

Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI
LORDSWOOD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June 2026

Week A

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 1st June 2026	Inset Day Training day 6 - Microsoft migration Start of Pride month National volunteers week
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Year 8 Exam week Language Ambassadors meeting - Lunchtime KS5 School Council Meeting Year 12 Biology field trip to Lickey Hills
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	Year 8 Exam week Year 10 Geography field trip - Carding Mill Valley (Y Band only) Careers ambassadors meeting - Lunchtime

	(room 117)
Thursday 4th June 2026	Year 8 Exam week Year 10 Work experience - Send off assembly Year 10 Geography field trip - Carding Mill Valley (X Band only)
Friday 5th June	Year 8 Exam week Year 7/Year10 reading buddies (registration) Year 9 Teenage booster vaccinations

School Migration to Microsoft 365

Over the half-term break, the school will be migrating from Google Workspace to Microsoft 365.

This migration is the final stage of a 12-month programme of preparation, which has included upgrading our school network, installing new classroom computers, updating staff laptops, delivering staff training, and completing a wide range of behind-the-scenes work by our IT team to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

Please remember that Monday 1st June is a teacher training day to ensure that the migration has been successful and teachers are able to access all resources ready to start teaching on Tuesday 2nd June.

Any students taking external examinations on the 1st June (a few Y13 students) already know that they will be expected to attend their examination as normal.

Pupils in Years 7-10 and Year 12

From Tuesday 26th May, your child's Google account will be disabled. All of their files will be transferred to their new Microsoft 365 account.

During the first week back after half term, pupils will receive support to log in to their Microsoft account and will be shown how to navigate the new layout for email,

OneDrive, and folders. Please be assured that all documents currently stored in your child's school Google account will be transferred to their Microsoft account.

Pupils in Years 11 and 13

As pupils in Years 11 and 13 are currently in the middle of their examination period, we have decided not to disable their Google accounts at this time. They will continue to access their files via Google Drive and Google Classroom.

The only change for these year groups will be how they log in to access their school email. We will send instructions directly to your child explaining how to do this.

Migrating to Microsoft 365 provides staff and pupils with exciting opportunities to use a wide range of Microsoft tools. It also enhances collaboration across the King Edward VI Trust, as all schools will now be working within the same Microsoft environment.

Do Something Different Trip

Please don't forget to sign up for the end of summer term Do Something Different trip! The deadline is June 8th - You can sign up via the school Parentpay App - places are limited so don't hesitate to get your confirmed seat on the coach!

Wider Personal Development opportunities for May 2026

Throughout May, students across Years 7 to 10 embraced a fantastic range of enrichment opportunities designed to support their personal development, broaden their experiences and inspire future ambitions beyond the classroom.

Some of our Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting STEM Workshop Day, where they explored the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through engaging hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges. The workshop encouraged creativity, teamwork and curiosity, helping students to develop confidence in their ideas while discovering how STEM subjects connect to real-life careers and innovations.

Students in Years 8 and 9 were given the unique opportunity to take part in a thought-provoking *Social Media Round Table* with our local MP, Preet Gill. During the session, students confidently shared their views on both the positive and negative impact of social media on young people today. Discussions explored topics such as online safety, mental wellbeing, digital responsibility and the power of social media as a platform for communication and change. Students demonstrated maturity, respect and excellent communication skills throughout the event.

Our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students also participated in a valuable training session in preparation for their upcoming expedition. Students developed essential life skills including teamwork, leadership, resilience and independence, while learning how to plan routes, work collaboratively and overcome challenges together. The experience encouraged students to step outside of their comfort zones and build the confidence needed for future adventures and responsibilities.

Meanwhile, some of our Year 9 and 10 Drama students visited the Birmingham Hippodrome to watch the musical *Mamma Mia!*. The trip provided students with the opportunity to experience professional live theatre, helping to deepen their understanding of performance, staging and musical theatre as part of their GCSE studies. In addition, students gained a valuable insight into the wide range of careers within the performing arts industry, inspiring future aspirations and broadening their awareness of opportunities beyond school.

These experiences continue to play an important role in developing our students' confidence, communication skills, resilience and aspirations, helping them to grow into well-rounded and ambitious young people.

Exam season support: managing anxiety

Exam season can be a stressful time for many young people. Having the right tools can make a real difference. [Clear Fear mental health app](#), is designed to help young people manage anxiety using evidence-based techniques. It includes:

- Breathing exercises and calming strategies
- Thought-challenging tools
- Distraction and grounding techniques
- Ways to track and manage anxious thoughts

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.

Year 12 Work Experience Week: Urgent Reminder

Half of Year 12 still need placements for 29 June - 3 July 2026

If your child hasn't yet secured a work experience placement or returned the required paperwork, please use the May half-term holiday to arrange this.

Quick reminders:

- Any professional work environment is valuable - it doesn't need to directly link to career aspirations
- Contact family, friends, local businesses or employers in your network
- Work experience strengthens university applications and develops essential employability skills

What you need to do:

- Help your child identify and contact potential employers
- Complete and return the student placement form and parent consent form to Student Reception in Main School as soon as possible
- Collect additional forms from the Sixth Form Office or Mrs McInerney (Room 210) if needed

Please note: Students without a placement will remain in school during Work Experience Week on an alternative programme

Year 10 - Year 13 Lloyds Banking Group May Half Term

Work Experience

Please see the online virtual work experience opportunity below which takes place over half term.

To sign up, please click here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SkillsFest_Virtual

Lloyds Banking Group - May Half Term Virtual Work Experience

Friday 29th May - 1pm - 3:45pm

Join us for the Lloyds Banking Group Virtual May Half Term Work Experience for a fast-paced afternoon of challenges, real-world scenarios and networking with professionals from across the industry. Lloyds Banking Group are one of the largest banks in the UK and offers so many fantastic opportunities to students across the UK. This hands-on experience is designed to help you build the skills employers are looking for within the industry.

What will you take part in?

- Hands-on practical workshops developing your problem-solving, teamwork, and decision-making skills
- Network with Lloyds Banking Group team members
- How to spot financial crime and how banks spot these threats
- Live panel and Q&A

Key Event Details:

- Friday 29th May
- 1pm - 3:45pm
- Online live-streamed via YouTube
- Open to all students in school/college

Why Join?

- Build confidence in real-world situations
- Develop skills employers value
- Learn how to spot opportunities whilst at school/college
- Something great to add to your CV

What you get out of it?

This is a high energy, interactive virtual experience built to boost your skills, confidence and career awareness! Upskill yourself, learn new things and build your network.