

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 31st March- Friday 4th April 2025

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 31st March 2025	Careers Advisor in School Year 12 Law trip to Law Courts
Tuesday 1st April 2025	KS5 School council meeting
Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Values day: Respectful relationships
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Year 12 Geography field trip - Stratford upon avon Careers advisor in school Football fundraiser - lunchtime in sports hall
Friday 4th April 2025	Y11 Mock results day
Saturday 5th April 2025	Ski Trip

This week...

To begin the week, we hosted an Iftar party for the first time to celebrate Ramadan with staff and students to break fast. This was a successful event hosted by the RE department. We had a busy week participating in various trips such as the Language theatre trip for year

10 students, sixth formers attending the Law Courts with Mr Wells and a few sixth formers went to University of Birmingham for a Biology lecture.

With the weather picking up, it was lovely to see the students enjoying the sunshine, during break and lunch. We had a positive experience watching students perform gymnastics in front of their peers and a big shout out to Gaia.

To conclude Ramadan, we would like to wish you a Happy Eid.

Ms McLoughlin

So proud

Last year, based on feedback from student surveys, we committed to organising more school activities to help students to feel part of our school community. Since then, we have organised various activities including the Christmas fair, slime the teacher, the masked teacher, the Santa Dash, several staff vs. student competitions, charity week, halloween disco, Christmas concert, plus lots more.

On Monday we held the schools first ever community Iftar and I cannot express how proud I felt watching students and staff of all religions sharing in such an important ritual for our Muslim community.

KEVI LSG has always been a special place due to its diverse community and how respectful the students are to each other, but on Monday I felt truly privileged to witness our school community at its best. The generosity I witnessed made me a little emotional - some students came with spare traditional clothing to share with their friends, some guided students who were experiencing their first Iftar, others brought additional food that they shared with everyone, students were kind and respectful throughout the whole event, even at the end - several students stayed and helped to tidy up so staff could get home to their families.

Thank you to Mrs Arif (and her husband) for inspiring such a lovely event, and to all the other staff who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

Mrs Cooney

Values Day: Respectful Relationships

Next Wednesday 2nd April is our 3rd Values Day of the year with the focus on Respectful Relationships; the day will provide us with an opportunity to further explore and reinforce our school value of Respect.

Relationships play a huge role in our lives, whether it's family relationships, friendships, romantic relationships or work relationships. Relationships can provide us with a sense of purpose, support, confidence and self-esteem, as well as protect our mental health lowering the feelings of anxiety and stress.

The day is designed to raise self-awareness, equip students with knowledge and confidence as well as empower them to make healthy choices and look after themselves. We are looking forward to welcoming our speakers, some face-to-face, some via google classroom:

- Jennifer Pearson - QPM Detective Superintendent, Major Crime, West Midlands Police.
- Paula Shortland - Safer Travel Policing Team, West Midlands Police
- Abena Akuffo-Kelly - Mayor of Folkestone and former Chair of Folkestone and Hythe District Council, teacher, union activist, mentor and coach
- Libby Flenley - Founder & Educational Lead The SLL project

Please do get in touch if you require further information.

Kind regards,

Dr. Maria O'Neill Lead Professional in PSHCE| Careers (CEIAG) Lead

Values Day Wednesday 2nd April for Sixth Form Students

For students in years 12 and 13 the Values Day will be an subject day.

Students studying the following subjects will be required in school:

Year 12

A Level Chemistry

Health and Social Care Extended Certificate

A Level Religious Studies

A Level Law

Year 13

A Level Business Studies

Business Extended Certificate

A Level Chemistry

A Level English Lit

A Level History

A Level Media Studies

A Level Politics

A Level Physics

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T Level Education and Childcare

If your child does not study any of the above subjects they will be required to study from home.

Wider Personal Development Opportunities in March 2025

Here's the monthly round up of what our students have been getting up to in March. They have had a chance to experience a range of exciting personal development opportunities that have enriched their learning beyond the classroom.

The year 7 STEM Day inspired a passion for science and innovation, while the Pioneer Trip allowed year 7 and 8 students to explore new horizons and develop their social skills.

Year 8 students embarked on an adventurous outdoor trip to Boundless adventure centre, developing teamwork and resilience in a beautiful natural setting.

Year 9 and 10 students visited France and this provided immersive language practice and cultural experiences.

Some year 9 students also participated in the Forward Thinking event at the University of Birmingham, gaining insights into future career pathways and seeing what it's like to be a university student.

Year 10 had the chance to engage with the arts, attending a Macbeth theatre performance and a French play at Hillcrest School, deepening their cultural understanding.

Year 12 Sociology students enhanced their understanding of global issues by attending the Model UN KEVI event and listening to Professor Andrews' talk on ethnicity and education. Year 12 Law students visited the Birmingham Law Courts, offering a first-hand look at the legal system in action, while Year 12 RE students attended an ethics and religion masterclass at the University of Birmingham.

Year 13 history students had the privilege of attending a lecture on Middle Eastern history at the University of Oxford, expanding their historical knowledge in a prestigious academic setting.

These events allowed students to develop valuable skills, broaden their horizons, and deepen their understanding in a wide array of subjects.

Year 8 Parent Survey - Your views required! - REMINDER

We would like to gather the views of **Year 8 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 7th April 2025**

Generation Juice

On 7th April our school catering Provider, Alliance in Partnership, will be launching a range of exciting new drinks which will greatly reduce our use of plastic and promote the use of reusable bottles at school.



Currently we offer a 330ml drink for 90 pence and a 500ml drink for £1.25.

As of 7th April our students will be able to purchase a 250ml drink for 60 pence or 500ml for £1.10 which is a saving.

Students will be able to choose from a range of flavours or a flavour combination.

At break time on 7th April students will be able to try free samples.

From 7th April 2025 for a limited time until 1st May 2025 there will be an introductory offer as follows:

2 tokens & a 600ml reusable bottle for £2.00

Tokens can be purchased at the till points.

Taste and value for money as well as reducing our carbon footprint.



Plastic Waste Reduction at the King Edward VI Lordswood School For Girls

On April 7th we will be launching a range of exciting new drinks which will greatly reduce our use of plastic and encourage the use of reusable bottles at school.

Schools of a similar size to King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls throw away around 53,000 plastic bottles and cans each year! In terms of harmful CO₂ generated, that's the volume of two Olympic sized swimming pools each month. Many bottles still do not get recycled, and even those that **do** get recycled are creating more harmful CO₂ into our environment at each recycling process.

The generationJuice Drinks Hubs are being introduced, which will allow students and staff to purchase a variety of drinks dispensed into their own reusable drink bottles.

These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then dispensed into the drinks bottle and are school compliant, vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural ingredients.

Students and staff will help themselves, using the modern touch screen, to any of the 6 different drinks. These include water flavour-fusions such as Raspberry Peach, Strawberry and Watermelon together with the popular Tropical, Powerberry and Cherry juice drinks. All drinks are fast-pour and deliciously chilled. Even better news is that the drinks will cost only **60p for a 250ml portion and £1.10 for 500ml**.

From April 7th students and staff will need to remember to bring a reusable bottle to school, so that we can all cut this plastic use and waste, offer better value and enjoy great hydration with the delicious new chilled drinks.

At schools already serving generationJuice Student feedback regarding drink variety, fast delivery, taste and value has been really positive and they fully support the way we can all reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment, one drink at a time.



www.generationjuice.co.uk

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: Building connections

The question prompt for this week is: How do you try to be nice to other people?

Birmingham City council: Travel Assistance Applications 2025

Birmingham City council have asked us to share the following information regarding educational transport which a small selection of students might be entitled to:

Deadline: 31st May 2025.

When you apply, you are requesting travel assistance—not guaranteed transportation on a vehicle.

Travel assistance can include:

- A Bus Pass/ Train Pass: For public transportation. This may be offered for both parent and child.
- ITT: Independent travel training.
- Shared Transport: A space in a shared vehicle with other students.
- Personal Transport Budget: A budget for parents/carers to arrange their child's transport.

Who Needs to Apply?

1. New Applications – First-time applicants for travel assistance.
2. Year 6 to Year 7 Transitions – For children starting secondary school. Only applicable for those children changing educational establishment or location.
3. Post-16 Transitions – For students moving into Year 12 (current Year 11).
4. Post-19 Education – For students advancing in education beyond 19.
5. Any young people awarded a spare seat in 2024 -need to reapply.
6. Change of circumstances e.g. change of address, school

[Apply for Travel Assistance](#)