

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 24th March- Friday 28th March 2025

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 24th March 2025	Careers advisor in school Y12 Law trip to Law Courts Y10 French trip to Hillcrest to watch French Play School Iftar event 6pm-8pm
Tuesday 25th March 2025	KS4 School council meeting
Wednesday 26th March 2025	Y8 Parents evening
Thursday 27th March 2025	Careers advisor in school Y12 Talk - Politics (L3 and 4)
Friday 28th March 2025	HT question time (students)

This week

It has been an eventful and inspiring week filled with adventure and impressive student achievements!

Our Year 8 students took on the Boundless Outdoors challenge, taking on exciting activities including zip-lining, climbing walls, and archery. Through problem-solving challenges, they worked as teams to earn equipment for their final task, demonstrating excellent resilience, teamwork, and determination—especially when conquering fears of heights and caving in the dark!

Four Year 8 students also represented the school brilliantly at the Edgbaston Rotary Club, delivering a confident and engaging presentation about their experiences at the Pioneer Centre last year. Their enthusiasm and preparation left a lasting impression.

Additionally, Year 10 students enrolled in the Forward Thinking Programme successfully completed their school academic mentoring. They received fantastic feedback from their university mentors, highlighting their dedication and hard work throughout the programme.

Year 11 drama students kicked off the start to the exam season by completing the practical aspect of the course. They were all excited and had prepared well, demonstrating excellent teamwork and organisation skills and upholding the school values of showing resilience and being ready and respectful.

The sixth form students also had a week filled with enriching academic experiences. Year 12 and 13 students visited the University of Birmingham, where they attended a lecture on The Colonisation of the Bible, exploring how it was used during the colonial period. Year 13 history students had the exceptional opportunity to visit Oxford University and meet Professor Eugene Rogan at the Middle East Centre. They engaged in thought-provoking discussions on 20th-century Middle Eastern history and toured the award-winning building, making the most of this prestigious experience.

We are incredibly proud of all students involved in the various activities this week and thank the members of staff who helped to organise and run these events.

Thankyou

I just wanted to say a massive thankyou for your support and patience whilst I have been off school. I have now returned to school and was completely overwhelmed by the kindness shown by students yesterday afternoon and this morning. It is very easy to take it for granted how well behaved, respectful and welcoming our students are, but having been 'away' for a few weeks, you see that community with fresh eyes again and it makes me so proud to be part of the Lordswood family.

Many thanks again

Mrs Cooney

Celebrating success

As a school, we love sharing in the successes of our students. This is easy for activities undertaken in school, but we would also like to celebrate the successes that students have achieved out of school.

If you have any achievements that you would like to tell us about please can you complete the following form:

<https://forms.gle/oKLMYRuubyqzPuyt7>

Parentpay and KEVI LSG app

I just wanted to say a massive thankyou to all the parents that have already registered for their parentpay account (following the sudden withdrawal of services from sQuid). We are incredibly frustrated with the whole situation and are working with both ParentPay and Reachmoreparents (who provide our parent communication app) to try and make this process as simple as possible. Thankyou for your patience whilst we navigate this new system.

The situation with claiming money back from sQuid is sadly out of our control, but please do complete a claim if you had more than £10 in your account when it closed on Friday. It is very easy - log in to the KEVI LSG app, tap on the three lines at the bottom right hand side, click on finance, then sQuiz. In the catering purse there is a link that says 'request a balance refund for this purse'. sQuid have only given parents another 3 weeks to claim this money back and I really don't want you to lose this.

Please again accept our sincere apologies for this.

Job Vacancy

We are excited to announce an opportunity to join our team as a Lunchtime Supervisor! This is a great chance to become an integral part of our school community, supporting our students during their lunch time and helping to create a positive and safe environment. If you're passionate about working with young people and contributing to a vibrant school setting, we'd love to hear from you! Apply today.

Year 9 Parent View survey results - February 2025

Thank you to the parents/carers of year 9 who took the time to complete the parent view survey that was sent out after the parents' evening in February 2025, it's greatly appreciated. It really helps us to see what is working well and what areas we need to investigate and do more work on.

Based on the feedback that we received, these areas scored highly, with at least 70% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that : -

My Child is happy at KEVI LSG	82.6%
My child feels safe at KEVI LSG	89.1%
KEVI LSG makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	76.0%
KEVI LSG has high expectations for my child	82.6%
My child does well at KEVI LSG	82.6%
KEVI LSG lets me know how my child is doing	82.6%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at KEVI LSG	80.4%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at KEVI LSG	82.6%
KEVI LSG supports my child's wider personal development	73.9%

Areas that emerged from the feedback centred around the perceived behaviour of some students and not always getting useful information at parents evenings.

We can assure you that Lordswood addresses incidents of poor behaviour through a robust behaviour policy that emphasises clear rewards and sanctions to promote accountability and positive conduct. All incidents are thoroughly investigated, ensuring fairness and transparency, with mediation used to resolve conflicts, if appropriate. Parents are actively involved in the process and are invited into the school to help support improved behaviour and foster a constructive partnership between home and school.

To ensure that you get useful information at parents evening, we encourage all parents/carers to make appointments with the members of staff. If the class teacher is unavailable, the Lead Professional for the subject will be on hand to address any concerns.

This applies even in cases of long-term staff absence, ensuring consistent communication and support.

Additionally, curriculum plans are published on the school website, so parents/carers are reminded to regularly check the site to stay informed about their child's learning journey. The link to access this information can be found here
<https://lsg.kevibham.org/the-curriculum/>

Invitation to attend our Virtual Parent Update Meeting- Friday 4th April 2025 at 9:00am

We would like to invite you to our Parent Update meeting that will take place **virtually** on **Friday 4th April 2025 at 9:00am**.

Our Parent update meeting gives parents and carers the opportunity to submit a question or identify an area in relation to school life that they wish to receive an update on. During the meeting, we will endeavour to answer your question and provide any further updates on school development.

Please be aware that individual cases cannot be discussed in a public forum.

Please contact the school separately.

If you would like to attend, please click on the link below to complete the form so that we have details of your email address and any question(s) you would like an update on at this meeting by **Monday 24th March 2025**. Please note that only questions/areas submitted in advance will be included in the meeting due to time limitations.

[Please click here to submit your question/area](#)

As this event will be held virtually, the joining details will be emailed to you, using the email address provided when you confirmed attendance by completing the form.

You will also need to have access to a computer device with a video camera and speaker. Please be aware that the maximum number of people for this event is 20 and that this meeting is for parents/carers only.

We look forward to you joining us on Friday 4th April 2025.

Mrs L Finucane

AHT:Personal Development

Homework survey

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the learning experience for our students, we are reviewing our current homework guidance and would greatly appreciate your feedback. Your input is invaluable, so please take the time to complete the following survey:

<https://forms.gle/b5A7oVUJGCSxPN9j6>

The deadline for submission is Friday 4th April 2025.

Mrs Verma

Any other issues that were raised are currently being looked into and a member of staff will be in touch with the parent/carer to discuss these further.
Thank you once again for the feedback.

Year 10 French play at Hillcrest School on Monday 24th March

Dear parents/carer,
Just a polite reminder to fill in the consent form to allow your daughter to take part in the event.

Kind regards,
Ms Carriere

GCSE Revision Masterclass: Smart Strategies for Exam Success

GCSEPod are hosting a GCSE Revision Masterclass. **Smart Strategies for Exam Success** – a free, interactive session is designed to help revise more effectively and improve confidence ahead of exams.

It will be on Monday, 14th April 2025, 11:00am (45-minute session)

What will students gain?

- Practical revision strategies backed by science, including retrieval practice, interleaving, spaced practice, and the Pomodoro method.
- Interactive activities to help them apply these techniques immediately.
- Expert guidance on how to use GCSEPod to study more effectively.

Engaging, practical strategies which can be implemented straight away will be shared.

Students can sign up directly using the link below:

[Click here!](#)

This masterclass will be interactive and highly practical, helping students build revision habits that will support them in the weeks leading up to their exams. Whilst the masterclass is advertised for year 11, it will also be beneficial for year 10 students.

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: Getting to know you

The question prompt for this week is: If you could be any animal, what would you be?

Bring it on Brum - Easter activities

The Bring it on Brum! Easter holiday clubs will run from **Monday, 14 April to Friday 25 April** (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays), for young people aged **4-16** who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.



Bookings for Easter holiday clubs will open on **Monday, 24 March 2025** at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

Any queries concerning the distribution of the code and letter to parents of eligible children, should be directed to: SchoolCensus@birmingham.gov.uk

For all queries related to the Holiday Activities Programme please contact: Birminghamholidayactivities@streetgames.org

Advice on ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Tourette

[Neurodiversity Week](#)



**Neurodiversity
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March 17 - 23, 2025
www.neurodiversityweek.com





Come along and meet Wendy and Lisa from the Communication and Autism Team (CAT).

This is an opportunity for you to meet other parent carers with autistic children, or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

- **For parent carers of children / young people of all ages**
 - **Find out a bit more about autism**
 - **Ask questions**
- **Have some time to reflect and share ideas and experiences**

The session will be held at: St Joseph's Primary School POSTCODE TBA	Date and Time: Thursday 27th March 2025 9.30 - 11.30am
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(Please note there are no childcare facilities at the venue.)

Just turn up on the day - there is no need to book. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Bantock and Lisa Walmsley

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Communication and Autism Team (CAT) SPRING B 2025 - Parent carer Advice Sessions online

We would like to invite you to a one-to-one advice session alongside a CAT, to support parent carers of children with a diagnosis of autism or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

The sessions will take place online via Microsoft TEAM's and will last for 25 minutes.	Sessions are available on the following dates between 9am – 12pm 31 st March 2025 1 st April 2025 2 nd April 2025
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Due to limited places, the sessions will be offered to the first families to contact us.

To reserve a place please email: joanne.clifford@birmingham.gov.uk

*You will receive an email response to confirm your booking including the date and time of your session or to tell you that the sessions are full for this term.
(We will be delivering more sessions online next term for parent carers.)*

Please include in your email / booking that it is for the:

SPRING B 2025 – CAT Parent carer Advice Sessions online

- Your name – Parent carer
- Your Child's name
- Your Child's school
- Please include in your preferred email contact for the TEAM's invite to be sent to
- And a brief description of the things you would like to talk about in the session, so that the CAT can prepare and make sure the advice is relevant to your child.

Jo Clifford, Wendy Bantock, Dawn Fisher, Viv Walters, Lisa Walmsley and Julie Watchorn Brennan..