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Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Students,

The end of the 2021/22 academic year is now fast approaching, drawing a close to what has been an extremely busy, productive and enjoyable year. A vast array of events, trips, activities and competitions that had previously needed to be cancelled have once again been able to actually happen and it has been brilliant to see the students throwing themselves into these fully. These make a vital contribution into what makes KGGS so special with years 7, 8 and 9 experiencing much of this for the first time. Much more is planned for the next academic year but for now, I would like to say well done to all the students for their continued hard work and dedication. Have a safe, happy and enjoyable summer break and we will very much look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Have a great summer everyone,

James Fuller

Parent Consultation Evenings Survey

Earlier this term a questionnaire was sent to all parents to consult on the format of Parental Consultation Evenings, to decide how to move forwards with these events. The results are:

Parental Consultation Evening results – Parents

Year group (Number of respondents)	Face to face %	Online %
7 (100)	41	59
8 (77)	45	55
9 (95)	32	68
10 (93)	22	78
11 (68)	24	76
12 (75)	25	75
Total	32	68

Year 11 and 13 parents evenings	Face to face %	Online %	One of both %
7-12 (508)	20	45	35



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Parental Consultation Evening results – Staff (68 responded)

Year group	Face to face %	Online %
7	3	97
8	1	99
9	1	99
10	9	91
12	1	99
Total	3	97

Year group	Face to face %	Online %	One of each %
11	6	74	21
13	6	74	21
Total	6	74	21

Based on the results of the parental and staff questionnaire, Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 consultation evenings will remain online for the 2022/23 academic year, whilst Years 11 and 13 will have one face to face evening and one online evening.

Thank you for your time in completing the questionnaire.

Sporting Achievements

KGGS Equestrian Team

The KGGS Equestrian Team took part in the Hickstead Horse Trials Event on the 29th and 30th May 2022.

NSEA Eventer's Challenge - the competitors in the KGGS Pink Team finished 7th overall with an individual 10th place for Jess Trott and an individual 27th place for Florence Campbell. The KGGS Blue Team finished 18th overall with 16th place going to Eva Bowen.

In the Oliver Bonas County Show jumping Championships, the 95cm Intermediate Team finished 17th overall.



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KGGS Pink Team –
Freya Warren, year 12
Florence Campbell, year 11
Jess Trott, year 9 and
Scarlet Briggs-Price, year 9



KGGS Blue Team – year 10
students:
Philippa Batchlor
Holly Morgan
Ella Wainwright
Eva Bowen



95cm Team

Sophie Asher,
year 9 –
85cm Team
member





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Jessica Trotter with her pony, Connor, proudly wearing kit sponsored by school and Grantham Estates.

Jess was unable to compete due to A-Level Examinations and her horse having had emergency surgery. However, she has been a member of the KGGS NSEA team for a number of years.

Many thanks again to Mrs Trotter for all her hard work and commitment in managing the teams.



Some of the team members who took part in the Hickstead event, pictured with Mr Fuller, Mrs Trotter (retiring manager of the team), Mr Hindmarsh of Grantham Estates (sponsor of the KGGS Equestrian Team) and Mrs Trott who will be taking over the running of the team from September.



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Equestrian Events

Year 10 student, Daisy Patchett placed 1st with 71% on a novice dressage course.



Eva Bowen, year 10, competing in the Little Downham Horse trials.



Year 10 student, Holly Morgan, taking part in the British Showjumping competition, riding her horse, SOS.

A speedy Double clear round 1st place (which is her 3rd double clear in this competition. When she achieves her 4th Holly will then qualify for 2nd rounds).



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Gymnastics

Year 8 student, Saffy Granton Crow, is a member of the East Midlands Regional Squad and recently took part in Compulsory grade 2 at Fenton Manor Sports Complex, ranking 15th in Great Britain and earning the title of an elite gymnast.



Rowing



Georgina and Emma Joy, year 10 and 12 respectively, competed in the Women's Championship Doubles WJ18. Ranking 11th (out of 33) in the time trial to make the A/B semi-finals and finishing 6th in the B-final, making them 12th overall.



Georgina and Emma Joy also took part in the Henley Women's Regatta. Competing in the Junior Doubles (where crews were 17 and 18 years old, together with International Crews). Although they had a good race they did not qualify in the first 12.



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Dancing



Year 10 student, Isabelle Perks attended the All England Dance Regional Finals competing in both the Ballet and Modern-Lyrical sections, being awarded 1st place in each section and is now through to the National Finals in July. She also managed to swing by the Boston Dance Festival to perform her ballet and was awarded the Most Outstanding Dancer of the festival award.



Irish Dancing

Shannon and Greta Quinn (year 10 and 11 students) had an incredibly successful weekend in Ireland competing in the CRG All Ireland Irish dancing Championships. Greta became the U16 Intermediate Champion with Shannon coming 2nd. Shannon came 1st in the Trophy Slip jig and Greta came 3rd. Onto the World Championships in September.



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“As Keen as Mustard”

Maia Joint and Natalia Kalafutova (Year 9) participated in the “As Keen As Mustard” Junior Swim Run event on 18th June. It is the first time that this event has been open to U18 and involves completing a course of run and swim sections over a distance of 3km. The girls had to complete 3 trail run sections and 2 lake swim sections at Ferry Meadows.

Maia came first in the event while Natalia was fourth.



Cycling

Year 10 student, Amy Kolbert, has been selected for the East Midlands cycling team for the UK School Games (<https://www.schoolgamesfinals.org>). She will be going to Loughborough University in early September and taking part in a variety of events including track cycling at Derby velodrome and several road cycling events.

Amy and her year 8 sister, Isla, also recently competed in the British Schools' Cycling Association East Midlands circuit race and 10 mile time trial championships, with Amy winning both in the U15 girls' category, and Isla placing 3rd in both in the U13 girls'.



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House Rounders

A massive thank you to supervising staff, spectators and players:

Year 7 Rounder's results are as follows:

- 1st place- Browning (winning all of their games)
- 2nd- Rossetti
- 3rd- Potter
- 4th- Bronte
- 5th- Austen
- 6th- Eliot

Year 8 Rounder's results are as follows:

- 1st place- Rossetti
- 2nd- Eliot
- 3rd- Austin
- 4th- Potter
- 5th- Bronte
- 6th- Browning

Year 9 Rounder's results are as follows:

- 1st- Rossetti
- 2nd- Potter won and drew the same as Bronte scored 30 rounder's in total
- 3rd Bronte (scored 22.5 rounder's in total)
- 4th Browning
- 5th- Austen
- 6th- Eliot

Year 10 Rounder's results are as follows:

- 1st- Browning
- 2nd- Austin
- 3rd- Bronte
- 4th Potter
- 5th Eliot
- 6th Rossetti



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Tennis



Year 12 student, Christie Halton has continued with her tennis this year following injury and surgery. Despite these setbacks she competed in the £10k Cromer Open, losing to a competitor from Scotland in a championship tiebreak.

Christie played in the Winter National Team tennis finals at St Georges Hill, London in May and will compete again in the summer finals at Bournemouth. This is the highest standard national tennis league and has featured many grand slam champions over the years. Christie and her sister Angela, a former pupil, will compete for a club in Nottingham against the top 8 tennis teams in Great Britain. Before this end of season finale, Christie is representing Lincolnshire at the ladies County tennis week in Havant near Portsmouth.



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Cheerleading



On April 23rd this year, I competed in the Cheerleading World Championships Semi-Finals held in Disney World, Orlando, after arriving in Florida just three days prior. Being able to compete at the competition itself is something I've worked towards for years, and an opportunity I'll always be grateful for, especially after the event has been cancelled for the past two years. I was definitely proud of the run that we put out in Semis, but I think we all knew there was more we could push for in our performance and our skills, so to get through to the Finals was an amazing feeling, knowing that we got to perform one last time. We qualified in 8th Place out of 25, which was a pretty good position to be in, but we all knew what we were capable of.



One of my most memorable moments of the trip was from the next morning - the whole team sitting by the pool talking tactics for Finals. All I remember was our coach telling us to give it everything we had and leave everything out there on the mat, and that's just what we did!

Walking onto the mats on Finals day was such a breath taking experience that I don't think I could describe. Once the routine was over, it seemed like everything was in slow motion: the whole arena was cheering, our coaches were jumping up and down; the atmosphere was just electric. I remember face-timing my Mum and Dad in absolute tears telling them how amazing it all really was. As a team, and individually, we've all overcome so many challenges just to get to Worlds, and knowing our last time performing together as a team went so well was the best feeling in the world.

When we were waiting for awards, I really don't think anyone cared where we placed, just knowing that we had just put out the best routine we possibly could. For me, coming first in the UK was definitely my biggest aim as we were undefeated in England through the whole season, so when the other English teams were announced in 7th and 5th, I was so grateful. And to come second - in the world - was just unthinkable! Since I was little, taking home a globe (top three) has always been my goal, so to achieve it on my first ever trip to Worlds, and to come home with the UK's first ever Silver Globe is still such a surreal experience. It was undoubtedly the hardest week of training I've completed, in such hot weather, but nothing will ever beat the feeling of walking out of the arena with a Silver Medal around my neck and arriving back into Manchester as a Silver World Champion!

Trinity Freshney (Y12)



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Life as a skydiver

Year 12 student, Harriet Jones, recently achieved her 'B' licence in skydiving. This is a set of skills and knowledge which are required in order to take charge of an aircraft load of skydivers and requires a minimum of 50 jumps. Harriet has been skydiving for just over a year and has completed over 60 jumps at Langar airfield. She has also qualified in formation jumping (making shapes in the sky with other people) and says it's the best sport with a great community at the Drop Zone.

If you are interested in skydiving the first step is to complete a course, either AFF (accelerated free fall) or static line, both of which end up with you achieving an 'A' license with the British Skydiving Association which allows you to jump out of a plane on your own!

Skydiving is one of the most diverse and inclusive sports with people from every background. I hope this encourages new people, especially women, to join this incredible sport.





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STEM

Year 9 visited Birmingham NEC where they were able to engage with a range of different companies, organisations and activities focussing on STEM careers. This included hands-on experiences with healthcare, national infrastructure and military services to name but a few.

We hope this visit inspired pupils to consider STEM related opportunities in the future.



Launch of the “Don’t Face It Alone” Campaign

Youth charity The Diana Award is running Don’t Face It Alone, an anti-bullying campaign encouraging young people and us all to #SpeakOutAboutBullying.

The campaign was launched on Wednesday 22nd June and encourages young people not to suffer alone from bullying and instead to speak out and report it, whether it is taking place online or offline. Backed by tech companies, the campaign aims to get the nation talking about bullying and the positive steps that can be taken to prevent it.

School Scientist of the Year Awards Winners

The following students have been nominated by their teachers for the School Scientist of the Year Awards arranged by the University of Lincoln. They will be attending an award ceremony on Monday, 19th September 2022 and Tuesday, 20th September 2022 at the University:-

Y10 Biology - Anna Gibbs

Y10 Chemistry - Amelie Brooks

Y10 Physics - Amy Kolbert

Y10 Computer Science - Sarah Bellamy

Y12 Biology – Esther Mapletoft

Y12 Chemistry – Isla Roberts

Y12 Physics – Hana Ahmed-Mahmoud

Y12 Computer Science – Minnie Poon

Mrs Schinagl

Joint Head of Faculty, Science

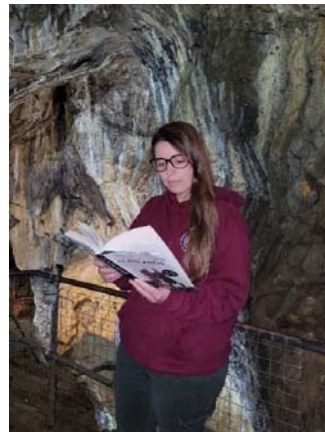
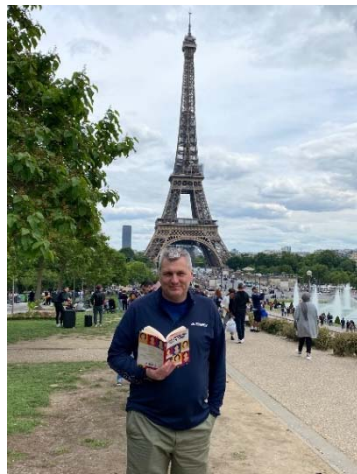


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Summer Reading Photograph Competition

What will you be reading over the summer holiday? The library will be running a summer photograph competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for staff and students to recommend books to each other. Photographs will be judged on the basis of overall composition and interest. **Prizes will be awarded.** The only rule is that the **title of the book must be visible.** Photographs may be taken at home, in unusual or faraway places.

PRIZES!



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We invite students in all year groups to email their photograph in to:
staffcday@kestevengrantham.lincs.sch.uk . Closing date 16 September 2022.





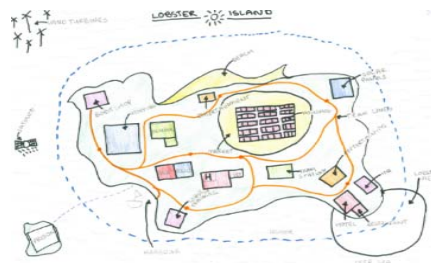
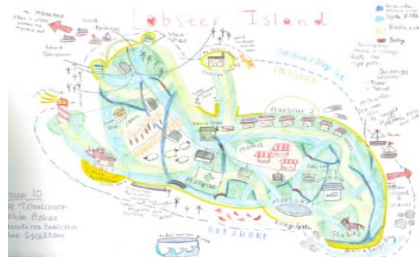
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Lobster Island

On the 14th and 20th of June, Year 9 had a taste of managing their finances in the form of running their own Business on Lobster Island. As lobster fishers, they had to make decisions about where to place their lobster pots in order to catch as many lobsters as possible. If they placed them in-shore then in good weather, they would catch some lobsters, but if they placed them in the deep sea, they would be able to catch even more lobsters. But they never knew what the weather was going to be like! As part of this, year 9 had to design their own Islands and create a business logo. Congratulations to the groups below who are our winners!

The Enterprise Faculty

Lobster Island Winners





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Lobster Logo Winners





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Medical Mavericks

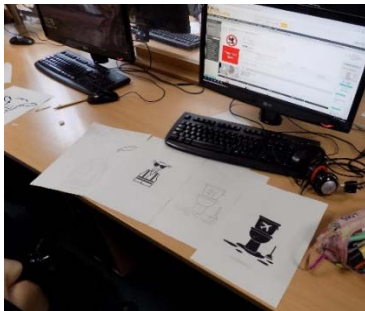
Our year 8 students enjoyed a hands-on medical workshop where they were able to use medical equipment to take artificial blood, record and print an ECG of their heart, try keyhole surgery, see inside their body with an ultrasound machine, measure their blood pressure and much more. As part of our Careers Week, the Medical Mavericks were able to introduce the students to dozens of careers in the NHS.





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Design & Technology



Our year 10 Design & Technology GCSE students were tasked to design a new sign by local company, Viking Signs. They had to research existing signs and then find a gap in the market for a new design and design it as a team. Viking Signs then chose a winning design which was created and went live on their website. We are hoping that we will be able to visit Viking Signs in the future and see their design being manufactured into a real product.

Mrs Bennett
DT Teacher

Nearly New Uniform

Sales of uniform at our New Intake Day raised just under £2,000! Initial ideas on the use of this money is for the purchasing of some outside space equipment for our students to enjoy during their breaks and lunchtimes with further ideas and final decisions to be made by the student council.

If you would like to purchase any Nearly New Uniform, please visit:

<https://www.kestevengrantham.lincs.sch.uk/nearly-new-uniform-price-list/>.

If you have uniform you would like to donate, please either leave a note stating your name and contact details at the School Office or drop any items of uniform at the School Reception or send into school with your child to drop off at Pastoral.

Thank you



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Duke of Edinburgh

36 Year 10's took part in their Silver expedition in the White Peak in June. They completed their three days starting at Monyash and finishing in Cromford. Their campcraft was outstanding and this was commented on by others on the campsite. Well done Yr10!

The Gold practice expedition has also now been completed with the actual expedition taking place over the summer break. Good luck everyone.

Mrs Robins





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BBC Young Reporters

Back in March, students at KGGS were invited to submit entries for the BBC Young Reporters competition. The competition invited 11-18 year-olds to report on a story or issue that is important to their life or the world around them, with the prize being an opportunity to have this story made into a professional report with the help of BBC producers and journalists.

I am delighted to announce that Naomi Williams in Year 9 has been selected as the regional winner for the East Midlands area with her story about her struggles with Long Covid. Naomi has been an inspiration to many of us here in school with her resilience in the face of the complex medical issues she has faced as a result of her Long Covid diagnosis. Naomi's determination to continue with her education and to embrace other challenges, such as appearing on Britain's Got Talent with her choir, despite her ongoing medical issues, have been so impressive.

Naomi will be working closely with BBC producers and programme-makers during the coming months to develop and record her story for a broadcast on the BBC.

Well done Naomi! What a fantastic achievement.

Mrs Raeburn
English Faculty

KGGS/KING'S School Debating Club



A group of Year 12 students from KGGS and The King's School have set up a debating club with their first meeting being held recently. The group came up with lots of topics to discuss and have lots of ideas for future debates.

Mr Baker



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Year 11 and 13 Proms

Our Year 11 and Year 13 proms were held at the end of June with students dressing up in their beautiful dresses and arriving in style. Well done to all students who sat their GCSE and A-Level Examinations, a great way to celebrate all of your hard work and effort.

Year 11 Prom





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Y12 Art and Photography London Trip – 4th July



After our GCSE Art Study Tour to Venice and Florence was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, we were desperate for another art trip in the sixth form. Visiting museums is something we really value, as having the opportunity to go to galleries and exhibitions allows us to see the art in closer detail, experience the power of art on different scales, and to understand how artists can approach art in different ways.

On Monday 4th July, we caught the train to Kings Cross Station and then travelled over to Southbank. It felt great to be in the 'Big City' whilst sat eating lunch under the sun by the Thames. We spent a few hours at Tate Modern, and once we regrouped, we walked over the Millennium Bridge (Harry Potter fans beware!) to St. Paul's Cathedral. From here, the Art students went to the Barbican Centre which felt like we had been transported into a new world! The Brutalist architecture surrounding the centre is very unique because it harbours a whole ecosystem that one would not expect to see in London of all places! Plants and flowers flood the buildings, and a lake and waterfall provides nurseries to fish, ducks and even pelicans! The exhibition in the centre, 'Our Time on Earth' was on climate change and it was very eye-opening. It made us aware of the ever-growing crisis and displayed how people are trying to develop projects and new materials to combat climate change. Some artworks had been created from beautiful, colourful materials that were made from and mirrored nature. The emotion in the exhibition portrayed to us just how powerful art can be.

The Photography students spent time at the Photographer's Gallery to find potential artists and inspiration. A particularly interesting exhibition was 'How to Win at Photography: Image Making as Play', which included lots of thought-provoking ideas about identity and questions about digital culture, virtual worlds and photography.

Upon reflection, the trip helped us to realise what art we gravitate towards and allowed us to feel a range of emotions from the art that can only be experienced when seeing in it for real rather than as a reproduction. It also helped inspire ideas for our own coursework projects and gave us motivation to push ourselves out of our comfort zones and consider alternative ways of thinking.

Written by the Art and Photography prefects.



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Y10 Art Workshop – 7th July

For the art workshop, we worked with community artists on a commission by Lincolnshire-One-Venues and South Kesteven District Council. It was a really good experience and allowed us to build new skills in painting large scale on silk and to try new techniques like batik. In the morning we were assigned a task to create banner designs in groups of 5/6 and to use historical research about the company or area where the individual banners would be hung. These will form part of an Arts Trail around Grantham in September for the public to view. My group were given the No.95 Barbers. We discovered it had been both a dentist and a tailors in the past, so used things to represent this in our design. In the afternoon once our designs were finalised and drawn out, we put silk over the top and started applying the batik wax so that the ink couldn't stain those parts of the fabric. After it had time to dry we used powdered ink mixed with water and painted it on the cloth until we were happy with the layout and vibrancy of the colours. Ours will be presented in the window of the shop for everyone to see when they walk past. The other two designs will also form part of the trail.

Written by Evie Sale 10Bg





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We say farewell

At the end of this school year we need to say a sad farewell to the following staff however we wish them the very best of luck with their future endeavours. Thank you for all your hard work and kindness in your time at KGGS.

Mrs J Flynn, Teacher of French



Miss McLellan, Teacher of Maths



Mrs Peachey-Otter, Teacher of English



Mrs Carter – Pupil Welfare



Mrs Boneham – Cover Manager



Mr Dovey – ICT Network Manager



Mr Metcalf - Premises





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Dates for our return in September

Friday 2nd September 2022

- Staff training day
- Year 12 subject confirmation

Monday 5th September 2022

- Staff training day

Tuesday 6th September 2022

- Year 7, 10 and 12 only.

Wednesday 7th September 2022

- All Year groups

Term dates for 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 are available on the Academy website:

<https://www.kestevengrantham.lincs.sch.uk/term-dates-and-nc-days/>

Have a fantastic summer break.

From all at KGGS



Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



SELF CARE

Treat aches and pains, coughs and colds at home – stock your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



PHARMACY

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms and earache.



YOUR GP PRACTICE

GP practices are open. Talk to your GP, nurse or other healthcare professionals about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer telephone, online or face-to-face appointments depending on what your health concern is.



NHS 111

If you need help fast but it's not an emergency, think NHS 111. Open 24/7. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk.



URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE

You can visit your local Urgent Treatment Centre for sprains, fractures, minor burns and skin infections. Walk in or bookable appointments available via NHS 111.



DENTAL TREATMENT

For urgent dental care please call your local NHS dental practice. For urgent care, advice out-of-hours, call NHS 111.



MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINES

If you're worried about your mental health, or experiencing a mental health crisis call our 24/7 helplines. For adults call 0800 001 4331 and for children, young people and their families call 0800 234 6342.

Find out more here: www.nhs.uk

In a medical emergency call 999.

This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.