

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 16th March - Friday 20th March 2026

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 16th March 2026	Young carers action day EDI committee assembly (Chad Vale) Year 13 Biology field trip to Lickey Hills
Tuesday 17th March 2026	Neurodiversity celebration week Language ambassadors meeting KS4 School council meeting Year 13 Geography trip (Star City) Year 13 Business studies revision workshop
Wednesday 18th March 2026	Year 10 Curriculum evening Careers ambassadors meeting
Thursday 19th March 2026	Year 10 Prefect applications open
Friday 20th March 2026	Parent update meeting Year 7 & Year 10 reading buddies

Spring in our steps!

As the days become brighter and the weather begins to improve, school life at Lordswood has become increasingly busy, offering students a wide range of enriching activities and opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

One of the highlights of the term was the trip to the Pioneer Centre in Shropshire. Thirteen Year 8 students took part in the visit, which was, very generously, fully funded by the Rotary Club and provided an exciting, fun-filled opportunity for outdoor learning and team-building experiences. The students' behaviour was outstanding: they represented our school superbly, and all who attended had a wonderful time.

A group of twelve Year 10 students also attended the 'Women in STEM' event at the University of Birmingham. During the visit, students met inspiring female role models working in science and technology fields. They explored potential careers linked to Physics and had the opportunity to experience university life by touring the campus and engaging with academic activities. Another exciting event involving Year 10 saw French students enjoy a cultural trip to Hillcrest School where they watched a French-language play. The performance was vibrant and engaging, featuring wonderful colours and costumes, and it allowed students to immerse themselves in French language and culture in an authentic and memorable way.

Within school, a number of students from Years 7 and 8 have been involved in academic mentoring activities with students from the University of Birmingham: every Friday morning, the mentors run sessions designed to support literacy skills and boost confidence with selected KS3 students, all of whom have found the programme incredibly engaging and useful so far.

Nine Key Stage 3 students are also currently participating in the Modeshift STARS campaign, coordinated by Birmingham City Council. This national award scheme supports schools in promoting safer, greener, and healthier travel. As part of the programme, students are preparing to pitch their ideas to advisers on how the school can become an even safer place for travel to and from school.

Academic enrichment has also been a strong focus. The school proudly achieved first place in the Philosothon competition, taking first prize ahead of all other King Edward VI schools. This incredible success highlights the enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity of the students involved. Special mentions must go to Aliya Asif (Y12) who won the award for

best speaker, and two other Y12 students - Nevaeh Allamby and Mei Pihlaja - who were praised for being the best debaters in the Year 13 category, despite competing against students in the year group above.

Year 12 students also visited Birmingham City University for a trip focused on IT and Media. The visit provided valuable insight into university courses and careers in digital and creative industries.

Finally, Year 11 and Year 13 students have recently completed their mock examination period. The exams were very successful, with students demonstrating excellent behaviour and a strong commitment to their studies. Overall, it has been a busy and productive period at Lordswood, with students continuing to take advantage of a wide range of opportunities that support both their academic progress and personal development.

Mr Nick Goetschel

Director for Raising Achievement

Lunch cards

We have unfortunately seen an increasing number of students who are not bringing their lunch cards to school each day. This is impacting the speed at which students can be served in the canteen. Whilst queues are currently shorter due to Ramadan, this is manageable, but following Eid next week we are expecting queues to return to normal.

Please can you check that your child has a lunch card and that they are bringing it to school each day.

If they have lost their lunchcard then you can purchase a new one for £3 via parent pay. Once purchased, students should go to reception to collect.

Failure to have a lunch card could result in students having their standards cards signed which we would like to avoid.

Breathe Wellbeing Survey

All schools in the King Edwards VI Trust are taking part in this year's **Breathe Wellbeing Census**, an important annual survey that helps us understand and support the emotional wellbeing of our pupils. The census is used across Birmingham schools to gather insights into areas such as mental wellbeing, school connectedness, and factors that help young people thrive.

At Lordswood, students will be completing the survey during their morning registration from Thursday 19th March.

To help families understand more about what the survey involves, how data is used, and the benefits of participating, please see the **Parent Information Sheet** provided by Breathe Schools:

[Parent Information Sheet](#)

You can also find full details about the **Breathe Wellbeing Census**, its aims, and how it supports schools here:

[Breathe Wellbeing Census – Breathe Education](#)

Fundraiser - Comic relief - Friday 20th March

On Friday 20th March, Lordswood will be holding a fundraising day in aid of comic relief **“Take Yourself Funny for Money”**.

On this day, we would like to invite all students to wear **non-uniform in return for a donation of £1**.

Funds raised will support people in the UK and around the world who are struggling to access the essentials needed for survival such as providing **food, shelter, safety**, and supporting organisations working to tackle **poverty, injustice, conflict, and climate change**

To make a donation, please click on the link below

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=20957>

This link will also be on the school website



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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Please ensure that students remember their Lunch card as this causes major issues at lunchtimes if a number of students forget.

For more information, visit <https://www.comicrelief.com/>

Thank you for your support
Mrs Finucane
AHT: Personal Development

Cereal at Breakfast club

Due to student and staff feedback, AIP (our catering provider) had widened their breakfast offering before school.

Students can now purchase a bowl of cereal and milk for £1. We hope that this will support students in having breakfast before school, as we know that a good breakfast really helps with learning.

Skirts

We are seeing an increase in the number of students that are rolling their skirts up, or have skirts that no longer fit. If your daughter wears a skirt to school please could you check that it still meets the guidance detailed in the uniform guide:

<https://lsg.kevibham.org/about-us/uniform-guide/>

Apprenticeship Opportunity with the National Trust

The National Trust's apprenticeship vacancies are OPEN for applications

With vacancies available across the country in areas like Project Management, Marketing, IT, HR, Business Administration, Community Engagement and more, this is your opportunity to explore a career that protects nature, heritage and the places people love.

The National Trust's commitment is "For everyone, forever." That means building diverse, inclusive teams where everyone can thrive. The Trust's apprenticeships are open to all. However, they particularly welcome applications from People of Colour and People of the Global Majority, because they are underrepresented at the Trust.

Please click here to find apprenticeship opportunities:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9f89f859eb0be9d437b1414c3&id=834a6bb09f&e=d76c928296>

Upcoming Career Experience Days – Spring 2026 (Please note cost attached to this offer)

[CareerDays.co.uk](https://www.careerdays.co.uk) offers a series of **online work experience and Career Days** designed specifically for students aged **13–18**. These live, interactive days give students a chance to:

- Learn about a specific career from industry professionals
- Understand day-to-day life, entry requirements, and pathways
- Complete practical work experience tasks
- Ask questions in live Q&A sessions
- Receive a **personalised certificate** for UCAS or CV use

We've got a range of upcoming Career Days that might suit different interests — all taking place online and accessible from anywhere:.

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- **Vet Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 21st March 2026
 - **Computer Science Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 28th March 2026
 - **Medicine Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 4th April 2026
 - **Law Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 11th April 2026
 - **Midwifery Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 18th April 2026
 - **Dentistry Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 19th April 2026
 - **Psychology Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 25th April 2026
 - **Architect Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 2nd May 2026
 - **Engineering Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 9th May 2026
 - **Business Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 16th May 2026
 - **Performing Arts Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 18th October 2026

Details, dates & registration: www.careerdays.co.uk

Why this might benefit students:

- ✓ **Career insight** - live expert input and real-world context
- ✓ **Work experience evidence for UCAS & applications**
- ✓ **Accessible for students anywhere** - no travel required
- ✓ **Suitable across Years 9-13**

The Degree Gap

Parents and students, you have been invited to a Live Online Free Webinar by The Degree Gap. How to maximise every GCSE mark - 26th March 2026 @ 19.00pm - 20.00pm.

Hi Parents and Students,

Thank you to the 2,500 parents who attended our January event. I hope you found the 3 free resources we shared useful. We are back with a new event ahead of the GCSE exams.

There is just under a month until The Degree Gap hosts a Live Online Complimentary Webinar: 'How to Maximise Every GCSE Mark'.

If you have not signed up yet, there is still time.

So, what will we cover?

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- ✓ Where marks are being lost
 - ✓ How to use exam mark schemes
 - ✓ How to convert weak topics into scoring topics
 - ✓ How to keep momentum without burnout

You will get the chance to listen to Maths, English, and Science specialists explain how they achieved top grades and share their best tips. We will focus on the most effective revision strategies before the exams, so you can maximise the time you have left.

To sign up for the event on the 26th of March, 7-8 pm, please use the link below:

<https://nationalcareersweek.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4f1a07855a6627ededacb47d&id=f2637c0b1c&e=432e55fe45>