



Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School

Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

An Outstanding Selective Academy

Headteacher: Mr J Fuller

September 2023

Year 8

Dear Parents/Guardian

I hope that you and your child have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday period. I would like to wish her a warm welcome back and look forward to a successful year.

I am writing early in the new term to tell you about some important dates that I hope will be of interest. You will be reminded of these dates by email nearer the time of the events, but you may wish to note some of the following in your diaries from the list overleaf.

Your child will participate in a 'Guidance' lesson taught by her Form Tutor for one hour every two weeks. These lessons are designed to meet the requirements of the PHSE, Citizenship, Relationships and Sex Education National Curriculum as well as the 11-19 National Framework for Careers Education and Guidance. Many of the elements of these Programmes of Study are included in subjects across the whole curriculum, but after our induction programme the following topics are considered in Guidance lessons:

Body image

Stereotypes and respect

Cyber-bullying

Relationships

Consent

Marriage

Safe use of medication

Effects of drugs and alcohol on our bodies

Mental Health – anxiety and depression

LGBTQ+ - external talk

Your future and careers

Preparation for Take Your Daughter to Work Day

Learning to Learn Workshop

Exam revision strategies

First Aid

Our curriculum at KGGS includes:

- The *Formal Curriculum* - a three-year KS3; two-year KS4; and two-year KS5, featuring a wide range of subjects and courses taught in lessons.
- The *Wider Curriculum* - including extra-curricular activities and clubs; out-of-lesson learning and support; educational visits; wider reading initiatives; competitions and challenges; sports fixtures; charity work; assemblies; and thoughts for the day.

For more information about what is taught in each subject from Year 7 to Year 13, and the assessments scheduled to check students' understanding, peruse our Subject Curriculum Maps, which can be found on the curriculum pages of our school website:

<https://www.kestevengrantham.lincs.sch.uk/curriculum-map/>

Please note the Music Department would like you to be aware that students taking peripatetic music lessons during the school day are expected to perform in school productions.

We pride ourselves on our pastoral care at KGGS and our aim is to do all we can to ensure that your child has a very happy and productive experience here, and that all parents enjoy a cordial and positive relationship with the school. If you have any concerns that you wish to discuss, please contact your child's Form Tutor by telephoning the school (01476 563017). If the Tutor is unable to take your call immediately, please leave a message and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

With best wishes for a successful term.

Yours sincerely

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Event List Whole School

Wed 13 Sep	Year 7, 9, 10 and 12 Individual & Sibling Photographs
Fri 15 Sep	D of E Bronze Assessed leave
Sat 16 Sep	11+ Verbal Reasoning
Fri 22 Sep	German Exchange students arrive
Sat 23 Sep	11+ Non Verbal Reasoning
Fri 20 Oct	Halloween Disco
Thurs 2 Nov	Sixth Form Information Evening 17.30-19.30
Mon 6 Nov	KS3 'Night at the Theatre@ 4-5.30pm
Weds 29 Nov	GCSE and A Level Music Trip
Weds 6 Dec	GCSE Presentation Afternoon 2.30pm
Mon 18 Dec	Carol Service St Wulfram's Church 6.00pm
Thurs 4 Jan 2024	A level Presentation Evening 6.00pm
Fri 5 Jan	Student/Tutor 1:1 reviews period 1 & 2
Mon 8 Jan	KS4 & 5 'Night at the Theatre@ 4-5.30pm
Sun 11 Feb	Ski Trip 11/2 to 17/2
Thurs 29 Feb	World Book Day
Thurs 29 Feb	Music A level Recital Evening 6pm
Mon 4&5 March	UCAS Conference
Thurs 14 March	Spring Concert 6pm
Thur 28 March	Spring Disco
Fri 5 to 9 April	Football Tour to Porto
Fri 19 April	Student/Tutor 1:1 reviews period 1 & 2
Tues 30 April	Higher Education Evening 6pm
Fri 10 May	Bronze De of E Bronze Training Group 1
Fri 17 May	Bronze De of E Bronze Training Group 2
Mon 20 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Weds 29 May	Gold De of E Practice 29/5 to 31/5
Fri 7 June	German Exchange leave
Fri 14 June	Silver De of E Practice weekend
Weds 19 June	Summer Concert 6pm
Thurs 27 June	A level Art and Photography Exhibition
Fri 28 June	Silver De of E Assessed weekend
Tues 2 July	New Intake Day
Sat 6 July	Gold De of E Assessed
Thurs 11 July	Year 5 Information Evening 6 – 8pm
Fri 12 July	House Track and Field Event (Meres Stadium)
Mon 15 July	Diversity Day
Weds 17 July	2pm Party in the Park & Sixth Form Fete
Fri 19 July	Thanksgiving Service at St Wulfram's church 2pm
	Year 8 Events
Fri 1 Dec	LGBTQ+ talk
Weds 6 March	Learning to Learn
Fri 22 March	Take Your Daughter to Work Day
Thurs 25 April	Consultation Evening (online)
Weds 22 May	Places of Worship visit
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Mon 17 June	Stratford Upon Avon trip
Tues 18 June	Stratford Upon Avon trip

Fri 21 June	Continental Breakfast
Thurs 27 June	Science Day