

KESTEVEN & SLEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL



11+ GUIDE

**FOR ENTRY
SEPTEMBER 2027**

Kesteven & Sleaford High School operates its testing and admissions arrangements as part of the Lincolnshire Consortium of Grammar Schools and in conjunction with the Lincolnshire County Council coordinated admissions scheme.

FAMILIARISATION TESTS

Familiarisation tests are sent to local primary schools during June. All arrangements concerning these tests rest with the primary Headteacher.

There are some primary schools, mostly those that are out of our designated transport area, that will not administer the Familiarisation tests and, therefore, arrangements are made to take the Familiarisation tests at KSHS. The Familiarisation tests will be on **Saturday 13 June 2026 (9am start)** with invites being sent nearer the time to the parents/carers of the students this affects.

The questions in these tests are similar to those in the 'real' tests, known as (1) Verbal Reasoning and (2) Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning. Taking the Familiarisation tests helps to familiarise pupils with the type of questions set.

TUTORING

The 11+ tests are designed to assess a child's potential with a view to them attending, and thriving, at a grammar school. For this reason, we do not suggest the use of 11+ tutors.

The grammar schools believe that a child with the right ability and attitude will meet the standard with some familiarisation, and for this reason we provide:

- Free logins to 'Frog', an 11+ online learning platform, for those registered with us to do the 11+ tests.
- Familiarisation papers to be sat in the primary schools or, if your child attends a primary school out of area, at Kesteven and Sleaford High School on 13 June.
- A familiarisation session on the Year 5 Taster Days.
- ISBN details of packs of Familiarisation papers that are available from online retailers, should they wish to purchase these can be found on the website.

SHOULD YOU WITHDRAW YOUR CHILD FROM THE TESTS?

There is nothing to be lost by taking the familiarisation tests. If your child finds them immensely difficult and their primary teacher advises you that they are unlikely to gain a grammar school place, then you may wish to withdraw them from the 'real' tests. Otherwise, they should be given the opportunity to take them all. If you do withdraw, please contact Mrs Y Edwards, Admissions Officer at KSHS to let her know as soon as you have made your decision.

ACTUAL TESTS – SEPTEMBER 2026

The two 11+ tests will take place at KSHS on **Saturday 12 September 2026** (Verbal Reasoning) and **Saturday 19 September 2026** (Non-Verbal / Spatial Reasoning) **both start at 9am.**

THE TESTS

The Verbal Reasoning test is one continuous paper that usually lasts around 50 minutes. The students can work through the questions as they wish. They will be given time notifications halfway through the paper (at 25 minutes) and at 5 minutes before the end of the test.

The Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning paper is slightly shorter and divided into distinct sections, but the number of sections can vary each year. This paper also includes some types of spatial awareness questions. Students cannot move between each section, so cannot go back to a previous section nor move forward to the next section. This is explained very clearly by the test invigilator and each page in the test booklet states whether to move onto the next page or stop at that point. Each of the sections has 2 or 3 familiarisation questions which the pupils complete before the actual test starts.

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For access arrangements to be applied to the 11+ any reasonable adjustments should be the student's normal way of working, in addition to a demonstrable history of provision and need. This will be confirmed with your child's current primary school.

HOW ARE THE TESTS MARKED?

The tests are marked and pupils are given a number of correct answers (the 'raw score'). These scores are converted using a scale ranging from 69 to 141; this mark is called a 'Reasoning Quotient' or a 'standardised score'. The conversion takes account of each student's age, so that, for example, a student born in August does not have to have a raw score as high as a student 11 months older in order to achieve the same standardised score.

The standardisation is carried out by GL Assessment, the same people who set the tests. This is done in such a way that approximately 25% of the entire County population of Year 6 students achieve a standardised score of 110 or more in each test, or a total of 220 or more in both tests. If your child scores 220 or more they are in this percentage and would qualify to apply for a place at any of the grammar schools in the Lincolnshire Consortium.

ILLNESS

If your child is unwell on the day of the test(s) we can arrange for them to take the test(s) at a later date.

APPLICATION (PREFERENCE) FORMS

The Local Authority will send an information pack to all parents/carers regarding the online procedure. You will be asked to complete the online application form, naming 3 secondary schools, by **31 October 2026**. Instructions are also in the information pack should you wish to make a telephone or paper application. This procedure is only relevant to Lincolnshire applicants. Parents/Carers living outside Lincolnshire should contact their own Local Authority.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

In common with the other grammar schools in the Consortium, we will email you the results of the 11+ tests at noon on **Friday 9 October 2026**. The primary schools will receive the results later the same day.

A test email will be sent on Monday 7 September, please check your junk/spam folders. If you do not receive this email, please ensure we have your correct email address.

APPEALS

If your child scores less than 220 you have the right to make an appeal in March 2027 when the school places are allocated.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION

Qualification does not in itself guarantee admission to the school. In the event of the school being oversubscribed with applicants who have reached the required standard, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria in the order stated:

1. The child is, or has been in the past, in the care of the Local Authority, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. The child is registered for Pupil Premium defined as those registered for Free School Meals at any point in the previous six years (not including Key Stage 1 statutory Free School Meals).
3. Students who, at the time of admission, have siblings at one of the schools within the Robert Carre Trust.
4. Straight line distance from the home to the Academy, priority will be given to the child living closest to the Academy.

If two or more children are tied for the last place a lottery will be drawn by an independent person, not employed by the school or working in the Children's Services Directorate at the local authority. The full Admissions Policy is available on the school's website:

[Kesteven & Sleaford High School - Policies.](#)

OFFER OF PLACES

The offer of a place in a particular secondary school will come from the Local Authority and will be made on **Monday 1 March 2027** (online and posting date). We will send out a follow up letter on **Tuesday 2 March 2027** to all pupils in Year 6 who have been offered a place for September 2027.

RESERVE LIST

Pupils who reach the required standard but are not offered a place because of oversubscription are placed on a reserve list (waiting list) until 31 August of the following year. The list is put in rank order according to the school's admissions policy. This list is kept by the school and places will be offered strictly in the order of our published oversubscription criteria. After 31 August you should contact the school direct if you still require a place.

SUMMARY OF KEY DATES

Tuesday 30 June + Wednesday 1 July 2026	Open Days (please see next page in booklet)
Tuesday 30 June 2026	Open Evening (please see next page in booklet)
Saturday 12 September 2026	Verbal Reasoning Test at KSHS (9am start)
Saturday 19 September 2026	Non-Verbal & Spatial Reasoning Test at KSHS (9am start)
Friday 9 October 2026	Results emailed to parents/carers (noon)
Friday 9 October 2026	11+ results released to primary schools (after 4pm)
Wednesday 14 October 2026	Open Morning (please see next page in booklet)
Saturday 31 October 2026	Deadline for completion/return of Local Authority application form
Monday 1 March 2027	Offer of place from Local Authority
Tuesday 2 March 2027	Follow up letter from grammar schools confirming offer of place
Friday 12 March 2027	Deadline for acceptance of offer of place made on 1 March

FURTHER GUIDANCE

For further details please see our Admissions Policy for 2027-28 – available on our school website at [Kesteven & Sleaford High School - Policies \(kshs.uk\)](https://www.kshs.uk/policies).

For further information about the 11+ tests and qualification for a grammar school place please see the Lincolnshire Consortium of Grammar Schools website:
www.grammarschools.lincs.sch.uk.

For further information about the application process for a Secondary School place in Lincolnshire is available in the 'Going to School in Lincolnshire' booklet and through:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

If you have any questions about the 11+ process or admission to
Kesteven & Sleaford High School
please contact Mrs Yvette Edwards (Admissions Officer) on 01529 414044

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OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 30 June and Wednesday 1 July 2026

The school will be open to parents/carers and their children who are considering admission to the school for Year 7 in September 2027. Tours of the school will be conducted by students during the day and are **by appointment only**. We are able to accommodate 2 people per household. Please book your appointment by visiting our website www.kshs.uk, after 2 June 2026 and following the link.

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 30 June 2026

There will be a presentation by the Headteacher at 5pm after which teachers will be available to discuss their subjects and there will be plenty of activities for students to take part in.

OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 14 October 2026

The school will also be open for visits on
Wednesday 14 October 2026 from 9.15am until 12noon.

Tours of the school will be conducted by students and
members of the senior team will be available to discuss admissions.

More details will be available on our website nearer the time.

We look forward to meeting you at these sessions.

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