



Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School

Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

An Outstanding Selective Academy

Headteacher: Mr J Fuller

September 2024 Year 9

Dear Parents/Guardian

I hope that you and your child have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday period. I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to KGGS and hope that your child will be happy and successful in our care.

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 specific letters 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 in Year 9 the following topics are considered in Guidance lessons:

Influence of TV and the media	Teenage Pregnancy
Intimate relationships	Drugs and Addiction – external talk
Sexuality	Resilience
Consent	Financial capability
Teenage pressures	Contraception (including FGM) delivered by Positive Health
Sexting	Exam Revision Strategies
Personal safety	Grooming – theatre group
Public sexual harassment	The Real Game
Sexual health – STIs	Government and Voting
Becoming a parent	Advice on choosing GCSE Options/Learning to Learn
Year 9 Safety Day	Social & Moral Dilemmas
Eating Disorders	Vaping & E cigarette talk - external

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/>

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.

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.

With best wishes for a successful term.

Yours sincerely

Year 9 Form Tutors

9A

Mr McCabe

9R Miss Addison Smith/ Miss Brady

9P

Miss Pratt

9BG

Mr Burgess

9BT Mrs Mitchell

9E

Miss Spinks (Mrs Clayton on return)

Miss H Wakerley/Miss A Drake

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Event List Whole School 2024 2025

4 September	Induction Day Year 7, 10 and 12
10 September	Freshers Fair
11 September	Year 7, 9, 10 and 12 Individual Photographs
13 September	D of E Bronze Assessed Group 1 Expedition leaves
14 September	11+ Verbal Reasoning Test
18 September	Whole School Photograph
21 September	11+ Non Verbal Reasoning Test
23 September	Flu Vaccinations Year 7 to 11
27 September	D of E Bronze Assessed Group 2 Expedition leaves
7 October	Gold D of E Presentations 5-7pm
8 October	Ada Lovelace Day (Maths)
17 -20 October	Science Trip to Paris
30 & 31 October	School Production at the Guildhall Evening
7 November	Sixth Form Information Evening 5.30-7.30 pm
12 November	GCSE PE Residential leave
4 December	GCSE Presentation Afternoon 2.30pm
10 December	Christmas Fayre 5-5.30pm
16 December	Carol Service St Wulfram's Church 6pm
9 January 2025	A Level Presentation Evening 5pm
17 January	Student/Tutor 1:1 Reviews
15-22 February	Ski Trip
6 March	World Book Day
6 March	Music A Level Recital Evening 6pm
12 March	Year 11 and 13 group photographs, sports teams and siblings
w/c 25 March	Be Kind Week
27 March	Spring Concert 6pm
2 April	Japan trip leaves am
3 April	German Exchange leave
24 April	Sixth Form Taster Day
2 May	Student/Tutor 1:1 Reviews
3 May	Bronze D of E training Group 1
w/c 12 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
17 May	Bronze D of E practice Group 2
28-30 May	Gold D of E practice
9 June	Singapore parents meeting Roberts Hall 6-7pm
13 June	German Exchange leave
14 June	Silver D of E
25 June	Summer Concert & A Level Art & Photography Exhibition
27 June	Silver D of E Assessed weekend
1 July	New Intake Day
10 July	Year 5 Information Evening 5-7pm
11 July	House Track & Field Event (Meres Stadium)
14 July	Diversity Day
16 July	Netball and Football Tour to Singapore leave return 27/7
21 July	Gold D of E Assessed leave
22 July	Thanksgiving Service St Wulfram's Church 2pm
	Year 9 Specific
5 September	Team Building

SESSION TIMING

SESSION ONE Early Session

Rooms	Arrive	Start	End	
HU7 MA2 MA3 MA4 MA1	9	9.15	10.3	
LA1 LA2 LA5 LA6	9.15	9.30	10.45	
EN4 EN5 EN6 EN7	9.30	9.45	11	
HU2 HU3 HU5 HU6	9.45	10	11.15	