

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 17th November - Friday 21st November 2025

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

<https://lsg.kevibham.org/>

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 18th November 2025	KS3 School Council Meeting Language Ambassadors meeting Year 10/11 Netball Fixture at Swanshurt 3:15-4:30pm
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Sixth Form Open Evening Prefects Meeting lunch time
Thursday 20th November 2025	Year 11 Sixth Form taster day
Friday 21st November 2025	School closed for teachers training day

A Busy Time in Sixth Form

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The sixth form is gearing up for its annual open evening next Wednesday 19th November. There will be plenty to explore when you come along. Each post 16 subject offered will have an information stand, with staff and students on hand to answer your questions and tell you all about the courses. There will also be an opportunity to hear from Mrs Leadbetter, Mrs Waraich and the Sixth Form Leaders who will be covering everything you need to know about sixth form. Please come along between 5pm and 7pm. It is a fabulous opportunity to speak to our wonderful students and staff about all that the sixth form has to offer. To help spread the word, last week Mrs Leadbetter, along with Nevaeh and Tania in year 12, visited KEVI Balaam Wood Academy to speak to the year 11 students about the sixth form. It was fantastic to hear the students speak so warmly and positively about their experiences joining the sixth form. Both students had joined from another school and hearing how quickly they felt a part of our school community is testament to the sense of belonging we foster at LSG.

Last Summer our current year 11 students (then year 10) spent the morning in the sixth form to get a general overview of sixth form life. Next Thursday, 20th November, they will be able to dive a little deeper into the range of subjects we have on offer through our sixth form taster day. With 23 subjects on offer there will be plenty of choice. The only issue may be narrowing it down to 5! The sixth form application form is now open:

<https://lordswoodgirls.applicaa.com/year12>

Over the last two weeks our year 13 students have been sitting their first set of mock examinations. We have been impressed with their hard work and focus during these exams.

The sixth form enrichment programme is well underway and we are delighted that our year 12 students are already achieving their value stars. Students in sixth form complete a series of activities over their time with us which help prepare them for life beyond KEVI LSG sixth form. Our enrichment programme is shaped around our school values of ready, respectful and resilient. When a student has completed the required number of tasks for each value they will receive a star and positive reward points. For those who go the extra mile they can also earn bronze, silver and gold stars. Congratulations to Aliya who was the first to gain her respectful star through volunteering, supporting the school community and developing her communication skills.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY
19TH NOVEMBER 2025
5-7PM



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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Releasing Students from the School Premises during the School Day

To help us keep all pupils safe, we can only release students during the school day to a **parent/carer** or someone who is **listed as an emergency contact** on our management information system.

Our reception team may ask to see **photo ID** or confirm details through **security questions**.

If someone else will be collecting your child, please **contact the school in advance** to let us know who this will be.

Year 7 Parent View Survey results

Thank you to the parents/carers of year 7 who took the time to complete the parent view survey that was sent out after the parents' evening in October, 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, the areas identified in the table below, scored highly, with at least 75% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that :-

My child is happy at KEVI LSG	95.2 %
My child feels safe at KEVI LSG	95.2 %
KEVI LSG makes sure its pupils are well behaved	90.5 %
KEVI LSG makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	78.6 %
KEVI LSG has high expectations for my child	76.2 %
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at KEVI LSG	90.5 %
My child can take part in clubs and activities at KEVI LSG	90.4 %

KEVI LSG supports my child's wider personal development	78.6 %
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However, parents didn't feel confident about how well their child is doing.

To address this, we are taking several steps to improve communication and clarity. The Autumn Term Curriculum Evening will be adapted to include guidance on what to expect in secondary school, including differences from primary school such as parents' evening expectations, reporting frequency, and assessment rationale.

In the meantime, the parents' bulletin will provide information on our approach to homework and how feedback is given to students using whole class feedback along with our assessment rationale. Parents will also shortly receive a letter regarding the results of the recent CATs assessments.

Parents and carers can access ClassCharts and detailed curriculum plans online, and we encourage regular checks to stay informed about your child's learning journey. ClassCharts provides real-time updates, while the curriculum overviews outline what is being taught across subjects.

You can log in to ClassCharts using this link:<https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>, and view the curriculum plans here:<https://lsg.kevibham.org/the-curriculum/>.

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

Thank you once again for the feedback.

Children in need - Non-uniform day - 14th November 2025



We've made donating easier with our new dedicated Donations Page!

To make a donation, please click on this link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=20161>

This link will also be on the school website

Donations will be accepted until **5th December 2025**.

Thank you so much for your support!

Mrs Finucane

Year 8 Curriculum Evening - Wednesday 12th November

We hope that parents and carers of Year 8 pupils found the Curriculum Evening useful. The PowerPoint from the evening can be found on the school website, under Pastoral Care, Year 8.

Mrs Adamson

Christmas concert

Our annual Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 6.00pm. We are raising funds for the music department and school production to buy much needed instruments, props, costumes and set. Tickets will be on sale soon, priced at £4, via the ParentPay app. Please come and join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening celebrating the successes and talents of our students.

Drama residential - 5/6th February.

The final payment is now due for the London drama trip. Any outstanding balances for the trip are due on 16th November. If you have not already done so please can you pay these as soon as possible to enable the travel company to book all planned events.

Notice: Change of Gymnastics Club Day

From next week, commencing Monday 17th November, Gymnastics Club will now take place on Mondays from 3:00–4:00pm, instead of Tuesdays.

This change will allow us to finalise preparations for the Christmas concert. Anyone wishing to take part in the concert must please ensure they attend Gymnastics Club.

Many thanks for your understanding and support,

Mrs Vine

Message from BOA: Saturday School Programme

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that we can re open the registration for BOA Super Saturday School for ages 11- 16

An enriching 8-week programme IN DANCE - DRAMA - SINGING - DJ SKILLS - designed to nurture creativity, develop confidence, and provide children with valuable learning experiences. We are passionate about inspiring the next generation of young artists from the very beginning of their creative journey.

FREE places with priority registration are available for families receiving Free School Meals (FSM), Pupil Premium, or Universal Credit – we are committed to supporting every child to benefit from this opportunity.

Programme Overview

BOA Super Saturday School offers children the opportunity to:

- **Develop their creative abilities** through structured, engaging activities
- **Build confidence and social skills** in a supportive, inclusive environment
- **Work with experienced students** – our expert team of social ambassadors
- **Celebrate their achievements** at our Festival of Sharing on 21st March, where families are warmly invited to attend

Session Dates

The programme consists of 8 Saturday sessions:

- **January:** 24th, 31st
- **February:** 7th, 14th, 28th
- **March:** 7th, 14th
- **Festival of Sharing:** Saturday 21st March (10am - 3.30pm)

Time: 10:00am–1:00pm (3 hours per session)

Place: Birmingham Ormiston Academy - 1 Grosvenor Street, Birmingham B4 7QD

Fees and Free Places

We are committed to ensuring this programme is accessible to all families:

FREE places are available for children whose parents/carers receive:

- Free School Meals (FSM)
- Pupil Premium
- Universal Credit

Careers

Unifrog: New: personalised apprenticeship opportunities for Y11

We're excited to launch Unifrog's Talent pool for Y11! With Talent pool, students in Y11 can **receive personalised apprenticeship opportunities directly from employers** using information they've already provided on Unifrog.

Unifrog launched Talent pool last year for Y12-13 students seeking university courses or post-18 apprenticeships, with up to 90% of students engaging with the messages they received.

Why get students to join Talent pool?

☀️ Broaden students' horizons. With Talent pool, your students in **Y11-13** can receive **unique courses and apprenticeship opportunities** directly from universities and employers, tailored to their interests, skills, and academic profiles. Students in Y11 will only receive opportunities from employers.

🕒 **Employers and universities**, including the National Grid, Childbase, and King's College London, are **currently using Talent pool** to share opportunities with students exploring their options for next year so now's the perfect time to dive in!

Here are some of the other employers and universities that are using Talent pool:



How it works

1. Students sign up to Talent pool using information they've already added to Unifrog.
2. Employers and universities will see limited information about students, including careers and subjects they're interested in and predicted grades. Students can see what information will be shared with employers and universities when they sign up. **No student contact details are shared.**
3. **Students receive tailored messages from employers and universities** through the Unifrog platform and can choose whether to respond.

What next?

1. [Share this poster](#) with students to get them excited to sign up

All students in school have a Unifrog account. If you have any issues logging in, please email me r.mcinerney@lsg.kevibham.org

Explore Tech Careers and Skills Online Event Saturday, 13th December: External Provider

The technology sector is rapidly transforming every part of our world, from cybersecurity and app design to healthcare innovation and sustainable energy. For students aged 14–18, early exposure to these opportunities can spark curiosity, build confidence, and help them uncover future career paths they might never have considered.

That is why Tech Mentor would like to invite students to the Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon, taking place on **Saturday, 13th December, from 10 am to 4 pm**. **For more information, click here:**

<https://techmentor.org.uk/national-hackathon-competition>

The Tech Mentor No-Code Hackathon is a hands-on, team-based event where students will have the chance to:

- Build their own app to solve a real-world challenge, with no code needed.
- Develop essential skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity.
- Create a portfolio of work they can showcase for jobs, apprenticeships, or university applications.
- Explore the wide variety of career opportunities in tech, from app development to green energy.
- Work in a safe, supportive environment where mistakes are part of the learning process.

The event is open to students aged 14–18 (Years 10–13) and is designed to be **accessible to everyone**, regardless of their experience with technology. Here's what they can expect:

- The hackathon will be fully **online via Zoom**, running from 10am to 4pm (UK GMT).
- Students will work in teams to tackle a surprise real-world challenge using no-code platforms.
- They'll be guided by experienced mentors who will support them throughout the day.
- Each participant will receive a certificate of participation
- **The cost is £15 per student**, which covers platform and administration costs.

Winners from this hackathon will be invited to the National Finals on 11th July 2026, where they'll compete for:

- 1st Place: £1,000 for the winning team and £100 to each winning team member's school.
- 2nd Place: £750 cash prize for the team.
- 3rd Place: £500 cash prize for the team.

Students will be allocated to random groups on the day to keep the competition fair and enhance their networking experience! This is a chance for you to meet like-minded students beyond your school environment and start building your Tech Network!

Spaces are limited!

Register now:

<https://techmentor.org.uk/national-hackathon-competition>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us via our form at <https://techmentor.org.uk/contact> or call us on 01530 417299.

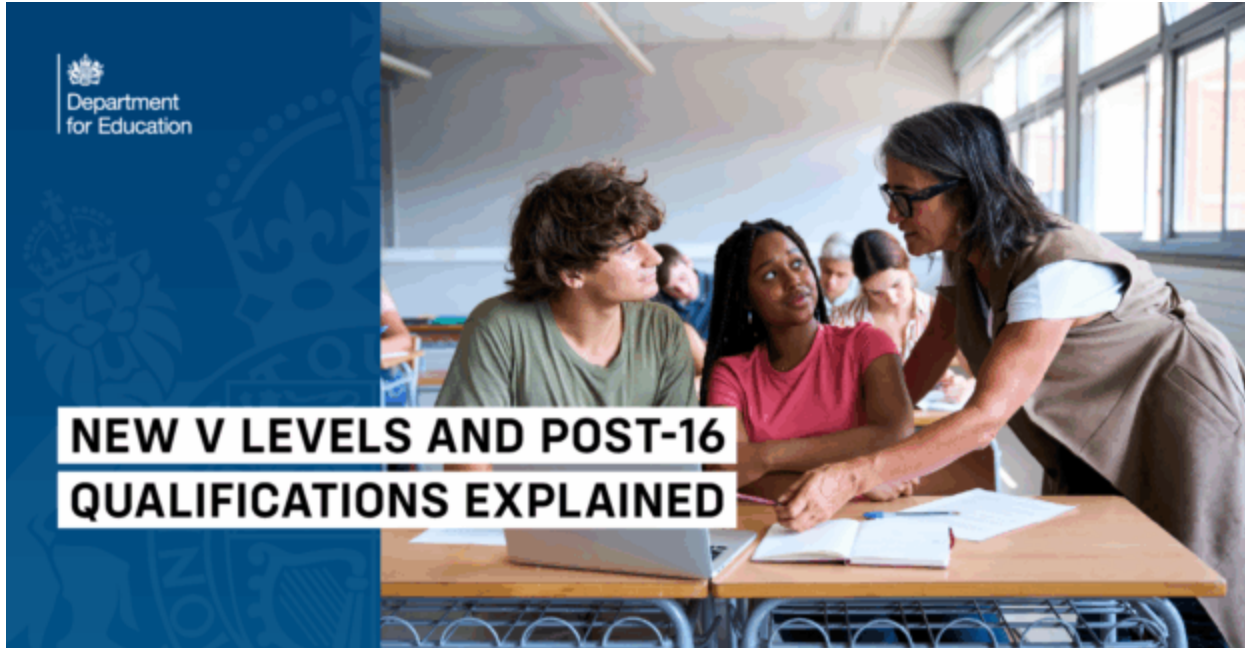
New V levels and post-16 qualifications explained

From 2027, new V levels will be introduced to replace many existing qualifications, simplifying the current system and opening up more high-quality routes for young people. These reforms will make sure that whatever a student's interests or strengths are, whether academic, technical, or vocational, there's a clear, high-quality path for them.

What are V levels?

Alongside A levels (the established academic route) and T Levels (the technical route that includes an industry placement), there will soon be a third option called V levels. V levels will be new Level 3 qualifications that offer a vocational pathway for students who want to explore different sectors before deciding where to specialise.

This new pathway will replace the wide range of qualifications that are not A or T levels and streamline the currently confusing landscape of approximately 900 qualifications at this level. The full set of reforms has been outlined in the Post-16 Education and Skills White Paper.



Young Professionals: UK Government Economic and Social Research Insight Event: Year 12 & Year 13 (Online)

Ready to tackle the big questions that shape our country's future? Join us for an **exclusive virtual insight event with the UK's Government Economic Service and Social Research Department** on **Tuesday, 18th November** (5pm - 6pm) and discover the exciting apprenticeship career opportunities available in the **heart of government**.

The UK government's economic and social research professionals provide recommendations to policymakers to help them make the best decisions.

This event is a must-attend for **Year 12 & Year 13** students who want to explore a career in **economics or social research** while earning a salary through an apprenticeship.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, 18th November

Time: 5pm – 6pm

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

For: Year 12 & Year 13

Why Attend?

- **Explore Apprenticeships in the UK Government** – Learn about opportunities in economics and social research.
- **Discover the Government Economics Service Degree Apprenticeship Programme (GES DAP) and the Government Social Research Degree Apprenticeship Programme (GSR DAP)** – A unique opportunity to earn a **degree in economics or social research** while working in government.
- **Gain Insider Insights** – Hear directly from government economists and social researchers about their work and career journeys.
- **Live Q&A Session** – Ask your questions to the Government Economic and Social Research Team.

Why the UK Government Economic and Social Research Professions?

They are the **heart of government decision-making**, informing policies that impact businesses, individuals, and the economy. As an apprentice, you'll gain **hands-on experience, work on real government projects, and develop skills** that will set you up for a successful career in government.

If you're **considering a career in economics, research, or government**, this event will provide you with the **knowledge and opportunities to apply for a degree apprenticeship**.

Secure your place now and invite your friends!

Apply here:

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

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WEEK 3

W/C 15/09, 06/10, 27/10, 17/11, 08/12, 19/01, 09/02

EAT WELL LIVE NICE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Succulent American Big Burger, Wedges 🍷	Halal BBQ Chicken, Rice	Halal Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes	Halal Beef Lasagne	Oven Baked Pollock, Chips
MAIN 2	Creamy Leek & Cheese Pie, Wedges 🍷	Five Bean Chilli, Rice 🍷	🌊 Golden Sausage Roll 🍷	Enchilada, Pea Guacamole, Rice 🍷🔥	BBQ Cheesy Corn Flatbread, Chips 🍷
REAL FOOD FAST	Winter Vegetable, Smoky Sausage Hot Pot 🍷	Halal Mexican Chicken Fajita Bowl 🔥	Garlic & Chilli Donburi Bowl 🍷	Halal Thai Green Chicken Noodles	🌊 Caribbean Spiced Jerk Dog 🍷
VEG	Sweetcorn 🍷	Broccoli 🍷	Savoy Cabbage, Carrots 🍷	Green Beans 🍷	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans 🍷

MEAL DEAL – MAIN MEAL & DESSERT

ONLY £2.75

AVAILABLE DAILY

Jacket potatoes with a choice of two toppings, mixed salad bar & deli grab & go offer (V/VE options available).

DESSERTS

Choice of fresh seasonal fruit 🍷 (cut or whole), flavoured yoghurts 🍷 or dessert of the day.

MENU KEY

🍷 Vegetarian

🍷🌊 Vegan and Planet Friendly

🌊 New Dish

🔥 Spiced



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**Workshop for Parent carers– AUTUMN
'Helping your child to regulate their Emotions'**

**NORTH - Kingsthorpe Primary School, Cranbourne Road, Kingstanding
Birmingham, B44 0BX**

**Come along and meet Dawn and Julie from the Communication and Autism
Team (CAT).**

**This is an opportunity for you to meet other parent carers with autistic
children, or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for
assessment.**

- **Find out a bit more about autism and emotional regulation**
 - **Ask questions**
- **Have some time to reflect and share ideas and experiences**

<p>The session will be held at: Kingsthorpe Primary School, Cranbourne Road, Kingstanding Birmingham, B44 0BX</p> <p>THEME : Helping your child to regulate their emotions</p>	<p>Date and Time: Thursday 20th November 9.15-10.45am</p>
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(Please note there are no childcare facilities at the venue.)

Parent carers from any setting are welcome to attend

**Just turn up on the day - there is no need to book. We look forward to seeing
you there!**

Dawn Fisher and Julie Watchorn Brennan.

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Workshop for Parent carers– AUTUMN
‘Helping your child to regulate their Emotions’

SOUTH – Kitwell Primary School, Wychbury Road, Birmingham, B32 4DL.

Come along and meet Lisa and Viv from the Communication and Autism Team (CAT).

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Lisa Walmsley and Viv Walters.

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