

# Parent Bulletin



KING EDWARD VI  
LORDSWOOD  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

**Monday 13th October - Friday 17th October 2025**

**Week A**

Lordswood School for Girls

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## Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 13th October 2025	Y12 Geography field trip - Stratford Upon Avon
Tuesday 14th October 2025	KS5 School Council meeting Y11 MADE workshop
Wednesday 15th October 2025	Values day 1 - Ready for work Y12 MADE workshop Y9 Forward thinking taster session (all day)
Thursday 16th October 2025	Sixth form social event - Bowling
Friday 17th October 2025	Flu vaccinations (all years) Non-uniform day - wear it read

## Thankyou

I just want to apologise and say a massive thankyou for your support with the emergency closure of the school this afternoon. It is always a last resort to close a school, especially in the middle of the school day, but with no electricity it was not safe to remain open as many essential safeguarding procedures were not able to function e.g. registers, phones, doors, gates. The kitchen was also unable to prepare any food.

As always the students were amazing - they were calm, caring and very sensible. Please pass on my thanks to them. A student even took the time to check that myself and other staff were ok before they left - it is small gestures like this, that demonstrate what a lovely family we have here at Lordswood. I am honestly so proud of them all.

The national grid has identified that the issue was a fault with a critical cable that supplies electricity to the school. They are currently in the process of replacing it and have assured me that electricity should be restored by 12pm tonight. School will therefore be open on Monday.

Thankyou again for your continued support

Mrs Cooney

## This week...

With the exception of this afternoon, it has been a busy and buzzing week, and it has been lovely to see such a positive and lively atmosphere across the corridors and classrooms.

We started the week with an inspiring assembly led by Miss Rahim, who spoke to our sixth formers about *Power* as part of our Black History Month focus. Her thoughtful message encouraged reflection and discussion among students and staff alike.

Ms Price accompanied our Year 11 and 13 students on a visit to the University of Worcester for an inspiring Geography Taster Day. Students enjoyed a fantastic visit to the University of Worcester for a Geography Taster Day. They took part in engaging sessions exploring careers in geography, joined a virtual field trip to Dorset to investigate coastal cliff collapse, and another to Ethiopia to study sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa.

The day offered valuable insight into studying geography at university level, and students thoroughly enjoyed experiencing life on campus and making use of the university's excellent facilities.

It has been wonderful to see our students learning, exploring, and making the most of every opportunity, a truly vibrant week all round!

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Ms Carreire

## **Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books**

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

### **What this means for you:**

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

## **Parents' Evening Consultation results**

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to respond to our July survey regarding the format of parents' evening.

The results showed a clear preference from both staff and families for online meetings, citing benefits such as greater convenience, improved confidentiality, efficient time management, and the flexibility to join from anywhere with an internet connection.

However, a closer look at the responses revealed that parents of students in Years 11 and 10 expressed a stronger preference for face-to-face meetings. As a result, we will be

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trialling in-person parents' evenings for these year groups in January and May 2026 respectively.

We will continue to review the format of parents' evenings annually to ensure it best meets the needs of our school community.

Thank you once again for your valuable feedback and ongoing support.

## **Year 7 Curriculum Evening - Wednesday 8th October**

We hope that parents and carers of Year 7 pupils found the Curriculum Evening useful. The PowerPoint from the evening can be found on the school website, under Pastoral Care, Year 7.

Mrs Adamson

### **WEAR RED DAY - Show Racism the red card**

### **- Non-uniform day - Friday 17th October 2025**



On Friday 17th October 2025, it's 'WEAR Red' day. At Lordswood we take anti-racism very seriously, promoting equality, diversity and inclusion throughout our whole school community and that is why we are supporting this worthy cause.

To show your support, we would like to invite all students to wear non-uniform, including something red, in return for a donation of £1.

To make your donation of £1, you will use the link set up on the KEVI LSG app

The ability to make a donation via the app will be open from **Monday 13th October at 8:00am and will close on Tuesday 21st October at midnight.**

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-

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uniform day dress code' to check what is allowed and what isn't. This can also be found on the 'School Uniform' page on the school website.

*Please also be aware that nail varnish is allowed but nail extensions are not.*

## **NON-UNIFORM DAY - KS3/KS4 (detailed)**

<b>NON-UNIFORM DAYS DRESS CODE</b>	<p>On occasions when students are permitted to wear their own clothes (charity fund raisers, school trips and visits), it is important that students dress appropriately as the school is still a working environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hats should be removed inside the school building.</li><li>• Slash jeans should not be worn.</li><li>• Skirts, shorts and dresses should be at least mid-thigh length</li><li>• Usual school rules still apply to hair colouring.</li></ul> <p>The following clothing is not allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• see-through clothing (e.g. see through blouses),</li><li>• strapless or spaghetti strapped tops,</li><li>• clothing that reveals the midriff,</li><li>• clothing with inappropriate logos or slogans, this includes clothing that could be considered political or partisan.</li><li>• flip flops, high heels or backless footwear.</li><li>• Large hooped earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons.</li><li>• Nail extensions/false nails are not permitted for health and safety reasons.</li></ul> <p>Moderate makeup and nail varnish is permitted on a 'non-uniform' day but should be removed before the following school day.</p>
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*Please also be aware that you cannot wear 'crocs' footwear*

For more information visit <https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day/>

Thank you for your support

Mrs Finucane

AHT: Personal Development

## **Year 7 Arts Ambassadors 2025-6**

Amyla C 7W

Gracie M 7L

Alma A 7R

Georgie E 7G

Vina K 7S

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Congratulations to the newly appointed Arts Ambassadors who will represent the arts in school. Well done to everyone who expressed their interest. It was a very difficult decision. If you were not successful at this stage, do not worry as there will be other events you can get involved with throughout the year with organising fundraising and school production.

## **Drama club Tuesday 21st October 3.00-4.30pm**

Drama club will be cancelled on this night due to the Halloween Disco taking place in the school hall. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## **Y11/Y13 Mock Examination Timetables**

Here are some quick reminders that we would appreciate you sharing with your child:

- **Be ready by being equipped** - Make sure that you come to the examinations with all the equipment that you require for it. There is limited equipment to be lent out, especially with calculators it may not be the brand or model you are used to using.
- **Be ready to start** - Make sure that you are arriving ten minutes before the stated start time so that you are sat down and ready to start the exam punctually.
- **Be respectfully silent** - Make sure that you are silent from the point that you enter the examination hall until you have left the sixth form block after your examination. Don't show disrespect to those students that are still doing their examination.
- **Be respectful to your environment by sitting in the correct seat** - Make sure that you are sat in the correct seat, you can check on the seating plans outside the room or on the individual timetables that you have been given.
- **Be resilient by trying your best** - Your best is the most you can say you have given. Leave every exam being able to say to yourself (I tried my hardest in that exam and I gave it my all).

Students will be given their individual timetables on Friday 10th October 2025.

[Mock Timetables](#)

## **Diwali**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Diwali approaches later this month, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all those who are celebrating. Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most important festivals in both

Hindu and Sikh traditions. Though its meaning and stories vary across religions and regions, it is universally seen as a celebration of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Regardless of ones background, Diwali embodies universal values such as hope, compassion, resilience, and the power of light to transform darkness—values that resonate with us all.

As part of the celebrations, food plays a central role in the festival. On the fourth day of Diwali, which coincides with the Hindu New Year, people bring sweet foods to friends and family to signify good wishes for the coming year. Therefore, to mark this important celebration, the Religious Education department would like to invite all teachers and students to taste and purchase some traditional Indian savoury and sweet snacks after school in the anti-hall on Thursday 23 rd October at 3pm.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Arif Khan (Teacher of Religious Education)



# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025  
5 - 7 PM



The Sixth Form at King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls is a co-educational facility for 16-19 year olds.

We are very proud of our sixth form, not just because of the excellent results that students achieve, but also because of the community that exists within the sixth form.



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# Half term Law Virtual Work Experience with Young Professionals

## Tuesday, 28th October from 9:00am - 4:15pm

*Improving the legal career prospects of University & School / Sixth Form Students*

If you're an aspiring solicitor/ barrister/legal professional, there's one event that you absolutely cannot miss this year—the Browne Jacobson Law Virtual Work Experience on Tuesday, 28th October, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Why is this THE *must-attend* lawcareers event of the year?

It's simple: your career prospects will increase with attendance. This event is packed with unrivalled legal insights, an incredible lineup of exclusive speakers, and hands-on career advice from the most prestigious legal figures in the UK. Whether you're planning to work in private practice, join an in-house legal team, or carve your path as a barrister, this event covers everything you need to secure the career of your dreams.

In addition, you will be the first to hear about the brand-new Barrister Apprenticeship programme. Browne Jacobson will be one of the first UK law firms to offer this route, and they will launch their applications at the event!

Star-Studded Line-Up:

Young Professionals are thrilled to announce their keynote speaker, Ellie Reeves (Rachel Reeves' younger sister, the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer), a British barrister and politician who has served as Solicitor General for England and Wales since September 2025. Eleanor was also the chair of the Labour Party and has held many other high-profile positions within the political and legal landscape.

Other Speaker Line-up

- Jonathan Tardif, Head of Commercial Disputes at Browne Jacobson – an unparalleled opportunity to hear directly from one of the UK's best litigators (and how to 'win' when on a huge case)
- Barbara Mills KC, Chair of The Bar Council and Deputy High Court Judge – hear from one of the leading barristers in the UK who specialises in high conflict cases featuring allegations of severe abuse

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- Mark Evans, the brand new President of the Law Society of England & Wales, and widely recognised as one of the most influential legal figures in UK law
- Nirmal Shant KC HHJ, a Specialist in criminal and fraud cases, has worked with some of the most dangerous criminals in the UK. One of the most influential South Asian women in law and an incredibly successful High Court Judge
- Dr Sally Penni MBE, Criminal and Employment Law specialist, published author, and diversity advocate for women in the legal profession
- Caroline Green (Senior Partner, Browne Jacobson) A rare opportunity to hear from the leader of a UK Top 50 law firm and commercial solicitor who has advised the likes of Louis Vuitton, and many other leading luxury brands for almost 40 years.

Plus, you'll gain insights from a panel of SQE trainees on how to successfully tackle the Solicitors Qualifying Examination, hear from an ex-Google DeepMind lawyer on how to navigate a legal career as a neurodivergent individual, and build a personal brand that will help you stand out.

#### What Makes This Event Different?

No other event offers such a live, comprehensive, real-world look into EVERY area of the legal profession, led by top-tier professionals.

From in-house legal advice to barristers' insights and a special personal branding session, you'll gain practical knowledge, understand what legal employers are looking for, and most importantly, it'll help you create an application which stands out in some of the UK's most competitive recruitment processes.

#### Why Attend?

This event is your direct access to the brightest minds and most successful people in law and a chance to gain actionable advice on navigating your legal career. Whether you're aiming for a law firm, chambers, or an in-house role, the Browne Jacobson FAIRE Virtual Insight Event is designed to help you get there faster, smarter, and with confidence.

Can you really afford to miss this? Reserve your spot today and make this the career-defining moment of your journey into law!

Register now to secure your spot:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrowneJacobson-VWEX-2025>

All students who complete the work experience will also get a certificate of completion that can be used on LinkedIn profiles, CV's, or any job applications in the future.

We look forward to welcoming you on the day!

Dan - Young Professionals

Founder and CEO

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## **FREE Online Medicine and Dentistry Conferences with Medic Mentor**

If you think there are more students at your school interested in exploring medicine or dentistry as a career, and have not yet had the chance to enrol in the free virtual LIVE Get into conferences yet, please kindly remind them of the details by forwarding the following info to your students and colleagues:

### **Medic Mentor's Get Into Medicine Conferences are:**

- Saturday 25th October, 9am - 1:30pm
- Sunday 26th October, 9am - 1:30pm

Register here:

[https://medicmentor.org/get-into\\_medicine\\_conference\\_signup/?utm\\_source=Sendgrid&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=07%2F10+Teacher+GMI%2FGID+Numbers](https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=07%2F10+Teacher+GMI%2FGID+Numbers)

### **Medic Mentor's next Get Into Dentistry Conference is:**

- Saturday 18th October, 9am - 1:30pm
- Sunday 9th November from 9:30am - 1:30pm

Register here:

[https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/?utm\\_source=Sendgrid&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=07%2F10+Teacher+GMI%2FGID+Numbers](https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=07%2F10+Teacher+GMI%2FGID+Numbers)

All aspiring doctors and dentists in years 10-13 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

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- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Applying for scholarships

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

Students must have a functioning camera and microphone for the session. Having a parent or guardian (aged 21 or older) present at these conferences is essential for providing valuable insight and guidance, ensuring students are well-supported on their journey toward medical or dental school.

Any questions please contact Medic Mentor directly: [education@medicmentorfamily.org](mailto:education@medicmentorfamily.org).

## **Explore Careers in Creative Industries with InvestIN**

InvestIN are running weekend programmes this November for students aged 15–18, taking place at UCL in London or Live Online. These programmes give you the chance to explore different career paths within creative industries, gain hands-on experience in a range of mediums and learn from experienced professionals.

Available creative programmes:

- [Media](#)
- [Art & Design](#)
- [TV & Filmmaking](#)

They have also published a [new blog post](#) all about the wide range of careers available in the creative industries. It's an excellent resource if you want to learn how your creative skills could be applied to future career paths.



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- Gain hands-on experience in a range of mediums
- Start building a stand-out portfolio of work to boost applications to competitive universities & colleges

Find out how to begin your creative career in our latest blog post

[View programmes](#)

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## Football Club

We are recruiting students for our Football and Education programme starting September 2026.

We have an open evening on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at our Community Hub, 6 – 8 pm and Football Assessments at our Wast Hills Training ground on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2 – 4pm.

If any students would be interested please ask them to email:

[footballeducation@bcfc.com](mailto:footballeducation@bcfc.com)

Please see attached poster/leaflet with further information.

If you have any career fairs that you would like us to attend; please contact:

[Richard.steebles@bcfc.com](mailto:Richard.steebles@bcfc.com)

Regards

Richard Steeble

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# FOOTBALL EDUCATION

## PROGRAMME

### FOOTBALL PROVISION INCLUDES:

- Training three times per week, with weekly competitive matches
- Be coached by UEFA 'A' and 'B' Licence coaches
- Train at The Knighthead Training and Academy Grounds
- Pre-season residential training camp
- Coaching qualifications
- End of season oversea strip/tournament – previous trips to Spain and Germany

### EDUCATION PROVISION INCLUDES:

- Level 3 BTEC Diploma/Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development
- GCSE Maths and English re-sits
- FA Coaching qualifications
- Bursary available towards costs for those that meet required criteria

### WORK EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT:

- First Team matchdays activation opportunities
- Coaching Experience with Junior Blues
- Future employment opportunities at the end of the course

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