



KING EDWARD VI LORDSWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

**Headteacher's Question Time
8.40 a.m. Friday 30th January 2026 – Headteacher's Office**

**In Attendance: Mrs Cooney: Headteacher
Mrs Finucane: Assistant Headteacher – Personal Development
Mrs Allport: PA to Headteacher & SLT (Minute taker)**

Mrs Cooney welcomed the students to the Headteacher's Question Time session. The students asked Mrs Cooney the following questions:-

1. How does the school help students with career and higher education guidance?

Mrs Cooney: Mrs McInerney is the Careers Advisor. All students in KS4 and KS5 will have a 15 minutes appointment with the Careers Adviser. 90% of students know what they would like to do so 1 appointment is enough for them, but some students will have 2 or 3 appointments to discuss options. In October we organise a careers day and bring in people to talk to the students. We also have an aspirations day, units in PSHCE lessons, Y11 post-16 curriculum evening and Y12 and Y13 careers day in addition to work experience opportunities and mock interview day. If you would like to learn more, make sure you enter it on student Unifrog. If you log into the system, you will have access to all careers information. Also, check the second half of the student bulletin each week where there are links to information on different types of careers.

2. Will we have a year book?

Mrs Cooney: every year Y11 gets offered the opportunity to purchase a year book. This contains your Y7 and Y11 photo and the form teacher writes memories and includes photos collected throughout your time at Lordswood. Leavers hoodies are given out to students on their last day in school and the year books are given out on results day.

3. Why can't we wear natural makeup?

Mrs Cooney: The issue is what people consider to be natural makeup. For some people 'natural' makeup would be much heavier than others would consider natural. We are really keen on students coming to school and not have peer pressure if they do not look a certain way and then don't have to keep up with their friends.

4. Why can't we wear lashes if they are natural?

Mrs Cooney: the problem is what is considered as natural make up? For example, some students think very long lashes are natural and once we allow one extra thing, people will then start asking for more. Earrings were not allowed at all in the past, we adjusted to accommodate and now people want bigger and bigger earrings to be allowed. If we now allowed lashes, then students will want even longer lashes in future which could cause tensions.

Mrs Cooney thanked the students for taking the time to attend the Headteacher's Question Time session and said that she was very happy to hear that the students were reading the student bulletins and then taking the time to submit questions.