

Parent Bulletin

Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July 2026

Week A

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SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 13 th July 2026	Year 10 DofE Expedition
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Language Ambassadors meeting - Lunchtime
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Careers Ambassadors meeting – Lunchtime (room 117) Year 9 DofE Practice walk
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Do Something Different Day
Friday 17 th July 2026	Break up for Summer - 12.30pm

This Week...

It has been another busy week at Lordswood, with students taking part in a wide range of opportunities both in and out of school, while continuing to show the resilience and positive attitude that we are so proud of.

Our Year 10 students have been particularly active. The History department took students to London, while Geography students visited Stratford-upon-Avon, with both trips designed to support learning and deepen understanding of topics covered as part of their GCSE courses.

Year 10 students working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award completed an 8km practice walk in the Clent Hills, putting into practice the navigation, teamwork and

expedition skills they have been developing in lessons. Despite the warm weather, students approached the challenge with determination and worked well together throughout the day.

A group of Year 10 art students visited Aston Engineering Academy to take part in a jewellery-making workshop. The visit gave students the opportunity to learn new techniques and gain insight into creative industries.

Our Year 12 students represented the school brilliantly when they volunteered as sighted guides for partially sighted students from Queen Alexandra College, at a technology exhibition. They provided support throughout the event and were praised for their maturity and willingness to help others.

Students also attended the Creative Industries Enterprise Day at King Edward VI High School for Girls, where they worked with students from other schools, developed enterprise skills and explored careers within the creative sector.

Throughout the annual Charity Week, several activities and events have taken place to raise money for a variety of charities including food collection for a local food bank. It was great to see so many students getting involved and supporting causes that are important to them.

Sports Day brought the whole school together and, despite the heat, students embraced the event with enthusiasm. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the morning, with plenty of encouragement from the sidelines, music playing, and students enjoying the opportunity to compete. One of the most anticipated events was the annual Teachers vs Sixth Form Tug of War, and once again the staff team came out on top, making it their third consecutive victory.

The Performing Arts department also presented this year's summer production, 'School of Rock'. Students delivered excellent performances and clearly enjoyed showcasing the hard work they have put in over recent months. The production was supported by the Art department and Mr Nicholas who worked together to produce an impressive set design.

The GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition showed the creativity and talent of our Year 11 and Year 13 students. It provided a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the high-quality work that has been produced this year.

It has been a very busy week, especially during the recent heatwave, but our students have continued to approach every opportunity with resilience, maturity, and enthusiasm. Their efforts across so many different activities are a reminder of what makes the Lordswood community such a special place, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

Mobile Phones and Smart watches

As you will have seen on the news, the DfE have changed the guidance on mobile phones in school. Our currently policy on mobile phones already meets this statutory guidance and most students follow this policy.

Just as a reminder - we expect all students to turn off their mobile phones prior to entering the school grounds and place them in their lockers or hand it in to reception for safe keeping as they enter the school. Mobile phones should then not be turned back on until they leave the school site at 3pm.

Sixth formers are permitted to use their mobile phones in the sixth form centre only. If they are seen anywhere outside the sixth form centre, then they will be confiscated.

The guidance does include other smart technology with similar functions (e.g. smartwatches and devices that can send/receive messages, record audio/video), although this has always been included in the school policy, we haven't always enforced it as rigorously as we have mobile phones. Due to this new guidance, we will now be reminding all students to remove smart watches and to put them in their lockers if they are seen. From September we will be confiscating in line with what we currently do for mobile phones.

Your Survey results from June 2026

Thank you to the 590 students who completed the Student Voice Survey this term. Your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can make improvements.

What is going well?

There were lots of positive responses from students across the school:

- 95% of students said they feel safe at school.
- 92% of students said teachers help them do their best.
- 94% of students said teachers give them work that challenges them.
- 92% of students said behaviour around school is good, and 89% said behaviour in lessons is good.
- 84% of students said there is an adult they can talk to if they are worried, an improvement from the previous survey.
- 97% of students said the school encourages respect for people from different backgrounds.
- 96% of students said the school helps them understand different cultures, beliefs and values.

More of you are getting involved in clubs, trips and activities than before so that really encouraging.

Areas we want to improve

Although results remain positive overall, your feedback highlighted some areas that we will continue to work on:

- Some students, particularly in Years 8, said they enjoy learning less than in previous surveys. So, we will speak with selected students in Year 8 to better understand how we can improve engagement and enjoyment in lessons.
- Sixth Form participation in clubs and extracurricular activities is lower than in other year groups. The Sixth Form Leadership Team will find out what activities students would like and promote clubs more effectively through assemblies, tutors and the Sixth Form notice boards.
- Students would like more careers information, particularly about different careers, employers, qualifications and future pathways. This has been passed on to Mrs McInerney, our Careers Coordinator, and we will provide more opportunities for you to meet employers and learn about careers, especially activities throughout the year that include employer talks, careers events and opportunities to record career-related experiences in student planners.

We are proud that so many students feel safe, supported and challenged in their learning, and we will continue working on the areas you told us could be even better.

Year 12 Parent Survey - Your views required! - REMINDER

We would like to gather the views of **Year 12 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 3:00pm Wednesday 15th July 2026**

Many thanks

Mrs Finucane

AHT:Personal Development

DfE update: Great British Summer Savings

The DfE have asked us to share the following information:

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

*As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.*

Message for Parents and Carers from Birmingham City Council

Birmingham city council have asked us to share the following request:

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss end-of-term plans with their children and to consider whether travel into Birmingham City Centre is necessary. Knowing where young people are, who they are spending time with, and how they intend to travel home can help keep them safe and reduce the risk of them becoming vulnerable.

Our collective aim is to ensure that all young people can enjoy the end of the school year safely and return home without incident.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep Birmingham's children and young people safe.

Strategic Clearing vacancies are live at the University of Leeds

What is Strategic Clearing?

Whether they've changed their mind about their chosen course or university, or are simply considering their options, Strategic Clearing offers students a fantastic opportunity to get ahead of the curve and secure the university place that's right for them, without waiting until August. Students can apply now, using either their final results or predicted grades to be considered for a place.

Vacancies will be live until 9am on Monday 3 August.

For further information please click below:

[Clearing | University of Leeds](#)

Year 12 Free Oxbridge/Medicine Programme

Leading Education Applications Ltd are offering a **Free Year 12 Oxbridge/Medicine Programme**, which provides students with crucial insights and inspiration for applying to highly competitive universities.

This year, they have expanded the free programme, combining live lectures and 1:1 sessions, with 6 hours of total support across the year. Drawing on our latest research, we share high-impact, practical guidance on applications that have helped our learners achieve a 43% Oxbridge success rate, compared to a national average of 16%.

Over the past 3 years, Leading Education Applications Ltd have supported **over 4,300** students from UK schools through the free programme, so they thought **current Year 12** cohort might also be keen to take advantage of it.

Free Year 12 Oxbridge/Medicine Programme

Sign-up deadline: 22nd July

Flyer: <https://leadingeducation.co.uk/Y12-26-Sinfo/>

Helping Future Medical Applicants Prepare Over the Summer

As the summer holidays are about to begin, many aspiring medical students ask the same question: "What should I be doing now to improve my chances of getting into medical school?"

The reality is that summer is one of the most valuable periods in the application cycle. Students have the opportunity to prepare for the UCAT, reflect on work experience, begin planning their personal statement, and gain a much clearer understanding of what medical schools expect from applicants.

To support them, Medic Mentor are hosting a **FREE** Live Virtual Get Into Medicine Conference on **Sunday 19th July from 9:30am – 1:30pm**, designed to help students make the most of the months ahead.

Students can register here: https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/

Throughout the conference, students will receive guidance on:

- Planning their medical school application strategically
- UCAT preparation and revision techniques
- Choosing medical schools based on their strengths and aspirations
- Writing a competitive personal statement
- Reflecting effectively on work experience and wider reading
- Interview preparation and common admissions mistakes
- Scholarships, mentoring and additional opportunities to strengthen an application

Each year Medic Mentor work with thousands of aspiring medical students, and one of the biggest differences between successful applicants is not simply academic ability but having a clear understanding of the admissions process. This conference is for aspiring medical students from Year 9-Year 12.

By attending this conference, students will leave with a structured plan for the summer and a much better understanding of how to prepare each component of their application.

If you are considering a career in medicine, please click below:

Registration is available here: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/>

Warm regards,

Dr (Prof) Dhakshana Sivayoganathan

Medical Director of Medic Mentor (part of Mentorverse)

Summer Volunteering Health Opportunities For Students

For interested students here is a list of over 20 summer volunteering projects for health now available.

In order to book, students will need to sign up using the Mailing List sign up link below. *Places are limited — book early to avoid disappointment.*

To book, join our mailing list here: Learn about our [Youth Volunteering for Health programmes here!](#)

✦ Be the first to know about new Volunteering for Health Projects or Events

👉 [Sign up to our mailing list](#)

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Thursday 9th July
12:00-1:30pm
@ B29 7EL

Compass Birmingham

Mental Health Support Teams

Supporting Your Childs Mental Health



BOOK HERE (via link or QR Code)

<https://forms.office.com/e/157K0Tvr7t>

Do you live in Birmingham?

Is your child (*under18*) on the **AUTISM** assesment waiting list?



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Support Group



Do you live in Birmingham?

Is your child on the **AUTISM assesment waiting list?**

Then please do come along ...

Mondays Bi-weekly 10:00am - 12:00pm

Dates: 1st June; 15th June; 29th June; 13th July

Special session: 27th July Family Holiday Fun

Venue: Stanhope Wellbeing Hub

6-7 Ketley Croft, Highgate, Birmingham, B12 0XG

Join us for a welcoming series of **5 support sessions** for parents, carers and other family members on a similar journey. A safe space to learn about autism, share experiences, let off steam and gain support and advice from others who understand, helping you build strategies and feel supported **whilst waiting for an assessment**.



You are welcome to just drop in to the sessions
If you would like more info and reminders please book on here

<https://forms.office.com/e/157K0Tvr7t>

Please Note !! Located in the congestion zone, you can park outside the zone then a short walk to venue.

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Wellbeing Walks & Holiday Family Session



Do you live in Birmingham?

Is your child on the **AUTISM **assessment** waiting list?**

Then please do come along ...

Fridays weekly 10:30am - 11:30am

Dates: 12th June; 19th June; 26th June; 3rd July; 10th July

Special session: 17th July Family Holiday Fun @ Thrive
10:30am till 12:00pm

Meeting Point: 10:15am at the corner of the basketball courts
Kings Heath Park Kings Heath, Bham, B14 7TQ

Look out for the orange RfA jumper!

Join us for a welcoming series of **6 wellbeing walks and support sessions** for parents, carers and other family members on a similar journey. A chance to practise self-care, connect with others and feel supported **while waiting for an assessment.**



You are welcome to just drop in for the walks

Please book on the family session as need to know numbers

BOOK HERE - <https://forms.office.com/e/157K0Tvr7t>

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Do you live in Birmingham?

Is your child on the **AUTISM assesment waiting list?**

Then please do register for this FREE Parent/Carer course

**Turning the autism assessment waiting time into a
productive and positive time**

10:00am till 12:30pm

(2.5hrs session for 4 weeks)

Thursday **24th September / 1st 8th & 15th October**

@ Selly Park B29 7EL

These sessions will help you learn practical skills, build confidence in advocating for your child's needs, understand available services, support your family's wellbeing **during the assessment waiting period**, and connect with others on a similar journey.

For Full info please Register your Interest below



scan QR code or use the link below to register:
<https://forms.office.com/e/XnVNkKxUME>

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***These sessions are for families on the Birmingham Neurodevelopmental Pathway**

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