

# Parent Bulletin



## 13th - 17th December

### Week 2

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### Welcome

As we go into the final week of term.

### Upcoming dates

Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas holidays, students to be dismissed from 12:00.
Tuesday 4th January	School reopens - staggered start to allow for COVID testing. Please see the details below.

### Spring term 2022 - Arrangements for staggered start (WEEK 1)

The DfE has asked all secondary schools to provide **one** on-site test for students on returning to school in January, helping to reduce transmission of COVID-19 after a period of mixing over the holidays. To accommodate this testing, the start of term will be staggered with year groups returning to school on different days during the first week back. Please refer to the schedule below to identify the day that your child should return to school.

<b>Monday 3rd January</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 4th January</b>	<b>Year 11 and Year 13 students return to school.</b> Students should arrive at school by 8.35am and will follow their normal Week 1 timetable.
<b>Wednesday 5th January</b>	<b>Year 10 and Year 12 students return to school.</b> Students should arrive at school by 8.35am and will follow

	their normal Week 1 timetable.
<b>Thursday 6th January</b>	<b>Year 8 and Year 9 students return to school.</b> Students should arrive at school by 8.35am and will follow their normal Week 1 timetable.
<b>Friday 7th January</b>	<b>Year 7 students return to school.</b> Students should arrive at school by 8.35am and will follow their normal Week 1 timetable.

I would like to stress that the staggered start is not an extension of the Christmas holidays and students who are not required in school are expected to complete remote learning in line with their normal week 1 timetable. Year 10 and Year 12 students should access live online lessons via Google Meet. All other students should access their work from Google Classroom.

All students who are not required in school will be invited to attend an online review tutor session every morning at 8.35am. Please encourage your daughter to keep to her normal morning school routine so that she is able to log on to the meeting in time. Keeping to a normal school routine will also help students engage with and complete the work set.

### Free School Meals

If your daughter requires a sandwich grab bag during the days she is not in school, please contact the finance team by telephone or email ([finance@lordswoodtrust.co.uk](mailto:finance@lordswoodtrust.co.uk)) no later than midday on Thursday 16th December.

### Consent for Covid 19 Testing

If you have previously provided consent for your daughter to participate in COVID-19 testing you do not need to provide consent again. A consent form will be sent out next week if you have not yet provided consent and wish to do so.

### Covid 19 Testing over the Holidays

Please encourage your daughter to continue testing over the Christmas holiday. This is especially important if they are going to be in a crowded, or enclosed space. It is also vital before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they get COVID-19.

### Multi-faith reflection room

At Lordswood Girls’ School we pride ourselves on embracing the diversity of our student population.

From **January** we will be trialing the use of the meeting room on the first floor as a multi-faith reflection room at lunchtimes. All students will be welcome to use the room to reflect, pray or meditate. If successful we will explore options to create a more permanent room for students to use next academic year.

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Some religions do not permit males and females to pray alongside each other, therefore the room will be open to KS3, KS4 and female KS5 students/female staff during the first lunch sitting, and will be open to male post 16 students and male staff during the second lunch sitting.

To access the room students will require a pass. To obtain a pass students and parents will have to sign the consent form below acknowledging and agreeing to follow the rules of the room. The completed consent form should be given in to student reception who will issue students with a pass for the rest of the academic year. Students need to keep their pass safe, they will not be issued with a replacement except in exceptional circumstances.

📄 Multi-faith Reflection Room - Consent Form.pdf

## Safeguarding

Whilst we hope that Christmas is a joyful time for all our families, for some Christmas can prove a difficult time of year. If you require support during the holidays here are a few helplines which will remain open during the winter break:



Additional information can be found on our school website:

[Mental Health Links – Lordswood Girls' School](#)

[Safeguarding Links – Lordswood Girls' School](#)

[Parental Mental Health – Lordswood Girls' School](#)

[Parental Safeguarding – Lordswood Girls' School](#)

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## Self-harm

Schools around the country have seen a large increase in the number of cases of teenagers self-harming since the start of the pandemic. Girls are statistically more likely to self harm than boys. Self-harm is harder to identify in the winter months due to the fact that people naturally cover up more during the cold weather.

As parents it is important to be able to spot the signs that our children could be self-harming, along with knowing how to handle it if we discover that our children need some additional support. Please have a read of the following websites so you are aware of what to look for:

[How to support a child or young person who is self-harming](#)

[Preventing Child Self-Harm & Keep Them Safe](#)

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/a-z-guide/self-harm/?acceptcookies=>

[What can I do if my child is self-harming? - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)

## Be Empowered Parent Workshops

Below are the new flyer and booking form for the next set of Be Empowered Workshops (BEWs) taking place in January and February 2022.

This set of workshops is being held at Dyson Gardens Children's Centre, 145 Highfield Road, Birmingham B8 3QF) on Monday's in the daytime from 10am-1pm on, starting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 through to the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The deadline for receiving bookings is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Any queries and booking forms can be emailed to [BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk)

[BEW Flyer.jpg](#)

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## Years 9-11 Football Match

There is an away football match for students in Years 9-11 on Monday at Queensbridge school. Mr Dickinson will inform the students as to who is playing.

## Netball Club Cancellation

There will be no netball club on Tuesday 14th December.

## Basketball Club Cancellation

There will be no basketball club on Thursday 16th December.

## Drama Trip to London Meeting

There will be a meeting about the drama London residential trip on Monday 13th December in G8 at the start lunch time. Please ensure your daughter attends as there will be important information given out.