

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 2nd June- Friday 6th May 2025

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day Year 8 Exam Week
Wednesday 4th June 2025	Year 12 Curriculum Evening/Post 18 Prep Evening Year 12 Post 18 Prep Day
Thursday 5th June 2025	Careers advisor in school

Training day

Just a quick reminder that Monday 2nd June is a training day and students are not required to attend (unless they have GCSE or Alevel examinations).

School will open to all students at normal time on Tuesday 3rd June.

Year 11's - IMPORTANT

We hope that students enjoyed their celebration assembly today. Now that most students are now going to be studying at home I just wanted to remind you of a few things:

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- 1) If they have an exam on Monday 2nd June - it is vital that they still attend for this examination, even though the rest of the school have a training day. Sadly GCSE's are set nationally and therefore will still be going ahead.
 - 2) If Eid falls on Friday 6th June (as is expected), students must still attend for their examinations.
 - 3) Students must wear full correct uniform for all examinations.
 - 4) Student must arrive at least 15min prior to the start time of their examination. The examination boards can refuse to mark papers if students arrive after the published time.
 - 5) If you have asked for your child to still attend school after the half term, they must arrive, in full uniform at the normal time. Please ensure that they bring revision materials to use during their time in school.

Eid

If Eid falls on Friday 6th June (as expected), it is vital that parents notify us (via study bugs) if they are not attending school due to religious observance. We are unable to apply the R code unless the child is of the Islamic faith and parents notify us that this is the reason that their child is not in school. If we are not notified - then the absence will be registered as an unauthorised absence.

Unfortunately we can only apply the 'religious observance' code if Eid falls on a school day. If it falls on Saturday 7th June - we cannot authorise absences the day before.

Students not celebrating Eid are expected to attend school as normal.

Uniform

Please can parents be checking the uniform of students ready for the summer term.

- Skirts should be knee length (although we do allow 2cm above the knee in the summer term due to growth).
- Shoes should be black, leather (or leather look) - we are seeing some trainers starting to appear.
- We only allow one piercing in the ear lobe, these should be plain gold or silver studs (not hoops, diamonds or patterned). Please do not allow students to get other piercings over the half term break.
- We do not allow necklaces or bracelets unless they are a religious symbol.
- Students should bring their blazer to school with them every day, even if they are not wearing it.
- We do not allow fake lashes, mascara, nail varnish and nail extensions. The last few weeks we have seen a dramatic increase in students wearing makeup. Please support us in discouraging students from applying makeup in the morning before school.

It is always a pleasure when visitors comment on how smart and well presented students are and we thank you for your continued support.

Lunchcards

Nigel has noticed an increase in the number of students claiming not to have a lunch card. This massively hampers the speed at which students can be served at lunchtime. Over the holidays please can you check that your child still owns a lunchcard. If not please can you order one via parentpay so they can be set up ready for the summer term.

We will be doing checks during the first week back and students will be having their standards card signed if they don't have one.

Summer term

As the weather gets warmer, it is vital that students are coming to school with a water bottle. Our school building gets incredibly hot and it is important that they remain hydrated.

We do allow students to bring their own hand held fans (as long as they don't spray water) to help them remain cool in lessons.

We also encourage students to wear/bring suncream, a hat and sunglasses to protect them from the sun at break/lunchtimes.

Year 8 Parent View survey results

Thank you to the parents/carers of year 8 who took the time to complete the parent view survey that was sent out after the parents' evening in March 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, all areas scored highly, with at least 70% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that :-

My Child is happy at KEVI LSG	87.1%
My child feels safe at KEVI LSG	90.8%
KEVI LSG makes sure its pupils are well behaved	74.1%
KEVI LSG makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	83.4%
KEVI LSG has high expectations for my child	83.4%

My child does well at KEVI LSG	87.1%
KEVI LSG lets me know how my child is doing	79.6%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at KEVI LSG	88.9%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at KEVI LSG	90.7%
KEVI LSG supports my child's wider personal development	76.0%

Parents and carers expressed a desire for greater awareness of their child's learning, homework schedules, and the use of supply staff.

To support this, the school offers a well-structured curriculum, with a dedicated curriculum evening in the autumn term. Curriculum plans are also available online, and parents/carers are encouraged to check the site regularly for updates on their child's educational journey. The link to access this information can be found here [The Curriculum | King Edward VI Lordswood School](#)

Homework timetables are shared at the start of the year and remain accessible via the school website: [Homework | King Edward VI Lordswood School](#)

Inevitably situations can arise where members of staff are unwell or require extended absence. When this happens, the school prioritises the hiring of subject-specialist supply teachers. These staff members receive comprehensive support through internal training and regular check-ins via the 'on call' system to ensure continuity in learning. The school is fully staffed for September.

Any other issues that were raised are currently being looked into and a member of staff will be in touch with the parent/carers to discuss these further.

Thank you once again for the feedback.

Many thanks
Mrs Finucane
AHT:Personal Development

Year 10 Parent Survey - Your views required! - LAST CHANCE!

We would like to gather the views of Year 10 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 5:00 pm on Monday 2nd June 2025.

Many thanks
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Wider Personal Development Opportunities in May 2025

May has been an exciting month for personal development opportunities! Year 10 Religious Education students attended a master class in ethics and philosophy at Birmingham University, broadening their understanding of complex moral and philosophical ideas.

Meanwhile, Year 10 Geography students embarked on a field trip to Carding Mill Valley, gaining hands-on experience with real-world geographical concepts and fieldwork techniques.

These experiences provided valuable insight and helped students build critical thinking and practical skills beyond the classroom.

Many thanks
Mrs Finucane
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Activities outside of school

We would love to know what interests and activities students do out of school. This will help us to get to know students better and to ensure that we are offering activities that will interest and expand students' experiences.

Please complete a separate survey for each different activity e.g. if a student dances and attends army cadets please complete two separate surveys so we can record details of each activity.

Thank you to those of you who completed the survey last time.

If there are any new activities they child does outside of school that you haven't already told us about, please complete the form by clicking on the link below:-

[Please click here](#) to record the activities that your child does outside of school.

Many thanks
Mrs Finucane
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Year 12 Post 18 Prep Day - Wednesday 4th June

Year 12 students will be off timetable all day to take part in a series of workshops to support them with their post 18 applications. It is essential that all Y12s are in attendance on this day.

Year 12 Parent Curriculum Evening - Wednesday 4th June

Parent/carers of year 12 students are invited to attend a curriculum and post 18 information evening. During the information evening we will outline the post 18 programme and university application process and share key information about year 13. We will also offer advice and guidance on how best to support your child with their applications and their year 13 studies.

NEW Careers Bulletin

Students in Years 10 - 13 will be emailed the latest Careers Bulletin. To view a copy, please click below:

[Careers Bulletin 23rd May 2025](#)

St Germain's Wellbeing: Free Mental Health Support for Parents and Staff

Dear Parents,

We'd like to introduce **St Germain's Wellbeing**, a local mental health charity based in North Edgbaston. We offer free mental health support for adults (18+) across Birmingham, and we are reaching out to see if any parents or staff members may benefit from our services.

If you or someone you know is experiencing challenges such as low mood, anxiety, or anger, we are offering a **free course of 4-6 one-hour one-to-one support sessions**. These

sessions can be delivered face-to-face at our office (which is on the No. 11 bus route), by phone, or via video call—whichever is most convenient.

At present, our waiting list is very short, and we can see new clients within about a week. Referrals can be made easily via our website or by giving us a call.

For more information, please visit our website at **www.stgermainswellbeing.org.uk** or refer to the attached flyer for details on how to refer yourself or someone else. If you'd like to learn more, we would be happy to visit your school to have a chat and distribute further flyers.

We are here to support the wellbeing of everyone in our community!



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can help you!
Our **FREE** service offers 4-6
one-to-one support sessions
face to face or over the
phone for anyone 18+



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"I could
talk without feeling
judged. I learned
new useful
techniques to help
with my anxiety."



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Together, we thrive and add value to the world
BE READY  **BE RESPECTFUL**  **BE RESILIENT** 

GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Every school day counts



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Why is regular school attendance and good punctuality so important for my child?

Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a child is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Good punctuality is important. For example, if a child arrives 15 minutes late at school each day, they lose almost 2 weeks of education over the year. Good punctuality also helps your child get into good habits for when they enter the world of work.

Lateness can cause your child embarrassment and, in some circumstances, can count as unauthorised absence.



How can I help my child enjoy school and attend regularly?

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child!

You should:

- ensure they have an appropriate bedtime routine
- create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually and are properly equipped;
- avoid absence from school wherever possible – try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours
- make time to encourage and show interest in school work, friendships etc.
- attend school open evenings and functions
- Create a calm space for them to do homework, check they understand the homework and that it has been completed.
- share any education concerns your child or you may have with the school staff as soon as possible
- set realistic boundaries