

Parent Bulletin



7th - 11th March 2022

Week 1

Lordswood Girls' School
www.lordswoodgirls.co.uk
0121 429 2838

Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Week beginning Monday 7th March	Year 11 Mock Examinations
Wednesday 16th March	Parent Forum 8-9am
Week beginning Monday 21st March	Year 13 Mock Examinations
Thursday 24th March	Whole school PSHE Day
Friday 25th March	Year 11 Results

Welcome back

Wow! What a first week back. I don't think any of us were expecting the Ofsted 'call' on Monday morning.

I would just like to thank all the parents and students who completed the parent/student survey. I know the inspectors really appreciated your feedback.

I would also like to thank the students for their fantastic behaviour and manners over the two days. For those who work in the school it felt very 'normal' to see the students walking around the school with purpose, playing nicely together at break/lunch time, lining up in an orderly fashion - for the inspectors it was a real treat to see such lovely behaviour and as a result they very purposely asked me to pass on their thanks.

We are not able to share the outcomes of the inspection until it is published on the Ofsted website. When this happens I will write to you to let you know that it is available to read.

COVID Changes

There was an update to the COVID guidance during the half term break. These changes include:

- The end of twice weekly testing for all staff and students.
- There will no longer be the need to undertake LFD for 7 days after being in close contact with a confirmed case.
- The **legal** requirement to self-isolate for 10 days after testing positive will be replaced with the **guidance** to self isolate for 6 days or more days if suffering COVID symptoms. Just because it is no longer a 'legal' requirement we still expect students to stay at home if they have COVID symptoms OR test positive for COVID.
COVID measures are now in line with other contagious infections like Chicken pox, although there is no 'legal' requirement to isolate, we all do so to protect the others in the school
- If suffering with COVID, students should undertake 2 LFD test on day 5 and 6 after symptoms start, if both tests are negative and they no longer have a temperature, they will be able to return to school. If they are still positive, they should remain at home until day 10 OR 2 negative tests are received (whichever is sooner)

If you think your child has COVID it is still essential that you contact the school to report the reason for absence. Even if you do not have a test result to confirm your suspicions, it is important that you mention that you think they have COVID symptoms when reporting the absence. This is because we have to report all COVID related absences in a different way to 'normal' illness.

Moving forward we will now only be provided with a small stock of LFD tests. These will be to supply students/staff with enough tests to undertake tests on day 5/6 if they are unwell with COVID symptoms. We encourage all students to keep a small supply at home if they are required. If you require additional tests please contact the school office, who will arrange for some to be delivered to your child.

Parental contact with school

If parent/carers need to communicate with staff in school, we request that this is done via the following email address rather than emailing staff directly:

lgs-enquiry@lordswoodtrust.co.uk

Please include the following information in your email:

- Name of the student
- Review Group
- Name of the member of staff to whom you would like the message directed
 - Subject based enquiries should be directed to the subject teacher in the first instance
 - Pastoral based enquiries should be directed to the review tutor in the first instance
- Brief summary of what the communication is regarding

Whilst staff will endeavour to reply as soon as possible, this could take up to five days (due to timetable commitments). If you require a reply sooner, please phone the school office.

Tariff increase

Just a reminder that the canteen prices have increased from this week.

The cost of a main meal deal will increase to £2.40 but will now include a water/cuplet OR the desert of the day.

Examples of some of the other price changes can be found below:

Product	Old tariff	New tariff	Increase
Panini	£1.70	£1.80	10p
Sausage roll	£1.00	£1.05	5p
Pizza Slice	£1.00	£1.05	5p
Plain Jacket Potato	£1.00	£1.05	5p

In response to the price increase, we will be increasing the Free School Meal allowance has now increased to £2.40.

Car Parking

I just want to say a massive thank you for adhering to requests for considerate parking at the start of the school day. It has been nice to see a reduced number of car blocking driveways before school. We have also noticed less cars attempting to turn around on Lordswood Road - this is appreciated and is making the road a much safer environment for students.

Unfortunately there are still cases of cars pulling onto residents driveways at the end of the school day. The police are aware of the situation and additional parking attendants have been requested.

Safeguarding - Domestic Violence

Living in a home where domestic abuse happens can have a serious impact on a child or young person's mental and physical wellbeing, as well as their behaviour, this can last into adulthood.

If you, or someone you know if experiencing domestic violence, there are a wide range of services that can offer support and guidance, a range of these can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20095/antisocial_behaviour_and_neighbour_disputes/581/domestic_abuse_including_domestic_violence_and_coercive_control

Football Club

Monday Football Club is back on **every** Monday with Dr Hughes for sixth form and Years 9-11 until Easter but will then finish for the year. Finish time is 4pm sharp.

Please ensure you are in suitable sportswear and boots otherwise you will not be permitted to attend. Any person found to be using their mobile phones or not participating in activities will have the privilege of attending removed.

Self Defence Classes

Self defence classes will take place on the following dates:

1st March
8th March
15th March
22nd March
29th March
5th April

Nose Piercings

Nose piercings are not allowed, please do not let your child wear their nose piercing in school. If they are caught with their nose piercing in they will be asked to remove it, and this will result in a behaviour log for a uniform breach.

Holocaust Educational Trust Book Club Recommendations

Ordinary Men - Christopher Browning

Ordinary Men is the true story of Reserve Police Battalion 101 of the German Order Police, which was responsible for mass shootings as well as round-ups of Jewish people for deportation to Nazi death camps in Poland in 1942. Browning argues that most of the men of RPB 101 were not fanatical Nazis but, rather, ordinary middle-aged, working-class men who committed these atrocities out of a mixture of motives, including the group dynamics of conformity, deference to authority, role adaptation, and the altering of moral norms to justify their actions. Very quickly three groups emerged within the battalion: a core of eager killers, a plurality who carried out their duties reliably but without initiative, and a small minority who evaded participation in the acts of killing without diminishing the murderous efficiency of the battalion whatsoever.

Travelers in the Third Reich – Julia Boyd

This is an extraordinary history of the rise of the Nazis based on fascinating first hand accounts, drawing together a multitude of voices and stories, including students, politicians, musicians, diplomats, schoolchildren, communists, scholars, athletes, poets, journalists, fascists, artists, tourists, even celebrities like Charles Lindbergh and Samuel Beckett. Their experiences create a remarkable three dimensional picture of Germany under Hitler.