



English

Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School

English at Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School is a very popular subject with students achieving well at both GCSE and A-Level. The English Faculty is comprised of ten experienced and skilful subject specialists based in a well-resourced, purpose-built block. Most teachers are allocated their own large classroom, equipped with IT facilities, alongside three English staff work rooms. All colleagues are encouraged to contribute to departmental planning and development through regular meetings and day-to-day informal contact.

There is a structured curriculum in place, with plenty of scope for autonomy and creativity. In Years 10 and 11, Edexcel English Language and English Literature are studied, whilst at A-level both AQA English Language and Edexcel English Literature are extremely popular.

In Key Stage Three, English is characterised by the development of 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.

Attainment and Progress at both GCSE and A-level is high:

| GCSE 2023 | 9-7 % | 9-5 % | 9-4 % | Alps |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| English Language | 40.9 | 94.5 | 97.6 | 3 |
| English Literature | 60.4 | 97.0 | 100 | 2 |

| A-level 2023 | A*-B | A*-C | A*-E | Alps |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| English Language | 69.0 | 93.1 | 100 | 3 |
| English Literature | 67.6 | 89.2 | 100 | 5 |

Both English Literature A-Level and English Language A-Level are thriving courses with multiple teaching sets in each year group. 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 wide range of extra-curricular opportunities with regular trips to local and national theatres, including our annual Year 7 visit to a musical, visits to Stratford-upon-Avon, Cambridge and London, alongside a Year 9 visit to the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio Tour. 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.