

Parent Bulletin



KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

**Monday 3rd November - Friday 7th November
2025**

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 3rd November 2025	Year 11 Mock Exams Year 13 Mock Exams
Tuesday 4th November 2025	KS3 School Council Meeting Year 11 Mock Exams Year 13 Mock Exams Language Ambassadors Meeting - Lunchtime
Wednesday 5th November 2025	Year 11 Mock Exams Year 13 Mock Exams Year 10 GCSE PE - Blackwell Court Rock Climbing Careers Ambassadors Meeting - Lunchtime
Thursday 6th November 2025	Year 11 Mock Exams

	Year 13 Mock Exams Year 10 GCSE PE - Blackwell Court Rock Climbing
Friday 7th November 2025	Year 11 Mock Exams Year 13 Mock Exams Year 7 & Year 10 Reading Buddies (Registration)

Half term

It's been a long (and sometimes challenging) half term, but as always the Lordwood community has worked together to ensure that the students have the best learning experience possible.

Thankyou, to you, our ever supportive parents. Thankyou for your understanding with the IT issues and power outage experienced earlier this term. The new internet line has now been fitted and will be configured over the next few days - hopefully this will resolve all the remaining issues. Thankyou to all the very generous parents who have donated pre-loved school uniform - this really helps those students who require emergency uniform during the school day or require some financial support in purchasing uniform.

There have been too many great activities this half term to mention each one individually, but some of the highlights include trips, the 'Ready for the future' (careers) values day, the Halloween party, school photos, curriculum evenings, mock interviews, MADE workshops, charity events... and many more. The students are an absolute credit to you in how they represent the school at these events - visitors are always so complementary about the behaviour and manners demonstrated by our students.

Finally thankyou to all the teachers and support staff who go above and beyond every day to organise these activities.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing all the students back at normal time on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Cooney

Year 7 Parent Survey - Your views required! - REMINDER

We would like to gather the views of **Year 7 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 3:00 pm on Monday 3rd November 2025**.

Many thanks
Mrs Finucane
AHT:Personal Development

Attendance - Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

The school closed on the afternoon of Friday 10th October, due to a power cut. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. As this was an unavoidable closure, your child's attendance percentage will not be affected.

Thank you for your queries about this and your dedication to your child's education.

Year 11 Post 16 Preparation Evening - Wednesday 22nd October

We hope that parents and carers of Year 11 pupils found the Post 16 Preparation Evening useful.

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The PowerPoint from the evening can be found on the school website, under Pastoral Care, Year 11.

Thank you,

Mrs Adamson

Instrumental lessons

Good news - We have appointed a piano teacher and we are hopeful that they will start the first week back after half term.

There are a few spaces for Year 7 and 8 students to have paired lessons in either Violin, Clarinet, Flute or Trumpet. Please express any interest to Mrs Swallow. These lessons could start after half term.

London Drama/theatre trip

Just a reminder about the upcoming payment dates for the London drama trip on 5th and 6th February 2025.

£100 due by 27th October

£125 due by 16th November

Thanks

Mrs Swallow

Fundraiser - Children in need

On Friday 14th November, Lordswood will be holding a fundraising day in aid of the 'Children in need' campaign.

The theme for the day is 'Challenge yourself'. The focus is providing vital support for children and young people struggling with challenges caused by mental health, poverty, social inequality and family-related issues.



Therefore on Friday 14th November, we would like to invite all students to wear non-uniform in return for a donation of £1.

Donations can be made via the **KEVI LSG app** using **Parent pay**.

The ability to make a donation via the app will be open from Monday 10th November at 8:00am and will close on Tuesday 18th November 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-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.

Please also be aware that 'crocs' footwear cannot be worn.

NON-UNIFORM DAY - KS3/KS4 (detailed)

NON-UNIFORM DAYS DRESS CODE	<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">• Hats should be removed inside the school building.• Slash jeans should not be worn.• Skirts, shorts and dresses should be at least mid-thigh length• Usual school rules still apply to hair colouring. <p>The following clothing is not allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• see-through clothing (e.g. see through blouses),• strapless or spaghetti strapped tops,• clothing that reveals the midriff,• clothing with inappropriate logos or slogans, this includes clothing that could be considered political or partisan.• flip flops, high heels or backless footwear.• Large hooped earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons.• Nail extensions/false nails are not permitted for health and safety reasons. <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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For more information, visit <https://www.bbccchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Thank you for your support
Mrs Finucane
AHT: Personal Development

Christmas Fête – Thursday 4th December

Back by popular demand, our **Christmas Fête** is coming back this year on **Thursday 4th December**, and we can't wait to celebrate the festive season with you all!

This year, we'll be raising funds to purchase **musical instruments for enrichment activities**, so we're hoping to make it our most successful fête yet.

We would be incredibly grateful for **donations** of:

-  Chocolate (for our popular Chocolate Tombola)
-  Books
-  Soft toys
-  Games and puzzles
-  Re-gifted items such as cosmetic sets, toys, or anything else that could help – every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

Donations can be brought **after half term**, where our elves will safely store them until the big day.

We would also love to invite **parents and carers to run their own table** for just £10. You can sell home-made gifts or small business items. Last year's tables featured beautiful decorations, sweet cones, and bath sets – it was a wonderful way to share your creations and join in the festive fun!

Back by popular demand, our **Santa's Grotto** will be returning! Students (and younger siblings) can:

-  Take a photo with Father Christmas
-  Receive a special gift from our elves
-  Write a letter to Father Christmas and post it to the North Pole

It promises to be an incredible afternoon where all students can enjoy the festive spirit, and we would love to see the whole family there.

Thank you for helping us make this year's Christmas Fête a magical and successful event!

Mrs Clarke

Events, Media & Pastoral Support Coordinator

A message from West Midlands Police

Please click the link below to read the letter for parents and carers about robbery, antisocial behaviour, and personal safety for young people.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jLs2LbUyPmrAyDfeTd6wsLe77A-DToaq/view?usp=sharing>

Measles (MMR) and Winter Immunisations Reminder

Please see the letter below from the vaccinations team:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kddlj4Zq7P0UiMLogKOi8nFHakfiVVQx/view?usp=sharing>

Wates STEM Virtual Work Experience over Half Term

Are you ready to launch your career with one of the UK's leading property development and construction companies? Wates, a £2 billion industry leader, is offering opportunities across the UK, providing ambitious students like you with the chance to gain real-world experience and build a successful career.

Explore Exciting STEM Opportunities Across the UK

Wates offers a wide range of opportunities in:

- Engineering & Technical Roles: Building Services Engineering, Surveying, Construction Support Technician
- Skilled Trades: Carpentry, Joinery, Plumbing, Electrical Installation, Groundwork, Plastering, Maintenance
- Business & Professional Services: Customer Service, Business Administration, Accounting

These are available nationwide, including key locations such as London, Cambridge, Crawley, Leeds, Manchester, Milton Keynes, and Redditch.

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About Wates

Wates is a family-owned construction powerhouse with over 4,500 employees working on complex projects in education, healthcare, residential, commercial, and emergency services. Their apprenticeships offer hands-on experience while working on industry-leading projects and provide a clear pathway for career growth.

Event Details:

- Date: Thursday, 30th October
- Time: 10am - 12:30pm
- Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Why Attend?

- Gain insider insights into careers and apprenticeships at Wates
- Discover the range of roles available and find your perfect career path
- Hear from industry experts and current apprentices about their experiences
- Take part in STEM workshops to develop your skills and understanding of the sector
- Learn how to stand out in your corporate applications

Don't miss this chance to learn from industry leaders and explore how Wates can help you build a rewarding career in construction, engineering, and business.

Register here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Wates_Event

Tech Career Opportunity from Tech Mentor Sunday, 9th November 9 am - 4 pm

Parents/Carers and Students, please note there is a cost attached to this opportunity:

Created to inspire the next generation of tech leaders, this hackathon offers students a hands-on opportunity to build their own apps and tackle real-world challenges. This competition supports the government's initiative to up-skill young people in technology,

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providing a career-relevant experience and a chance for your school to shine on a national stage. The winning team will also secure a spot in the national finals!

Find out more here: <https://techmentor.org.uk/national-hackathon-competition>

This event offers students the unique opportunity to cultivate essential IT skills, explore diverse career paths in technology, and collaboratively build an app based on an undisclosed challenge using no-code platforms like Lovable. With each session featuring a new and engaging real-world theme, we strongly encourage new and past participants to join and tackle these challenges!

- No coding experience needed - just enthusiasm, creativity and access to a computer. You will develop technical skills through experiential learning on the day, using no-code app building platforms. Our experienced tech teams will explain how to use these at the start of the day.

- **Open to students aged 14 - 18**
- **Fully online (Zoom) 10am - 4pm UKGMT**
- Team-based format
- You will learn how to create apps for various real-world applications, from health to education, and much more!
- Learn about different careers in tech on the day
- Develop your teamwork and interpersonal skills
- You will gain a certificate of participation and a chance to go through to the finals!
- **£15 registration per student (this helps us cover the cost of the platforms and administration for hosting the competition)**
- Pre-event video briefing provided

Unifrog Opportunities for Students and Parents

All students have a Unifrog account and have shared all opportunities below. Many thanks, Mrs McInerney

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Application masterclasses

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Find out how to apply and what the next steps are when considering the world of work and apprenticeships. Including hints and tips and support for students and parents in preparing for the big change! Get practical tips from the experts on perfecting CVs, acing your interviews, and how to find out which apprenticeships are the ones for you.

You're signed up to: **0 of 5 events in this series**. Missed one? Check out [10 recordings on the Past Virtual Events page](#)



Top tips for writing the perfect written application

For students



Top tips for acing an interview

For students



Applying to apprenticeships: the dos and don'ts

For students

Further Opportunities from universities and employers

Edge Hill University: contextual offers

Edge Hill is proud to offer Fair Entry Criteria to support students from underrepresented backgrounds. This contextual admissions policy considers personal and educational challenges, offering up to a two-grade reduction for eligible applicants while maintaining the university's high academic standards. [Learn more](#)

PwC: Flying Start degree programme

Applications are now open for PwC's Flying Start degree programmes in Accounting, which allow students to gain a degree and begin their career at the same time. Students can apply for 2026 entry through UCAS. (deadline: 14 Jan)

Queen Mary University of London: university application advice webinars

Queen Mary's free 'Journey to HE' webinar series offers expert advice, practical tips, and real student voices to guide students through applying to university. With sessions for students, parents and carers, Queen Mary is here to support every step of the higher education journey.

EY: 2026 apprenticeships and work experience

EY want to shape the future with confidence, solving clients' biggest challenges in an ever more

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complex world. Their Career Starters Work Experience and 2026 apprenticeship programmes are both now open for applications, with opportunities available in Assurance, Consulting, and Tax. [**Share with your students**](#)

University of Dundee: student taster sessions

Invite students to join over 30 subject tasters online and on campus this November, on subjects including Biological Sciences, English, and Economics. Led by academics, these sessions offer course insights and personal statement support. The University of Dundee can also visit your school to run sessions on Law, AI & Machine Learning, the Drug Discovery Escape Room, and the Business Trading Game - contact nterrell001@dundee.ac.uk to book.

Lloyds Banking Group: 2026 apprenticeships

Lloyds Banking Group's 2026 apprenticeships are open for applications, with a starting salary of £26,500 and opportunities nationwide. Students can apply for roles in sectors including Data, Technology Engineering, Risk, Commercial & Business Banking, Audit, and Actuarial, and gain real experience while earning and learning.

University of Leeds: teacher insight community

Help shape how the university supports students into higher education by joining their online forum for teachers and education professionals. Share your views through short, flexible tasks and receive rewards like vouchers and prize draw entries. It's secure, easy to use, and all tasks are completely optional. [**Learn more**](#)

National Grid: 2026 apprenticeships

With opportunities across craft, engineering, and business support, there's a pathway for every student at National Grid. These roles are open to applicants in Y11-13, offering a real career start, training, and qualifications. Apprenticeship applications open on 27 October.

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Parents and students — let's power a cleaner, brighter future together!



WHY RENEWABLE ENERGY?

Pollution is harming our planet — damaging wildlife, ecosystems, and contributing to climate change. Renewable energy can change that. By switching to clean

WAYS TO USE RENEWABLE ENERGY AT HOME



Solar panels on rooftops



Solar-powered garden or pathway lights



Solar water heaters



Home battery systems



Charge electric vehicles with solar energy



Natural ventilation & daylighting



Energy efficient devices



Sustainable Future Energy that never runs out

BENEFITS FOR EVERYONE

- ✓ Cleaner Air — Less pollution, more fresh air
- ✓ Better Health — Lower risk of chronic diseases
- ✓ Lower Costs — Reduced energy bills
- ✓ More Jobs — Green energy creates new opportunities

LET'S TAKE ACTION!

