



Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October 2026

Week B

Lordswood School for Girls

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Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 19 th October 2026	MFL Mock Speaking Exams Year 11 Hospitality and catering practical assessments Year 12 STEM Woman apprenticeship careers event @ Edgbaston
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	MFL Mock Speaking exams KS4 School Council meeting Year 7 & 8 Halloween Party
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	MFL Mock Speaking exams Year 11 Drama Exam Year 11 Hospitality and Catering practical assessments Careers Champions meeting (lunchtime)
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	MFL Mock Speaking exams Year 10 Practice interview day
Friday 23 rd October 2026	MFL Mock Speaking exams Year 6 Open Morning 9 AM – 9:45 AM

This Week...

This week has been another busy week in school. We feel incredibly proud of the way in which our students have responded to the wide range of activities and events that have taken place this week.

Our Year 7s attended the King Edward VI Foundation Ceremony on Thursday. The ceremony gave students the opportunity to learn more about the Foundation's history and shared community ethos. Our Year 7s were formally welcomed to the Foundation; a diverse family of schools located across Birmingham that work together to raise aspirations and transform lives. We are incredibly proud of our students' participation as well as the care, attention and exemplary behaviour that they showed in listening to and watching others perform and present.

Our Y11s were equally as impressive in their participation in the MADE workshop on Tuesday. The workshop was an opportunity for our Y11s to learn about a range of revision techniques. Students were engaged and enjoyed the interactive workshop. The skills, hints and tips that they picked up will no doubt be put to good use in preparation for Mock exams after half term.

Other highlights this week have included the Year 12 and Year 13 UOB Arts presentation, the Year 9 forward thinking trip to the University of Birmingham, a presentation to our Year 13 Law students by an Immigration Judge and a Sixth Form bowling trip!

Today our students have enjoyed a non-uniform day; the red clothes and accessories seen all over school clearly showed our students embracing their support for the charity Show Racism the Red Card.

Phone Calls into School

Just a reminder regarding calls into school.

Our school telephone number is 0121 429 2838.

The phone lines are staffed daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If the lines are busy, you will have the option to leave a voicemail; messages are checked during the school day.

Please be aware that the lines are particularly busy between 8:00 am–9:30 am and 3:00 pm–3:30 pm. You may find it easier to call outside these times.

Non-urgent student matters can also be communicated via email at office@lsg.kevibham.org.

When leaving a message or sending an email, please include the following information:

- ✎ Student's name
- ✎ Year group
- ✎ Name of the staff member the message is for
- ✎ A brief explanation of the matter

Please note that staff members are often teaching throughout the day and have limited non-contact time for responding to emails and completing administrative tasks. As a result, it may take several days to receive a response. You should expect to hear back within 5 working days as explained in our Home School Communication policy (which can be found on the school website).

Confiscated Items:

If your child's had any items confiscated, please can you remind them to come and collect their items on Thursday 22nd October after school in the Ante Hall. If they have had perfumes, sprays, make up etc. confiscated that are not collected, those items will be disposed of.

Lost Property Items:

If your child has lost any items over this term, please could you remind them to come and check lost property before leaving school on Thursday 22nd October. We will be discarding any items that are left that evening.

Homework

The school's homework strategy sets out how homework is planned, set, and monitored to support students' learning effectively. The strategy reflects feedback gathered from parents, students, and staff through a survey conducted, ensuring it meets the needs of the whole school community.

You are invited to view the full strategy on the school website by following the link: <https://lsg.kevibham.org/homework/>

Year 11 revision

All Year 11 students enjoyed a revision MADE easy workshop on Tuesday 13th October. The interactive session helped students identify useful strategies to implement when revising.

On the school website, GCSEPod can be accessed by all students. It is an additional resource, containing short videos and quizzes which help with active revision.

Don't forget there are also intervention sessions after school and at lunchtime to support your subject. Details can be found on the school website:

[Year 11 Intervention Timetable | King Edward VI Lordswood School](#)

Reminder - Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 18th November

Just a gentle reminder that our open evening is coming up, the evening will take place on Wednesday 18th November 2026 between 5pm and 7pm. Everyone is welcome, please come and have a look around.

We look forward to seeing you.

Cognitive Abilities Testing (CAT4)

On Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October 2026, Year 7 are timetabled to do their Cognitive Abilities Testing (CAT4). The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is an assessment of the main types of reasoning ability known to make a difference to learning and achievement – namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning – and provides us with an accurate analysis of potential student achievement so we can target support, provide the right level of challenge, and make informed decisions about their progress. The students are unable to revise for these as they are assessing the way the student think and approach questions.

Regards

Mr Fox

Year 11 and Year 13 November Mock Examination Timetables

To Parents and Guardians

Here is a copy of the Year 11 and Year 13 November Mock Examination Timetables along with a copy of the mock examination instructions and information booklet for students and parents. Please make sure that your student has read through this prior to starting their mock examinations.

Here are some quick reminders for the students that we would like you to encourage them to follow:

- **Be ready by being equipped** - Make sure that they come to the examinations with all the equipment that they require. There is a limited equipment to be lent out, especially as calculators it may not be the brand or model they are used to using.
- **Be ready to start** - Make sure that they are arriving ten minutes before stated start time so that they are sat down and ready to start the exam punctually.
- **Be respectfully silent** - Make sure that they appreciate the need to be silent from the point that they enter the examination hall until they have left the sixth form block after their examination. Please be respectful to those students that are still doing their examination.
- **Be respectful to the environment by sitting in the correct seat** - Make sure that they are sat in the correct seat, they can check the seating plans outside the room or on the individual timetables that they have been given.
- **Be resilient by trying their best** - Please encourage students to revise for their exams so that they can leave their exam comfortable that they have done their best.

They will be given their individual timetables on Thursday 22nd October 2026.

Regards

Mr Fox

[Year 11 Mock Timetable - November 2026 - Timetable.pdf](#)

[Year 13 Mock Timetable - November 2026 - Timetable.pdf](#)

SEND Inclusion Award

We are working towards achieving the SEND Inclusion Award, which recognises the quality of our provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

As part of this process, we are reviewing our current provision and identifying areas for further improvement. We will be inviting parents and carers of pupils who receive additional support to share their views. Your feedback is important and will help us understand what we are doing well and where we can improve.

Over the coming week, we will send out a short evaluation form. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to answer the questions based on your own experiences and those of your child.

We will continue to keep you updated on our progress towards achieving the award through the parent bulletin.

Mrs Adamson

Drama Club

The after-school Drama Club will be cancelled on Tuesday 20th October due to the Halloween party. Thank you

National Fitness Day – Girls' Lunchtime Activity

As part of **National Fitness Day**, we are delighted to be opening our astro at lunchtime next week to give girls the opportunity to get active, spend time with friends and enjoy some informal physical activity in a fun and supportive environment.

Whether your child enjoys football regularly or simply wants to have a kick-about with friends, all girls are welcome to come along and get involved.

Lunchtime Activity: 1:15pm - 1:45pm

Year Group Schedule

- **Monday:** Years 7 & 8
- **Tuesday:** Year 9
- **Wednesday:** Years 10 & 11

Key Information

- No sign-up or pass is required.
- Students should simply come to the astro gate at lunchtime.
- Sports kit, football boots and trainers are not required.

- Students should purchase and eat any food in the canteen before attending.
- No food is permitted on the astro.
- Water bottles are welcome.
- In the event of rain, the activity will be cancelled.

The sessions will be supervised by **Mrs Aston** and **Miss Johnson** and provide a fantastic opportunity for students to be active, socialise with friends and celebrate National Fitness Day.

We look forward to seeing lots of girls take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy being active during the school day. 🏃‍♀️ ⚽

What is cuckooing?

As a school we are often made aware of arising issues across the country. One such concern is something called 'cuckooing' and whilst the main target may not be students, it is an issue that might affect people within our school community.

So, what is meant by 'cuckooing' and who could be at risk?

Cuckooing involves a criminal taking over the home of a vulnerable person, to establish a base for illegal activity. This might be sex work, drug dealing or gun dealing. Often cuckooing is part of larger operations, such as a county-lines organisation. It can include the storage of illegal items such as hard drives with prohibited data, firearms, knives, and narcotics. Frequently, this involves the financial, physical, mental, and emotional abuse of the vulnerable resident.

Who might be at risk of cuckooing?

- People with previous experience of abuse.
- People who are isolated or experience social difficulties.
- People with a physical or learning disability or mental ill health.
- People who have previously been in care.
- People who are battling addiction.
- People with connections with others who are involved in gangs.

What are some of the signs of Cuckooing at a property?

You might notice:

- An increase in people visiting and leaving and an increase in vehicles outside.
- Visitors come and going at unusual times.
- You haven't seen the person who lives there in a while or when you do see them, they appear anxious or distracted.
- The person has a sudden unexplained increase in money, clothes, or mobile phones.
- The person has relationships with controlling people or groups.
- The person has unexplained injuries and worrying changes in their emotional health.
- A sudden lack of healthcare visitors.

If you have come into contact with someone who you suspect may be a victim of modern slavery and in need of help, phone the Salvation Army's free 24/7 confidential referral helpline: 0800 808 3733.

Source: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery/cuckooing>

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 care

The question prompt for this week is: Do you have any habits you want to break or change?

Careers & Next Steps

BBC Half term Opportunity

[BBC Apprenticeships: Launch Your Career at the BBC! Tickets, Wednesday 28 October • 2 PM - 3 PM G...](#)

The BBC is currently looking for new talent for a wide variety of roles in all areas of our organisation's work. Join this free online webinar to explore the wide range of apprenticeship opportunities that are about to be available at the BBC.

What's in it for you?

- Hear directly from the BBC team about the roles on offer
- Get practical advice on how to apply – including tips to make your application stand out
- Listen to current apprentices share their experiences of working at the BBC

Discover schemes across areas like:

-  Production
-  Journalism
-  Digital, Data & AI
-  Business
-  Broadcast Engineering & Technical Operations

Whether you're interested in storytelling, solving problems, or making an impact behind the scenes, there's a place for you at the BBC.

👉 Sign up now and find out how a BBC apprenticeship could be your next big opportunity.

What Are Employability Skills? With Pearson



Wednesday

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October



6:00–7:00pm

📍 Online – free to attend for Year 9 students and above

During this session, students will have the opportunity to:

- Understand the key employability skills employers look for.
- Discover how to demonstrate skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and adaptability.
- Gain practical advice to help them stand out in apprenticeship and job applications.
- Ask questions and hear insights directly from Pearson's Early Careers team.

Suitable for students Year 9+ who may be interested in exploring apprenticeships, preparing for applications, or developing their employability skills.

Students can register for free here:
<https://pathwayctm.com/event/what-are-employability-skills-with-pearson-plc/>

Year 13 opportunity below for students applying to Medicine or Dentistry:

The University of Birmingham Widening Access to Medical Sciences Society (BWAMS), are excited to share an excellent opportunity for your Year 13 students who are applying to study Medicine or Dentistry.

Their annual Mock MMIs (Multiple Mini Interviews) will be taking place on Saturday 7th November and Saturday 21st November at the University of Birmingham Medical School, the poster is below. Students will be allocated either the 9:00–12:30 or 13:00–16:30 session.

This event offers a realistic, simulated interview experience to help students feel confident and well-prepared for their actual interviews. Each participant will receive personalised feedback from current healthcare students, along with expert tips for success.

If students are interested, complete the Expression of Interest form at [BWAMS Medicine and Dentistry Mock MMIs | University of Birmingham](#).

The deadline to submit this form is 25th October at 23:59. Successful applicants will be contacted to confirm their place, with a final confirmation later on.



Year 13 Personal Statement Support Webinar

Aston University have their **Mastering Your Personal Statement** webinar taking place on **Wednesday 4th November, 5:00pm-6:00pm**. The session is designed to help students strengthen their personal statement and make their application stand out. Further details and booking information can be found [Mastering your Personal Statement | Aston University](#)

T Levels Week Parent and Carer webinar: Understanding T Levels

Tuesday 20th October 2026, 18:30 – 19:15

[Register here](#)

Apprenticeships



Register

Webinar

KPMG Virtual Application Support Session for Students, Teachers, Parents and Carers

Join the KPMG Early Careers Team to discover the apprenticeship opportunities available this year. Gain valuable insight into the application process, learn how to prepare effectively, and hear expert tips to help you succeed.

During the session, you will:

- Explore the range of apprenticeship programmes available at KPMG.
- Learn what to expect throughout the application and assessment process.
- Receive practical advice and top tips to strengthen your application.
- Find out how to secure a degree apprenticeship with KPMG.
- Ask questions directly to the Early Careers Team.
- Receive a personalised certificate of attendance (available exclusively to attendees).

Wednesday 18th November 2026 5:30pm - 6:00pm



Click here to register: [NAW webinar KPMG/TSOC poster](#)

Career of the Week: Solicitor

Solicitors represent and defend clients' legal interests and provide advice. Find out more about the work solicitors do, the skills needed and how to qualify here: [Becoming a solicitor | The Law Society](#)

Explore the different areas of law, from criminal and family law to corporate and human rights, and find the specialism that matches your interests, strengths and career ambitions here: [Areas of law: understanding legal disciplines | Prospects.ac.uk](#)