Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School

Weekly Bulletin
for Parents and Students
Term 2
Friday 13th November 2026



Headteacher's Welcome

It has been another incredibly busy and successful week across the school, with plenty to celebrate both inside and outside the classroom. From sporting success and university visits to thoughtful acts of remembrance, our students have once again demonstrated the enthusiasm, commitment and character that make our school such a special place.

Sporting Success
Last weekend, both our U14 and U16 netball teams travelled to Branston to compete in the County Cup Finals. Both teams performed exceptionally well, with our U16s finishing an impressive third. Although they narrowly missed out on qualification for the regional finals, they can take enormous pride in having beaten the eventual county champions during the competition.

Our U14s enjoyed a fantastic day, playing some exceptionally fast and accurate netball, remaining undefeated throughout. They were deservedly crowned **County Champions** and now progress to the regional finals in January. A brilliant achievement!

Our U19 netball team have also been in county finals action this week. They too remained undefeated and were crowned champions, overcoming their nemesis team along the way. They have also secured their place in the regional finals in January. Congratulations to all three teams and their coaches on some outstanding performances.

Away from netball, our Year 8 and Year 9 rugby players have also been in action at Newark Rugby Club, continuing to represent the school with enthusiasm and determination.

House Dance Competition
On Thursday, our Year 8 House Dance Competition took place, with each group expertly choreographed by our House Captains. The standard of performance was very high, with some brilliantly creative routines and plenty of energy and enthusiasm on display. A huge congratulations to all those involved, particularly our House Captains for their leadership and choreography, and to our Year 8 students for their wonderful performances. Another brilliant example of the talent and teamwork we see across the school. Lots of smiling and cheering all round. Well done to everyone involved.

University Experiences and Sixth Form Opportunities
On Tuesday, fifteen of our Year 11 students visited the University of Cambridge, where they had the opportunity to explore the university and gain an insight into what life as a Cambridge undergraduate might look like. Experiences such as these are invaluable in helping our students consider the opportunities available to them beyond school and aspire to the very highest levels of academic achievement.

On Thursday evening, we held our Sixth Form Information Evening, welcoming our current Year 11 students alongside prospective students from other schools. Our Year 12 and Year 13 students were on hand to support the evening, sharing their experiences and providing a valuable insight into life in the Sixth Form. Subject teachers were also available to answer questions and discuss the wide range of A-level choices available. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success.

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Remembrance
This week, we have taken time to reflect on Remembrance and the sacrifices made by so many in conflicts around the world.

Our History Prefects and History Club members produced and delivered a particularly moving assembly to every year group across the week. On Wednesday, our two-minute silence was impeccably observed, with those students attending in their service uniforms looking particularly impressive and demonstrating the utmost respect.

A special thank you to Mrs Spencer for creating the beautiful poppy display in Old Hall, and to all the students who contributed to the poppy display outside school on Sandon Road. These displays are a wonderful reminder of the importance of remembrance and a fitting tribute to all those affected by war and conflict around the globe.

Year 10 – Blackout
Year 10 students have today been emailed their authentication codes for Blackout, Please can we ask parents to check this over the weekend and help them install the app if they use a smart phone. A letter regarding this was sent home to Year 10 parents on the 4th September.

The current system will remain in place for the remainder of this academic year, before we confirm our approach considering the new government rules announced earlier this week regarding mobile phones in schools from September 2027.

Further information will be shared as appropriate.

Year 11 Mock Examinations
Finally, I would like to wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck as they begin their mock examinations over the next two weeks. These examinations provide an important opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, identify areas for further development and prepare for the summer examinations.

I hope they approach this period with confidence, determination and a clear focus. We are very proud of the effort they have already invested and look forward to seeing them achieve their very best.

News from the Head
A relatively quiet weekend ahead, which will hopefully provide an opportunity to catch up on a few things and enjoy some rugby on television!

Have a lovely weekend.

James Fuller



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Calendar of Events for w/c 16th November 2026 (Week A)

This week:	- Year 11 Mock Examinations begin
Mon 16th	- Year 7 Assembly
	Year 10 GCSE PE Climbing
Tue 17th	- Year 10 Assembly
	Year 10 GCSE PE Climbing
Wed 18th	- Year 8 Assembly
Thu 19th	- Year 12 Assembly
Fri 20th	- Year 9 Assembly
	P1 Key Stage School Council Meetings



Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

Careers



Could You Help Our Students Understand More About The World Of Work?

To enhance our careers programme, we are always seeking employers to expand our network of companies and individuals who collaborate with us in school, can facilitate on-site visits, and could also offer work placements for students. This could involve speaking in an assembly for 10 minutes, speaking to small groups of students, running workshops or giving a virtual tour of your workplace.

We are interested in all careers, from engineering to the arts!

If you would like to support our careers programme and are prepared to donate your time and expertise or offer a work experience placement for a KGGS student, it would be great to hear from you.

Please complete this form to volunteer your expertise as part of the KGGS Careers Hub

Former Students - Apprenticeships

If you know of any former students who have gone onto an apprenticeship and who wouldn't mind us mentioning this in our weekly bulletin so that we can celebrate their achievement, please send their information to Mrs Davis on staffedavis@kggs.org.

Former Students – University Graduates

If you know of any former students who have graduated and who wouldn't mind us mentioning this in our weekly bulletin so that we can celebrate their achiemement, please send details to Mrs Davis on staffedavis@kggs.org.

Remember to add the name of their course, their grade and where they studied!

Can You Help Support the Next Generation of KGGS Oxbridge Applicants?

We are looking for former KGGS students, current Oxford or Cambridge students, parents, family members and friends of the school who have personal experience of the Oxford or Cambridge admissions process and would be willing to support our current applicants in any capacity, large or small.

Each year, a number of KGGS students apply to study at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. One of the most challenging aspects of the application process is preparing for the interview stage, and support from people who have experienced it themselves can make a huge difference.

We would love to hear from anyone who has:

- Studied at Oxford or Cambridge;
- Been through the Oxford or Cambridge interview process;
- Relevant experience that could help prepare students for this specific type of interview.

Support could take a variety of forms, including sharing advice, speaking with applicants or helping with mock interviews. If you may be able to help, please complete our Microsoft Form using the link below. We would be very grateful to expand our network of supporters and provide our students with the best possible guidance as they prepare their applications. Thank you in advance.

KGGS Oxbridge Network – Fill in form

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Ex-Student Graduation Success

Name: Sandra Lacka (2014-2021)
Course: Modern languages and Economics
Grade: 1st
University: University of Leeds



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Wellbeing Quote



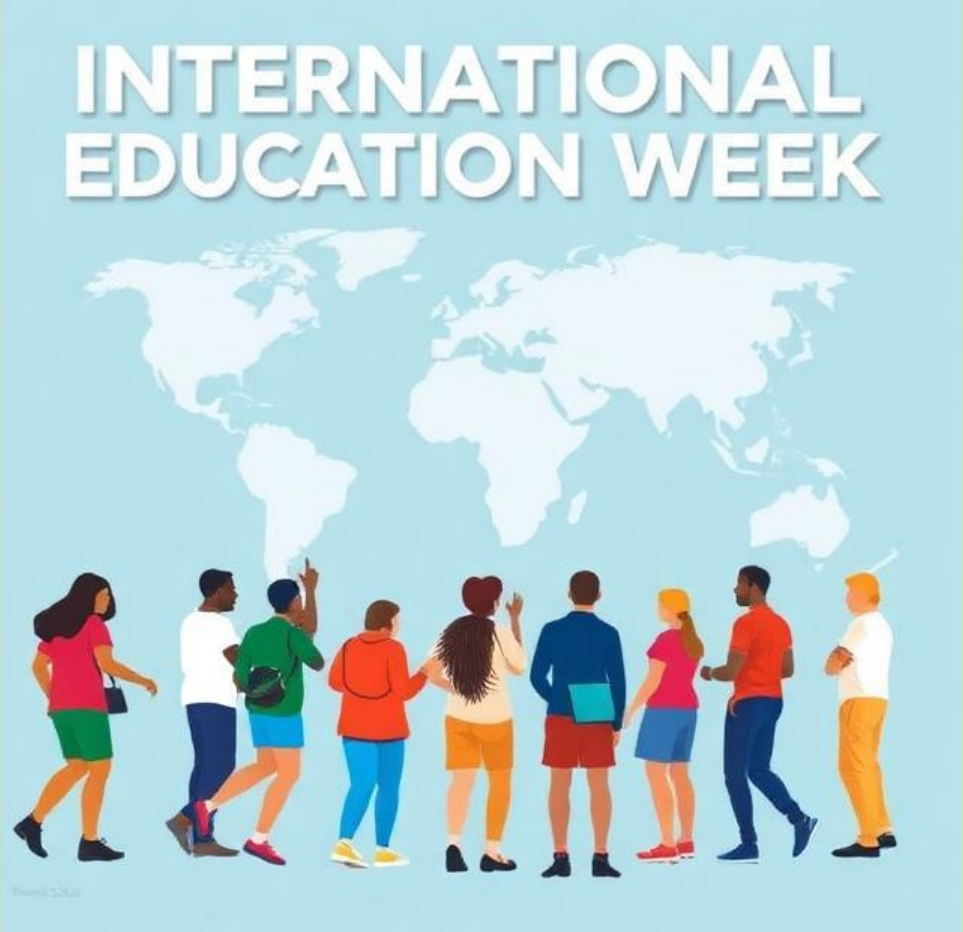
Wellbeing Activity

Turn three negative statements into more positive statements, by adding the word 'yet'.



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Theme of the Week



International Education Week (IEW) is a global celebration of international learning, cultural exchange, and the value of global education, observed annually in November

IEW is designed to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange, promoting the idea that students should be prepared for a globally connected world. It highlights:

Study abroad opportunities
Welcoming international students
Cultural exchange and global citizenship
Language learning and international partnerships
Events that build cross-cultural understanding

It was established in 2000 and now includes participation from over 100 countries, reflecting its global reach

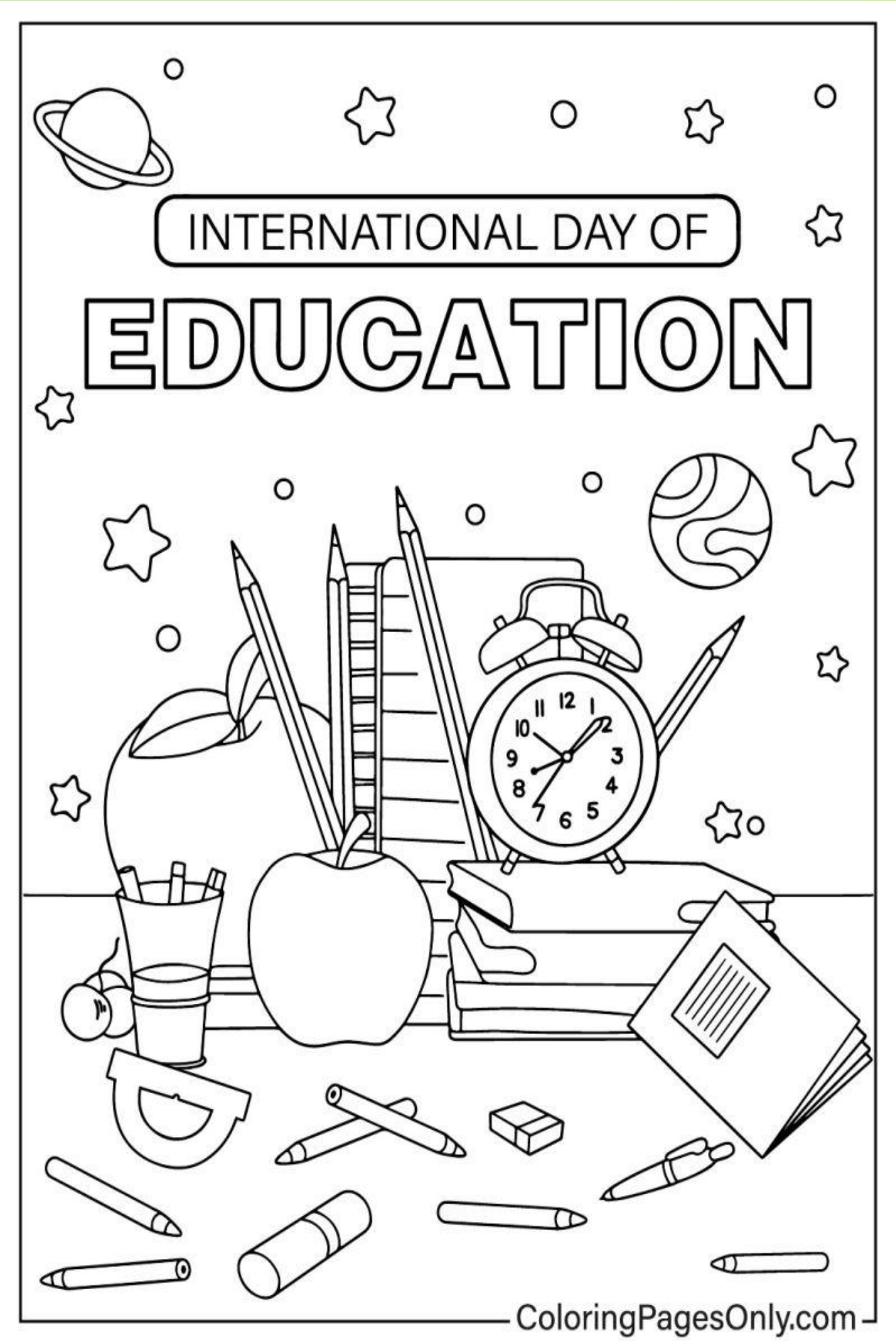
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TRY:	https://gabbitas.com/benefits-international-education/
READ:	https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/international-education-week
WATCH/ LISTEN:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoSHhjk1gxc

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History Club and History Prefects

Remembrance Assembly

This week, members of our History Club and History Prefects presented a special Remembrance Assembly to students across all key stages. The assembly commemorated the 110th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, one of the most significant battles of the First World War, and explored the links between the conflict and Belton House, which served both as a military training camp and a hospital for wounded soldiers during the war.

Remembrance plays an important role in helping us understand the human cost of conflict and the lasting impact that war has on individuals, families and communities. By learning about events such as the Battle of the Somme, students are encouraged to appreciate the freedoms and opportunities they enjoy today while recognising the sacrifices made by those who came before them. It is vital that we continue to remember those who served and gave their lives, ensuring that their experiences and sacrifices are never forgotten.

I would like to thank all of the students involved for the maturity, dedication and professionalism they demonstrated in preparing and delivering the assembly. They represented both themselves and the school exceptionally well, ensuring that this important anniversary was marked with the respect and dignity it deserves. Their efforts helped to make remembrance meaningful for students across the school and ensured that the stories and sacrifices of the Somme continue to be remembered 110 years on.

Miss Newton
Head of History and GCSE Sociology





Remembrance Display

A huge thank you to all our students for designing poppies and special thanks must go to Mrs Spencer for putting together such a beautiful and inspiring display.









Year 11 Visit to Cambridge University

On Tuesday 10th November 15 of our Year 11 students visited Christ's College, Cambridge, which is the Cambridge University link college for Lincolnshire.

They heard about life at Cambridge and what makes it unique, including how the collegiate system works and how students are taught. They found out about the wide range of courses on offer, and the modules it is possible to study within those courses. It was very interesting to learn just how much variety there is within a single degree. They were given useful information on A level subjects needed and grade requirements for the different courses.

There was an opportunity to question current students about the vast array of clubs and other opportunities, and a fascinating tour of the college facilities. Many of the students felt they had learned a lot of useful information and came away feeling inspired to apply.

Mrs Waters

Feedback from the students included:

'I really enjoyed speaking to the current students and learning about their experiences at the college and more broadly in Cambridge. It was useful to learn about the unique teaching and application process too.'

'The day was really informative and introduced many options that I could take going forward. The food was amazing, especially the watermelon! We even saw Baines the college cat during the tour'

'One of my favourite parts was when one of the students led us on a tour around the college and described the different parts of it. The trip was also extremely informative about post-16 options and what Russell Group universities look for in applicants. I am super grateful for the experience!'





Football

KGGS Students, *Flora and Lucy Taylor* (Year 12) and *Leila Whitehurst* (Year 13) have been selected for the U17 and U18 Forest Netball player development pathways with Nottingham Forest Football Club!

Congratulations to you!



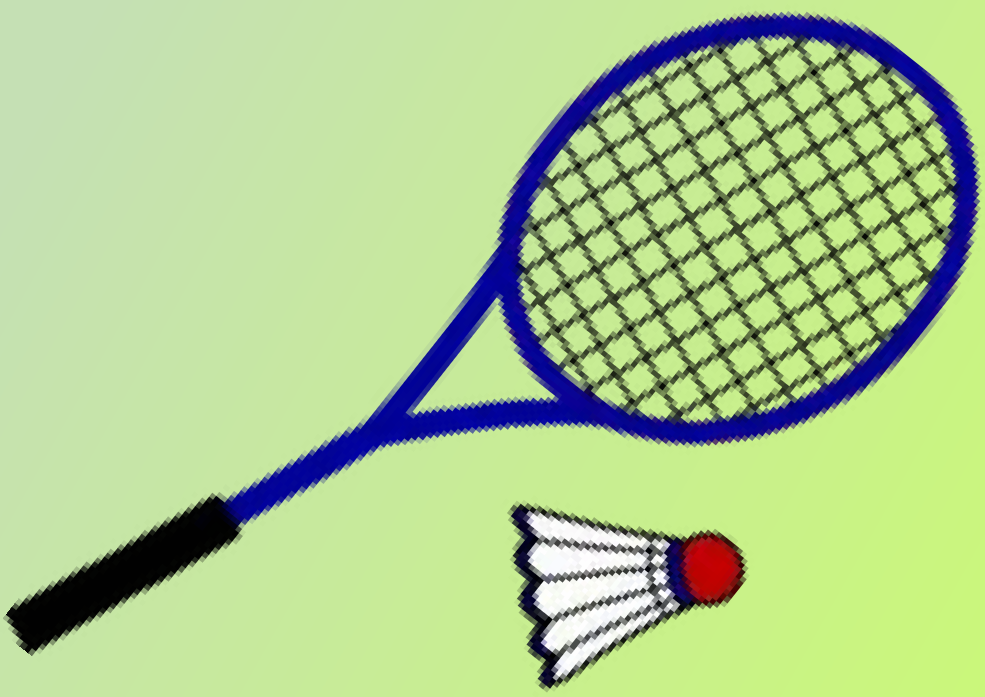


Badminton

Year 8 student, *Shri Agarwal,* secured gold medal in the mixed doubles category at Leicestershire U15 Silver 2026 organised by Badminton England, held in Leicester on 8th November 2026.

Congratulations, Shri!





CEA Production

A huge congratulations to our talented students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 who took to the stage from Monday 2nd November to Wednesday 4th November to perform The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.

Audiences were treated to a fantastic and imaginative production that brought together a captivating combination of dance and drama. Through a powerful blend of movement, choreography and theatrical performance, our students worked together to bring this challenging and thought-provoking story to life.

The production was directed by Mr Clayton and choreographed by Mrs Clayton, whose vision, creativity and guidance helped shape the performance into a truly memorable theatrical experience.

From learning lines and developing characters to creating choreography, rehearsing scenes and preparing backstage, the students demonstrated outstanding commitment, teamwork and creativity throughout the process. Their hard work and dedication were evident in every performance, and it was wonderful to see students from all year groups come together to create something so special.

A special thank you must also go to our Drama Prefects, who designed the set and helped to create the visual world of the production, and our Art Prefects, who designed all of the video projections. Their creativity and hard work added another dimension to the performance and helped bring the story to life in such a memorable way.

We would also like to thank everyone who supported the production behind the scenes, helping with costumes, props, lighting, sound and all the many details that make a school performance possible.

We are incredibly proud of all the students and prefects involved. They should be delighted with what they have achieved, and we hope they enjoyed the experience as much as our audiences enjoyed watching them!

Well done to everyone involved – you were brilliant!

Watch this space for details of our next performance…

Mr Clayton
Joint Head of Creative and Expressive Arts (Drama)







Sports Update Term 2

It has been an incredibly busy two weeks back after half term in PE with eleven different teams competing in a range of sports.

Netball

Year 7 A and B Netball teams played Will Rob and Priory Ruskin in their first fixture of the year comfortably winning all of their matches. Training is still open to all on a Monday lunchtime even if you did not make the team this time.

Football

U14 Footballers travelled to Stamford Welland to play in the first round of the county cup and came away victorious with a 3-1 win. We wait to see who their next fixture will be in the next round of the cup. Football club is on a Wed lunch for all years.



Last weekend the U14 and U16 County Netball tournaments took place at Branston School. The U16's were 3rd and are reserve team for the Regional competition after Christmas, training for them will continue on a Tuesday after school with Katie 4-5pm.



The U14 Netball team were undefeated all day in their tournament and were placed 1st going through as County Champs to the Regional Final at Oundle school on Sat 23 January. Their training will continue on a Tues lunch with coach Carrie. Any student in Yr8 or 9 who did not make the team can still attend training on a Thurs lunch or on a Friday after school with Miss Brady.



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This week the Y8/9 Rugby team played South Wolds and Magnus school in a friendly tournament at Newark Rugby Club beating both teams in some coaching games after doing some fun warmups with some of the club's coaching staff. Yr7/8 Rugby club is on a Tues lunch with Mr Godber.







Rugby

A friendly Year 9/10 Rugby match against Will Rob was played on Thursday, results to follow.

On Wednesday 25 students went to Belton Park to run in the Grantham District Cross County event, results to follow.. Running club happens on a Friday lunch at 12.45 and goes offsite around Grantham.



Also on Wednesday the U19 Netball team travelled to Boston High School to play in the County tournament. They beat Stamford High school, Bourne Grammar and Boston High to claim first place and also now go through to the Regional Finals at Oundle school on 30th Jan representing Lincolnshire. Their training will also continue on a Tuesday after school with Katie.



Cricket

On Tuesday 3rd November, KGGS hosted Lincolnshire Indoor Cricket Quarter Finals where the U13 team were narrowly defeated by 2 runs, the game going to the wire with Bourne grammar School hitting the winning runs on the penultimate ball. The U15s progressed to the next round with a comfortable victory over Priory Ruskin; co-captain Emelia Sergeant taking the key wickets of Priory batters and some excellent running between the stumps by Eden Bland to put the opposing fielders under pressure. Their semi-finals should take place in term 3, usually in Lincoln.

Mr Staff and Miss Curtis are pleased to be able to welcome qualified cricket coaches Olly Clayfield of Belvoir CC and Kiran Makwana of Sleaford CC to the ranks. They will both join the cricket team on Friday lunchtimes for cricket club moving forward.

House Dance

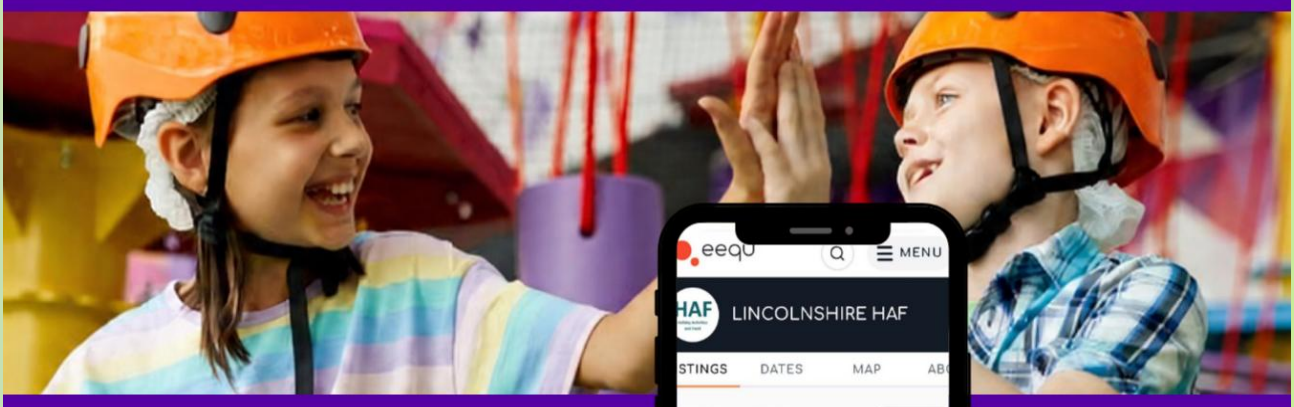
House dance took place on Thurs, results to follow.

Well done to all of the students who have represented KGGS in so many sports over the last two weeks you have all been fantastic!

The PE department



Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

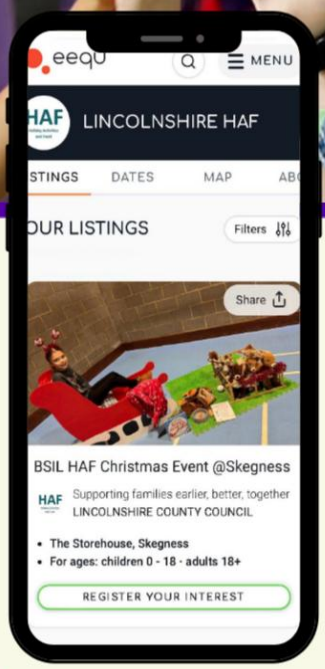


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FREE Holiday Activities for School-Age children receiving **Targeted Free School Meals.**

Discover exciting new activities, and experiences which includes a healthy meal.

Find out more and book your place **scan the QR code.**



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FREE! FOOD HAMPERS

If your child receives Targeted Free School Meals, then the HAF programme is for you!

Book your child's place today! All children who attend a HAF activity this Christmas will receive a **FREE food hamper**. Simply scan the QR code to find activities and make a booking.

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Skegness Best Start in Life

Christmas Celebration

FREE! Community event

Drop in and enjoy everything on offer



Saturday 5th December
10am-1pm
The Storehouse, North Parade, Skegness, PE25 1BY

For all families with children aged 0–19 (25 SEND)



What's on:

- Meet Santa and get a free gift*
- Meet the Grinch
- Free recipe food hamper per family*
- Early Years activities
- Winter crafts
- Sports and games and plenty more

*Subject to availablility



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HOMELIFE AND STUDY:

Mocks are looming large at the end of term (or early January for some). Parents are always keen to know what they can do at home to help their teens study more effectively and cope better with the stress.

We've got a live call on Saturday 21 November so please share the link below in case your parents would like to join us.

Study Skills and Revision: Sat 21 November



Study Skills & Revision: Helping Your Teen Build Better Habits at Home

Sat 21 Nov 2026, 10:00–10:45 (UK)

Great revision is built on consistent habits, not last-minute cramming. This practical, live 45-minute session shares evidence-based techniques to help your teen study effectively at home, manage their time and stay focused and on track throughout the year, with time for questions.

NCW
National Careers Week



THE DEGREE GAP

Free revision webinar for your Year 10 and 11 families

When: Tuesday 1 December, 7 to 8pm


Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven
Grantham
Santa
Fun Run
2 routes:
2.5 or 5K
(run or walk!)
Scan me!
Discount if you provide your own Santa Suit or Fancy Dress
Sunday 6th December 2026, 11am
Starting at Wyndham Park Visitor Centre
Raise money for your own Charity, Club or School Entry. Adults £14, Children 5-12 £8, under 5's free!
For more information visit
www.granthamsantafunrun.co.uk
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Proceeds from this event are for the charities and good causes supported by Rotary.
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