



English Faculty Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School

English at Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School is a very popular subject. We are regularly amongst the highest achieving schools in the county at both GCSE and A-Level. The English Faculty comprises of nine experienced subject specialists. We are well resourced in our very own purpose built block, and most teachers are allocated their own large classroom, equipped with IT facilities. In addition, there are three staff work rooms.

All colleagues contribute to departmental planning and development through regular meetings and day-to-day informal contact.

There is a structured curriculum, with plenty of scope for autonomy and creativity.

In Key Stage Three, English is characterised by developing key skills through creativity and independence. Students enjoy their lessons and the opportunity to experience everything the subject has to offer, reading just published contemporary texts, meeting with visiting authors and exploring our literary heritage. Links with the School Library are closely maintained, reinforcing the importance and value of reading.

At Key Stage Four, all students study for the Edexcel examinations in both Language and Literature. Results are consistently high, with significant numbers choosing to continue the subjects to A Level. The introduction of English Language A Level as a new subject from September 2017 has increased our numbers to record levels.

English Literature A Level is a thriving course with excellent results. Delivery is collaborative, and the enthusiasm of the students makes the experience of teaching A Level at Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School incredibly rewarding.

The Faculty is a hive of activity and students and staff enjoy a range of extra-curricular opportunities with regular trips to local and national theatres, including our annual Year 7 visit to a musical. Over the few two years, we have visited Stratford-upon-Avon, Cambridge and London, and Ben Crystal and his troupe of actors led in-school workshops on Shakespeare with Year 8. Our creative writing club is very popular and students participate in a number of regional and national competitions. The Faculty also runs debating and quiz clubs, and students have competed successfully in the Debating Matters contest.