

Parent Bulletin

28th February - 4th March 2022



Week 2

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Happy half term

It has been a wonderfully busy half term at Lordswood Girls' School.

COVID has continued to challenge us, but as a school community we have worked together to remain open for all years groups and ensured that learning has been able to continue with as little disruption as possible. The students have been fantastic and I am sure you are equally as proud as I am at the way they have shown resilience during this time.

The students continue to work hard and I look forward to seeing the progress made by all year groups, but especially the Year 11 and Year 13 students in their forthcoming mock examinations. I encourage them to revise over the half term... but also to get plenty of rest.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing everyone, safe and sound after the holidays.

Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Week beginning Monday 28th February	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 8th April	INSET day - school closed to students

Uniform

Please can we use the half term holiday to check that uniform still meets the school uniform policy. Just a reminder of the key points:

- We do not permit trainers (except for during PE lessons), fabric shoes or boots.
- Trousers should cover the ankle - we do not permit ankle length/cropped trousers.
- Skirts should be knee length.
- Students are expected to wear their 'year group' pin on their jumper every day, this should be positioned above the school logo.
- Jewellery is not permitted (with the exception of a small, discreet religious symbol, a watch and one plain, silver or gold stud in each ear).
- We currently allow students to wear a plain, navy blue fleece over their usual uniform if they are cold in classrooms. This should not replace their usual school jumper.

If you require extra information please refer to our uniform policy that can be found on the school website: <http://lordswoodgirls.co.uk/uniform-guide>

I thank you for your support in ensuring that our usual high standards are adhered to.

Year 11 Mock Examinations Monday 28th February - Wednesday 9th March

All students have had an assembly on Thursday morning to make them aware of the forthcoming mock examinations.

Individual timetables have been given to students, these can also be found on Edulink in the 'Exams' tab. The timetable and instructions are also available on the school website:

[Timetables – Lordswood Girls' School](#)

[Examination Policies & Guidance – Lordswood Girls' School](#)

A Reminder

To help students' concentration and energy throughout the day it is important they eat regularly (at break and lunch times). Did you know you can check what your child has purchased from the canteen on their dinner card through your ParentMail account? Details are below:

1. Log into your account
2. Go into the "Accounts" section
3. Go into "Dinner Top up"
4. Select "Statements" which is the third tab at the bottom of the screen.
5. Click on the "month" you wish to look at.
6. Click on "Items Purchased" and you will be able to see what has been bought that day.

Government Funded Supermarket Vouchers

The government funding for supermarket vouchers during school holidays has come to an end so none will be issued for February half term or any other subsequent holidays. Instead, families

needing additional financial support can access advice on if they qualify for help with food and household costs here: [Household Support Fund | Birmingham City Council](#)

Year 13 Study Skills Workshops - Wednesday 2nd March

We are delighted to inform you that your child will be participating in a two hour study skills workshop led by one of the UK's leading study skills companies, Learning Performance. Their interactive and motivational workshops will show your child how to learn, how to revise and how to prepare for examinations using a variety of strategies such as memory techniques. This will take place on **Wednesday 2nd March** during either **period 1 and 2** or **period 3 and 4**.

Year 11 Parent Study Skills Workshop

In February 2022, Year 11 students took part in a study skills workshop run by Learning Performance, one of the UK's leading learning study skills companies. The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive, with 81% of the year group rating the ideas and strategies featured as very helpful. The company offers a follow up parent/carer workshop that covers these learning strategies and gives advice and tips on how you can support your child at home.

The school is looking to host one of these parent/carer workshops in the next few weeks. If you would be interested in attending this parent/carer workshop, please complete the expression of interest form that was sent out to **Year 11 parents via ParentMail by 25th February** to help us decide whether this event would be viable.

Parent/Carer Survey

Parents and Carers of students in Year 9 and 13 have been sent a link to complete a short survey in order for us to gather your views on a range of school related areas to help us ensure we are providing the best provision for our students.

If you haven't completed the survey yet, please click on the relevant link below, we would appreciate you taking the time to fill in this survey at your earliest convenience.

Please note that this survey will be open to accept responses until Monday 28th February 2022.

Year 9 survey link - <https://forms.gle/dZCMALYgjesCdKjD6>

Year 13 survey link - <https://forms.gle/2ywkLVzKHKKsXjHw5>

Easyfundraising - Shop and raise money at the same time!

All parents/carers are invited to shop with Easyfundraising, a platform that raises money for the school at no extra cost to you! Sign up is free so visit

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lordswoodgirlsschool/payments/61f901cd4a900db4227b865b/

Celebrating 25 Years of World Book Day

All students will have been given their World Book Day token this week. This token entitles them to one FREE world book day 2022 book or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating bookstores.

The offer is valid from 17th February 2022-27 March 2022 inclusive.

For more information please visit worldbookday.com

Self Defence Classes

Self-defence classes will start on Tuesday 1st March. All of the places have now been taken, so if you signed up, please come down to the sports hall from 3 - 4pm with your PE kit.

Half term at the Hippodrome

Further information about the activities available at the Hippodrome can be found below:

Further details about the February half term workshops at the Hippodrome

Dates: Wednesday 23rd February & Thursday 24th February

Times: 12pm – 6pm & 12pm-5pm (come for as long or as little as you wish)

Tickets: Free – no need to book

Age: 14+

The sessions are open to young people of all levels and abilities. Break out spaces and chill out areas are available throughout the day.

Full details and a timetable can be found here - [Young Community Drop-In Sessions - Birmingham Hippodrome](#)

If you have any questions, please email participation@birminghamhippodrome.com

Work experience at the Birmingham Hippodrome

Dates for work experience this year will be the week of **11th July**. 15 young people (from years 10-13) will be chosen to create a piece of performance or performance related work, overseen by the learning team and supported by the Hippodrome wider team.

In order to apply, you will need to fill out the attached Work experience registration form and return it to learning@birminghamhippodrome.com; there is also an option to submit a filmed application if your young people would prefer this option.

Applications need to be with the theatre by **Monday 7th March**; they will then aim to offer every young person a zoom interview and feedback on their application.

Holocaust Educational Trust Book Club Recommendations

The Power of Light – Isaac Bashevis Singer

‘This is a short story collection. The title story is about two teenagers hiding in the Warsaw Ghetto and how finding and lighting a candle on the first night of Chanukah gives them the motivation to escape. I have a PowerPoint which I use in lessons which I am happy to share’ – Susy Stone

The Past is Myself - Christabel Bielenberg

Christabel Bielenberg, a niece of Lord Northcliffe, married a German lawyer in 1934. She lived through the war in Germany, as a German citizen, under the horrors of Nazi

rule and Allied bombings. Closely associated with resistance circles, her husband was arrested after the failure of the plot against Hitler's life on 20th July 1944, and she herself was interrogated by the Gestapo. Not only do we meet her friends whose tragic bravery shines from the book, but dozens of everyday Germans, from the simple-minded Nazi official who was also her odd-job gardener, to the good-hearted Black Forest villagers who sheltered her till the liberation. They are presented with humour and sympathy, allowing the reader a remarkable insight into their character. All the more haunting, then, is her night-time encounter with an SS man from Riga who searches desperately for death on the battlefield. The human dimension of her writing brings about an unforgettable portrait of an evil time.