



Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School

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Headteacher: Mr J Fuller

Dear Parent/Guardian,

January 2025

Over the next couple of weeks, Year 12 students at KGGS will commence the Subject Reduction process, which will take them from studying four subjects to three subjects after February Half Term. Below, you will find information regarding how this process will be carried out.

- On **Monday 27th January**, all Year 12 students attended a Subject Reduction Briefing, where Mrs Turner outlined the process and explained the different steps the students need to follow when they confirm their decision. Mrs Turner also introduced key information about the compulsory Enrichment Programme that will commence after February Half Term.
- As part of this briefing, all Year 12 students were given a Subject Reduction Form to complete in consultation with their subject teachers. Teachers should have a 1:1 consultation with each student which will include (where appropriate): a review of progress and attitude to learning to date; a review of any assessment performance to date; a discussion about the student's potential ability to cope with Year 13 study; and some discussion about a likely UCAS predicted grade band.
- Year 12 Consultation Evening takes place on **Thursday 30th January**. This is a valuable opportunity to gain insight from subject teachers and is designed to help you to support students in making as informed a decision as possible when it comes to submitting their decision.
- On **Friday 31st January**, all Year 12 students will receive an email from Mrs Turner reiterating the instructions they need to follow.
- On **Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February**, students will email their designated member of the Sixth Form team with their decision as to which subject they no longer wish to continue studying and explain the rationale behind this.
- Mrs Turner and Mrs Macpherson will meet with any students whose decision appears to be a concern before February Half Term. As a Sixth Form team, we want to ensure that our students are making a logical decision that is going to serve them best in the future; this means that we will be considering their completed Subject Reduction Form, their recent progress reports, and any feedback we have received from subject teachers, as well as any post 18 ambitions students indicate they may have, to make sure that we are supporting and guiding them to the best of our ability.



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To clarify:

- The decision about which subject to drop is the student's. Staff will only be taking on an advisory role.
- There may be an estimated A level grade discussed by subject teachers. It is important students understand that it is unlikely to be their final UCAS grade that will be used on any future applications to universities. This is just an indicative grade at the moment and may go up or down depending on their performance in the coming months.
- A level study is complex and challenging; all students will, therefore, be advised to drop a subject and will start on three subjects when Year 12 teaching commences after February half term. That is unless the fourth subject is Further Maths.
- It is possible that there may be some changes to timetabling or staffing resulting from this subject reduction. This will be discussed with any students affected.
- After February half term, students will have more flexibility in their timetables; we advise they use this time wisely.
- All students will be involved in some of the compulsory Enrichment programme.
- When not required in school for Enrichment, whole school events or requested by a member of staff, students may study at home in any untimetabled afternoon periods. They must sign out diligently and personally.
- Please note that students have been briefed that they cannot carry out any paid work during normal school hours.

Should you have any queries, please direct them to a member of the Sixth Form team.

Kind regards,

R Turner

Mrs R Turner

Head Of Year 12