

# Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI  
LORDSWOOD  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

## Monday 4th May - Friday 8th May 2026

### Week B

Lordswood School for Girls

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### Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 4th May 2026	May Day - School closed
Tuesday 5th May 2026	Arts Ambassadors meeting - Lunchtime KS5 School Council Meeting GCSE examination starts
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Year 10 Parents meeting - In person STEM workshop Careers ambassadors meeting - Lunchtime (room 117)
Thursday 7th May 2026	
Friday 8th May 2026	Year 7/Year 10 reading buddies (registration) Year 13 leavers assembly

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	Year 13 only attends lessons from this point Headteacher question time
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### **This week...**

This week students have been making the most of the recent sunny weather, enjoying time outdoors during breaks and lunchtimes, contributing to a positive and vibrant atmosphere around the school. It has also been another positive and productive period across the school, with students engaging in a wide range of opportunities and achievements.

We are especially proud to share that a Year 12 student has been selected from over 800 applicants for the highly competitive Sutton Trust Programme, which will support them in exploring higher education opportunities in the United States.

This week’s assembly focused on Earth Day, reminding students of its important aims: raising awareness about pollution, climate change, and conservation, and encouraging them to play their part in contributing towards a more sustainable future.

Our commitment to enrichment and community engagement continues, with members of the EDI Committee visiting Chad Vale Primary School to deliver an inspiring assembly for International Women’s Day. This provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen links with one of our feeder schools while promoting key messages around equality and inclusion.

Meanwhile, examination season is well underway, with Year 11 and Year 13 students completing their Art and Photography exams. We wish them every success and hope they feel proud of their efforts.

### **Wider Personal development opportunities for April 2026**

During April, students across several year groups took part in a wide range of personal development opportunities designed to build confidence, resilience, leadership skills and future aspirations.

Year 8 students developed teamwork and independence through outdoor and adventure experiences, at the Boundless Outdoors centre. These activities supported wellbeing, resilience and positive relationships outside the classroom.

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Students in Years 9 and 10 continued their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award journeys, completing navigational walks and expedition days that challenged them to problem-solve, work collaboratively and step outside their comfort zones.

April also had a strong focus on aspiration and academic readiness. Some year 9 students visited the University of Birmingham for the Forward Thinking programme, helping them learn more about higher education pathways and raise ambitions. Meanwhile, Year 10 students participated in large-scale revision workshop delivered by the company Learning Performance, supporting exam preparation, study skills and confidence ahead of assessments.

Some students in year 11 visited the Queen Alexander College in Harborne to have a look around to see what courses are on offer to help them make informed choices about their next steps.

Overall, April provided valuable opportunities for students to grow personally, prepare for future pathways and develop the skills needed for success both in and beyond school.

## External Examination timetable Summer 2026

Please find shared the timetable for the summer 2026 examinations.

Students will all have their individual timetables with rooms, examination duration and seating allocations.

Extra time for students with access arrangement is not included in this master timetable, but will be on individual timetables.

[GCSE & KS4 Vocational examination timetable 2026.pdf](#)

[A level & KS5 Vocational examination timetable 2026.pdf](#)

## Year 7 End of Year Exams Week

During the week commencing Monday 18th May you will be having your End of Year Examinations. Attached is a timetable for the week. The exams fall into 3 categories:

Regards  
Mr Fox

## Instrumental lessons September 2026

### Current students

We are in the process of arranging teachers and instrumental lessons for September 2026. If your child currently has lessons you have been sent a letter and link via the KEVI app to request, cancel or adapt your current lesson provision for September 2026. It is important that this is completed no later than 15th May for us to arrange the provision for September.

### New students

We are pleased to offer ALL pupils the opportunity to take part in peripatetic music lessons from September 2026. These lessons will be delivered by specialist music tutors and are available for a range of instruments, subject to demand and availability. If your child would like to be considered for lessons, please complete the expression of interest form at the link below.

### COSTS for Autumn term 2026

Guitar, Piano, Voice, Drums - £149.50 per term

Woodwind, Upper/Lower strings and Brass - Individual lessons £204.50 per term, Paired lessons £102.50, Group lessons £68 per term.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBGTSi90IGqluVUwCSu1S3Kbj5LA9DCmJSZWo8XXKIWddRsQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

Thank you.

Mrs Swallow

## Update to contact details for students

We kindly ask that parents and carers inform the school of any updates to their contact details, including changes to your address, telephone number, or email. Ensuring that this

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information is accurate and up to date helps us to maintain effective communication and to contact you promptly when necessary.

We would be grateful if any recent changes could be shared with the school office at your convenience. All changes must be sent in an email to: [office@lsg.kevibham.org](mailto:office@lsg.kevibham.org)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **Year 7 going into Year 8 - parents**

As part of our PE enrichment programme, students in year 8 currently attend a trip to Boundless. We are currently weighing up a residential trip or a day trip and would value your input. Could you please complete the google form quiz below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfs1Yht7d5dnr\\_s45KkXBrEm8k1O06oqlavsKZW\\_e7RWgWOSUQ/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfs1Yht7d5dnr_s45KkXBrEm8k1O06oqlavsKZW_e7RWgWOSUQ/viewform?usp=dialog)

Many thanks

PE department

## **Work Experience: Student & Parent/Carer Reminder**

Year 10: 15–19 June 2026

Year 12: 29 June–3 July 2026

Parents and carers are asked to support your child in securing a suitable work experience placement for the above dates.

Please return the Own Placement Form & Consent to Student Reception as soon as possible.

Students will not be able to attend work experience without a confirmed placement and completed paperwork.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have already supported their child with arranging a placement and returned all the required paperwork.

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## Could you inspire our students about their future?

We are looking for parents and carers to support our Aspirations Day in July for students in Years 7-9.

The focus of the day is an interactive "Guess My Job" session, where students hear from a range of people about their careers and try to guess what they do based on a few clues. It's a fun and engaging way to open their eyes to the wide range of opportunities available to them.

We would love to hear from parents with all types of jobs and experiences. You might work in a role students have never heard of, or you may have taken a different or unexpected route into your career; these real-life stories are often the most powerful and inspiring.

You do not need to commit to the whole morning; even giving around an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. There is no need to prepare anything formal; simply sharing your experience can make a real difference.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Mrs McInerney: [r.mcinerney@lsg.kevibham.org](mailto:r.mcinerney@lsg.kevibham.org)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs McInerney

## NSPCC Youth Online Safety Group

The [NSPCC](#) is looking for young people aged 12-15 to join its Voice of Online Youth group – a national group helping to shape how children are protected online.

Members work alongside influential decision-makers, advise the NSPCC and government, and tackle real online safety issues affecting young people today. They also gain valuable skills in public speaking, campaigning and teamwork, with opportunities to attend events, workshops and residentials across the UK.

No previous experience is needed, just a genuine passion for making the online world safer for children and young people.

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Membership lasts 18 months, with travel, accommodation and reasonable expenses covered.

Young people apply online, and parents/carers complete a separate consent form.

Application deadline: Friday 22 May 2026

Find out more and apply: [Voice of Online Youth Group - apply here!](#)

## **SEND Reforms: Online Sessions for Parent Carers - 5 and 7 May 2026**

Birmingham City Council, in partnership with the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum and SEND Socials, is hosting a series of online discussion sessions for parent carers to share their views on the new SEND Reforms.

If interested, the poster included in the link below includes full details of the sessions and registration links. [SEND reforms poster](#)

## **Clearing 2026 opens on 2nd July**

For Year 13's who need further support on Clearing, please visit the website below. If you need any further guidance, please arrange an appointment with me on Mondays or Thursdays [r.mcinerney@lsg.kevibham.org](mailto:r.mcinerney@lsg.kevibham.org)

<https://www.whatuni.com/university-clearing/>

**Please click here for a full guide to UCAS Clearing:**

<https://www.whatuni.com/advice/clearing/university-clearing-complete-guide/41459/>

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## Clearing 2026 opens on 2 July

Stay up-to-date on everything to do with Clearing 2026 by registering for updates now.

[Register now →](#)

## Supporting students during exam season – Managing Exam Stress event: Tuesday 28th April 6-7pm

As GCSE and A Level exams approach in May, many students are understandably feeling increased pressure and stress.

The Pathway CTM Team are sharing an upcoming free online event that may be really beneficial for students who are feeling overwhelmed or would benefit from strategies to manage exam anxiety:

Managing Exam Stress – Pathway CTM

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/managing-exam-stress/>



## MANAGING EXAM STRESS

### Free online support session for students

GCSE & A Level exams are approaching this May. Feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or unsure how to revise effectively is completely normal but there are ways to manage it.

This session will help students:

- Reduce exam anxiety
- Build confidence under pressure
- Learn practical stress management techniques
- Improve focus and mindset during revision and exams

#### Who is it for?



Students preparing for GCSEs or A Levels

#### When?



Tue 28 Apr | 18:00-19:00

#### Where?



Online – join from anywhere

[Sign Up](#) →

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## Year 12 & 13: HSBC Degree Apprenticeships: Virtual Information Sessions

HSBC's Early Careers recruitment team is hosting a short series of **free virtual sessions** for **Year 12 and Year 13 students**, offering insight into apprenticeships and what it's like to complete a **Degree Apprenticeship at HSBC**.

With applications **due to open in late September/early October**, these webinars will help students get a clearer picture of their options after school/college. They'll hear real experiences from our current apprentices, learn what the role involves day-to-day, and pick up practical tips to feel ready to apply once applications open.

The sessions are:

- Apprenticeship vs University: Find Your Path / 5 May / 16:30–17:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Women in Finance: Real Stories from Our Apprentices / 13 May / 16:30–17:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- A Week in the Life of an HSBC Degree Apprentice / 9 June / 16:30–17:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)

### Students' Guide to University 2026

This Guide is really useful to prepare students for university life:

[UniTasterDays\\_StudentsGuidetoUniversity2026\\_v2.pdf](#)

### Parents' Guide to University 2025



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The Parents' Guide to University 2025 will help you support the young people in your life to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to guide them in deciding whether university is right for them, what they should study, and where they should study it.

Contributions have been provided by over 75 university representatives from across the UK, along with expert voices from outside the sector, including Martin Lewis from [MoneySavingExpert.com](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com). The guide is supported by HELOA, a membership group for university advisers.

It is divided into sections to support you and your young person through every stage of the university journey. These include researching options, attending events, financing studies, applying, and preparing for university life.

This year, mindful of the cost-of-living crisis, several articles are designed to help your young people overcome financial difficulty. You'll learn how to explore universities on a budget, secure "free money" to fund their student experience, manage finances at university, secure a part-time job, and consider more affordable options like studying online.

To read the full guide please click here:

file:///U:/Downloads\_2024/UniTasterDays\_Parents\_Guide\_to\_University\_2025\_accessible.pdf