



Monday 7th September - Friday 11th September 2026

Week B

Lordswood School for Girls

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

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 7 th September 2026	
Tuesday 8 th September 2026	
Wednesday 9 th September 2026	Careers Champions meeting (lunchtime) Year 12 Welcome evening / curriculum evening 5pm – 6pm
Thursday 10 th September 2026	
Friday 11 th September 2026	Deadline for School council applications

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome students back to school this week, especially our new year 7 and year 12 students. It is always lovely hearing about what students' have done over the summer, and seeing how much they have matured over the summer break.

Over the summer, we have been busy improving the school site for the students. We have had two new canopies installed on the playgrounds to offer shelter from the weather. We have also purchased some additional seating for students to use at lunch and breaktime. We have also improved upgraded the CCTV system to offer additional reassurance to students. In addition, we have also renovated a classroom that students highlighted didn't provide the optimal environment for learning. Please keep an eye on our social media channels for photos of the improvements.

I look forward to working with you this year and want to thank you for trusting us with your children's education.

Communication with school

If you ever have any concerns relating to your child, we encourage parents to contact the school - even if it is just to make us aware. The best way to do this (if the situation isn't urgent) is to email the school office. The email address is office@lsg.kevibham.org

We do ask parents not to email staff directly; this is because external emails will often go to spam boxes, and we want to ensure that emails are not missed.

If something is urgent, please phone the office between 8am-4pm.

Due to the busy nature of the school, we are unable to accommodate meeting requests that have not been arranged in advance.

The home school communication policy can be found on the school website: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/11.-Home-School-Communication-Policy.docx.pdf>

First day of school social media posts

What security questions does your bank ask when they phone you? Date of birth? Primary/Secondary school attended? Make/Model of your first car?

Now think about the information that you post online - especially regarding your children?

The following blog explores the potential dangers of posting first day at school images and birthday photos online. As a parent myself -I know this made me think!

<https://www.waynedenner.com/protect-your-child-the-hidden-dangers-of-posting-back-to-school-photos-on-social-media/>

Allergies

Please note that, due to several students having allergies, we ask that no nut-containing products are brought into or consumed on school grounds. This includes gifts that may contain nuts, such as boxes of chocolates. Additionally, as some students are allergic to citrus fruits, please do not include citrus fruits, such as oranges, in your child's lunch box. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all students safe.

Student Responsibility to 'Be Ready'

Just a polite reminder that part of our school ethos is to 'Be Ready'. At this time of year, we always see an increased number of students forgetting equipment for school. Reception cannot call home when this happens. If you are bringing items in for your child, please be aware that we cannot deliver items to classrooms. Students will need to come to reception to collect any item that is delivered to school.

Students have a timetable and are aware of the lessons for the next day so should be packing their bags in advance so they can 'Be Ready' for their learning.

Important Parking Reminder for Parents and Carers

To ensure the safety of all our students, we kindly remind you to park **safely and responsibly** when dropping off or collecting your children.

- **Do not park on the zig-zag lines.** These areas must be kept clear to allow children to cross safely and to maintain visibility.
- **Do not perform U-turns in the road.** This poses a serious risk to both pedestrians and other drivers.
- **Do not park on the grass banks.** This causes damage to the environment and can obstruct views for others.

We are also incredibly fortunate to have amazingly supportive neighbours who are kind and respectful to our students – in return they ask that you kindly refrain from parking on or across their driveways. As you can imagine, it is highly frustrating not being able to access your own property.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe.

Uniform

We just wanted to say a massive thankyou for the amazing standard of uniform seen this week. Just a few points to note:

- Earrings should be plain gold or silver studs - we do not permit diamond earrings, hoops or other piercings.
- Skirts should be knee length and not made of 'stretch' material.
- If wearing a conventional shirt - students are expected to wear a tie. Students with open neck shirts are not expected to wear a tie.
- If feeling warm, students should firstly try removing their jumper. It is only after removing jumpers that students are permitted to remove blazers.
- Headscarves should be navy blue in colour.
- Boots should only be worn with trousers

School Photo Day

Your child will be having their professional photos taken on Monday 14th September 2026. Please could you check their uniform before they come to school. Could you also make sure they are not wearing any makeup or jewellery that is not permitted in school. If any students come to school with makeup on they will be asked to remove this at reception and any jewellery not permitted will be confiscated until the end of term.

All students will bring home a card with a QR code that you can scan, this is where you can purchase pictures directly from the photography company, all students will have their photograph taken even if you don't plan to purchase a copy as we use these photos in school for our registers.

Breakfast club

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8am to 8.15am in the ante-hall. It is facilitated by Miss Baxter.

Breakfast Club is an opportunity for students to start the day positively by socialising with friend by playing games and purchasing breakfast items like toast and cereals. Breakfast Club is a relaxing environment to ease students into the school day.

There is no charge for the club, however students will have to pay for any food that they purchase. The breakfast menu includes a bowl of cereal and milk for £1, toast or hash browns (limited mornings). We hope that this will support students in having breakfast before school, as we know that a good breakfast really helps with learning.

Canteen Menu

Please see below the canteen menu's.

[Menu - week 1](#)

[Menu - week 2](#)

[Menu - week 3](#)

Talking point

To encourage good oracy, we ask that parents and students discuss a different 'big question' each week. This does not have to be done during a dedicated discussion time, it could be whilst doing any daily activity e.g. driving somewhere, eating dinner, shopping.

The topic of this week's talking point is: Self Reflection

The question prompt for this week is: What change do you really want to make in life?

Join Our Parent Forum

We are looking to bring together a group of parents who would like to get more involved in school life and help us create exciting opportunities for our students.

The Parent Forum will be a chance to share ideas, offer suggestions and get involved in some of the events and activities taking place throughout the school year. We are particularly keen to hear from parents who have ideas, time to volunteer, useful skills or links within the local community.

There will be opportunities to get involved in events such as our Christmas Fête, from helping with ideas and preparations to volunteering on the day itself. We would also love to hear from parents who have connections with local businesses or organisations that may be able to support the school through donations, sponsorship or other opportunities.

The Forum will meet once every half term to look at upcoming events, share ideas and explore ways we can raise funds to support our school and, most importantly, provide even more opportunities and experiences for our students.

You don't need to be able to attend every event or have lots of spare time — every contribution, whether that's an idea, an hour of your time, a useful contact or simply a willingness to help, can make a difference.

If you would like to be part of our Parent Forum, we would love to hear from you!

Email Headofhouses@lsg.kevibham.org

Mrs	Jody	Clarke
Head Of Houses and Events Coordinator		

Instrumental lessons

Autumn term Instrumental lesson payments were due on Friday 28th August and are now outstanding. Please can you make payment for lessons before they commence on Friday 11th September, failure to do so will result in your child not being able to begin their lessons. Do not hesitate to contact the finance team if you require any support with payments.

All timetables will be shared with students next week.

If you have not yet signed up for instrumental lessons and are still interested please contact Mrs Swallow for further details.

Message from the French and Spanish team

In Modern Foreign Languages (French or Spanish lessons), students are regularly provided with Vocabulary Builder booklets, based on the work of Gianfranco Conti. Each booklet contains the key words and phrases that students will need for a particular topic, and every week's lessons are planned around the vocabulary in the current builder.

We encourage students to spend a few minutes each week practising this vocabulary at home. Regular retrieval and repetition help students remember language more effectively, build confidence in the classroom, and feel well prepared for future lessons.

A simple way to support your child at home is to ask them to teach you a few new words or phrases from their Vocabulary Builder each week. Explaining vocabulary aloud and testing themselves regularly can be a powerful way to strengthen their memory and build confidence.

With your support and encouragement, this small but consistent habit can make a significant difference to your child's progress in languages. Thank you for helping us foster strong learning routines and a love of language learning.

Careers & Next Steps

Choosing Oxford: Have you decided?

With the UCAS deadline getting close, we're aware you may still be deciding which course is right for you. You'll be spending at least three years studying this, so it's worth taking the time to get that choice right!

This month 'Choosing Oxford' will give their final tips on course choices and also looking at the cost of studying at Oxford – from course fees to the financial support available – and how you can plan for them. Choosing Oxford will also take a closer look at sport at Oxford, both at college and University-level.

For further details, please click on the link below:

[Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach](#)

Unifrog Account

We are very fortunate that all students across to the online platform Unifrog which helps supports students with their next steps and provides useful guidance on job roles, personal statement writing, university guidance and more. All students can access with their school email. We will launch Unifrog to students in Year 7 during this term. For new opportunities available on Unifrog over the coming weeks please see below:

Unifrog University fair, 14 October 2026

Inspire and motivate students by getting them to sign up to this virtual university fair! Over 30 universities will be there to meet them and help them decide on what and where to study.

There will be a wide range of live talks to choose from so they can learn how to find a course they will enjoy and thrive in, make their applications stand out, and consider life beyond studies.

> [Students, teachers, and parents: sign up here](#)

UCAS

Get your students involved in Personal Statement Week

From 14 to 18 September, it's Personal Statement Week on UCAS socials, a dedicated week of expert advice, practical guidance and live support to help students make a strong start on their applications.

Across the week, we'll share tips on understanding the personal statement questions, what admissions teams are looking for, how to strengthen responses, and the key things to check before submitting.

[Find out more](#)

Guide to Uni for Parents/Carers & Personal Statements - UEA - 17 & 22 September

On 17th September, Higher Education Advisers from UEA will provide a practical guide to writing a standout Personal Statement. This is designed to support all the work you are doing to get students over the line by giving the university perspective and offering some invaluable insight.

- **September 17 @ 16:30 - 17:15** HE Guidance: Making Applying To University Easy - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (16+) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

Then, for parents and carers supporting a young person with their application to university, our session with UEA on 22nd September at 6pm offers an invaluable introduction to university, helping parents and carers to better understand the process and be able to help their young person to make a successful application. Once again, the session will build on the work that schools and colleges are doing with their families whilst giving the university perspective.

- **September 22 @ 18:00 - 18:45** HE Guidance: A Guide to University for Parents/Carers - UEA [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

College Open Evenings

Save the Date: King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls **Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday 18th November 2026 5-7pm**

Halesowen College Open Events

Halesowen College 2026/2027 open events are designed to give you the chance to explore their amazing campus and facilities, chat with teachers and students, discover their courses and excellent support and even apply for September 2027. Please see Halesowen College website for further details.

Saturday 10th October 2026 10am – 4pm

Wednesday 4th November 2026 4pm – 7pm

Saturday 16th January 2027 10am – 2pm

Tuesday 27th April 2027 5pm – 7.30pm

University Open Days

University of Leeds



Education Outreach

One day could change your life – join us at our Undergraduate Open Days



Bookings are now open for our **October Open Days**, taking place on **Saturday 3** and **Saturday 17 October**.

Each student planning to attend an Open Day needs to book individually using University of Leeds Open Days [booking form](#). Please note that our Open Days are popular, and sessions fill quickly so pre-booking onto sessions is advised. Details of the times and locations of activities can be found on the booking form.

Book now

For all University Open Days please visit: [Search the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days - search for an open day](#)

Interested in Medicine: Free Lectures

Every year, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh runs free lectures for young people who are considering a career in medicine. These lectures can be attended in person at the College's Queen Street premises, watched via livestream, or viewed on catch-up any time after the event.

Our next lectures will take place on **Monday 28th September 2026** and **Wednesday 30 September 2026**. Recordings of past lectures can be watched [HERE](#).

Schools' Lecture 2026 : Entry to Med School

Monday 28th September 2026, 4:30pm – 6pm

Don't let the application process confuse you - join us to find out everything you need to know when applying to medical school!

BOOK NOW

Schools' Lecture 2026: Medical Ethics

Wednesday 30 September 2026, 4:30pm – 6pm

Curious about medical ethics? Sit alongside some of Scotland's top medical professionals as we discuss the role of ethics in medicine today.

BOOK NOW

Kind regards,

Mrs R McLnerney

Careers Adviser and CEIAG Coordinator