's Bus Pass Application'.

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Exemptions

You will not be able to apply for a travel pass if:

- your child goes to a school more than the qualifying distance from your home because that's the school you want, even though your child could have gone to a school within that distance
- your child is attending a denominational (faith) school, unless [you are on a low income and qualify for additional support](#)
- you have not already accepted a place at a school

To apply for a child's travel pass, complete our online form.

[Child's bus pass application form](#) >

5. Sign in, and complete the necessary sections of the application form.

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This form can only be completed by signed in users

Please sign in or register.

[Sign in](#) [Register](#)

Keeping Safe Online

Dear Parents,

As part of our commitment to student safety, we encourage all parents to regularly check their child's mobile phone to monitor their use of social media. While technology offers many benefits, it also exposes students to risks like cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and online predators.

To help keep your child safe:

1. Set clear boundaries for phone use and online activity.

Establish guidelines on when and how much time your child can spend on their mobile devices. Encourage healthy habits like phone-free time during meals and removing devices from the bedroom at night. This will help minimise distractions and allow them to focus on academics and encourage healthy sleeping habits.

2. Review privacy settings on apps and social media platforms.

Make sure your child's social media accounts and apps have appropriate privacy settings, limiting who can see their posts and personal information. Talk to your child about being mindful of the details they share online, such as location, photos, and personal interests.

Talk openly with your child about their online interactions and encourage them to report anything unsettling. Create an open line of communication with your child about their online interactions. Let them know they can come to you if they encounter anything uncomfortable or troubling online, whether it's harmful content, bullying, or inappropriate messages. Regular conversations can help reinforce their understanding of online safety and create a space for them to feel supported.

3. Be mindful of online behaviour

Remind your child that their actions online have real-world consequences. Encourage them to be kind, respectful, and responsible when interacting with others on social media, and to report any negative behaviour they may encounter, whether as a victim or a witness.

By taking these steps, you can help ensure that your child enjoys the benefits of technology while staying safe and making responsible choices online.

Thank you for your continued support in making sure our students are safe, both in and out of the classroom.

Miss Harper

Careers: Medical and Dental Work Experience

Gaining valuable work experience is a must-have for medical and dental applications. Medic Mentor understands the challenges students face while finding the right placement. Luckily, medical and dental schools have accepted Virtual Work Experience as a valuable alternative to in-person shadowing, and can play a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements through structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals.

This Virtual Work Experience Programme is brought to you by Birmingham University Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic & Dental Mentor. It is free to participate in and open to any student across the UK aged 14 and above who has attended one of the FREE virtual Get Into Conferences!

Medic Mentor's next Get Into Medicine Conferences are:

- Sunday 21st September, 9am - 1:30pm
- Sunday 28th September, 9am - 1:30pm
- Saturday 4th October, 9am - 1:30pm

Register here: [Medicine Conference](#)

Medic Mentor's next Get Into Dentistry Conference is:

- Saturday 27th September, 9am - 1:30pm
- Saturday 18th October, 9am - 1:30pm

Register here: [Dentistry](#)

The Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conference is a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. Students gain essential insights into the medical/dental application process, connect with professionals and fellow students, and develop a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine or dentistry.

Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance, which can be used on their UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'.

Please ensure students have a functioning camera and microphone for the session. It's also important that students have a parent or guardian present at these conferences to gain insight and guidance to support them effectively.

Careers in STEM Virtual Event for your Students

Are you a Year 11, 12, or 13 student interested in a career in the STEM industry? Join Young Professionals for a virtual exclusive event with 6 of the world's leading STEM companies, designed to give you insights into the industry, work experience, and apprenticeship programmes. Young Professionals will be running workshops in breakout rooms, giving you the chance to network and build your professional network with leaders from across the industry.

Companies Attending:

- Spectris PLC
- National Grid
- NESO
- BDO
- Wates
- RAF

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about the industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual, as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

Please sign up for this incredible opportunity using the registration link below. After the event, you will receive a certificate that you can use on your CVs and any job applications. Don't miss this incredible opportunity.

Register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N8YWXVD>

Regards,

Mrs McNerney

Insight to UBS - Investment Banking Virtual Event for Students

Young Professionals are thrilled to invite students to an exclusive virtual event with one of the world's leading financial institutions—UBS. On **Tuesday, 30th September 2025**, from **5:00pm - 6:30pm**, join on Zoom for an insightful evening designed to give you a closer look into careers in Banking and Finance.

About UBS:

UBS is a global leader in wealth management, investment banking, and asset management, serving clients across more than 50 countries. With managed assets of US\$5.71 trillion and a revenue of US\$39.36 billion in 2023, UBS is a powerhouse in the financial sector, helping individuals, institutions, and corporations grow and protect their wealth.

Event Details:

Event Title: Insight to UBS - Banking & Finance

Date: Tuesday, 30th September 2025

Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Why Attend?

- **Explore UBS's Student Career Opportunities:** Discover the exciting range of roles available at UBS in areas like **Asset Management, Global Wealth Management, Investment Banking**, and more.
- **Exclusive Insights:** Learn what UBS looks for in future talent and how to stand out in your applications for **internships, apprenticeships**, and **graduate programs**.
- **Hear from Industry Experts:** Meet professionals from various UBS departments who will share their career journeys, insights into the finance industry, and advice on how to succeed in one of the world's most prestigious financial institutions.

This virtual event is a must-attend for any student eager to explore careers in Banking and Finance. You'll gain valuable insights that will boost your university applications, future job searches, and understanding of the finance industry. Don't miss this incredible opportunity!

Register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UBS-Insight>

Regards,

Mrs McNerney

Careers Adviser and CEIAG Coordinator