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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to confirm details of arrangements for some forthcoming events, to update you on a number of issues at the end of this busy summer term and to commend to you the enclosed 'Stimpson Shout' magazine. The information contained in this newsletter is also available on the school website [www.kscs.org.uk](http://www.kscs.org.uk)

### Premises Issues

At a time when schools around the country are being told that their building plans have been scrapped, I am pleased to note the overwhelmingly positive comments about the school campus that we receive from students, staff, parents and visitors. We currently have plans to build upon this hugely positive aspect of Ken Stimpson Community School. Alongside the general renovation and cleaning that take place at this time of year, we have identified several campus improvements: -

- The external Boys and Girls Toilets will be refurbished
- 5 Science labs will be refitted
- The Reception Area will be upgraded
- The Art block foyer will be refurbished
- An additional canopy in the amphitheatre area will be constructed
- Additional outside seating installed
- A designated packed lunch dining area will be created

These changes, once again, demonstrate our commitment to provide the very best facilities and environment for learning. Several of these initiatives have been agreed as priorities as a result of feedback from student council and focus groups and parent forum meetings.

### Term Dates

#### Autumn Term 2010:

In line with many other Peterborough schools, we will be operating a phased start to the new term once more in order to ensure that students can be inducted smoothly into our school.

#### Start of the Autumn Term 2010:

Wednesday 1 September

Thursday 2 September

Friday 3 September

Half-term  
day)

School Closes

#### Spring Term 2011:

School Opens

Half-term

School Closes

#### Summer Term 2011:

School Opens

May Bank Holiday

Training Day for staff.

School opens for Years 7, 10 and 11 students.

School opens for Years 8, 9, 12 and 13 students.

Friday\* 22 – Friday 29 October (\*please note the extra

Friday 17 December.

Wednesday 5 January

Monday 21 – Friday 25 February

Friday 8 April

Tuesday 27 April

Monday 2 May

Half-term Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June  
School Closes Friday 21 July

**Other Training Days are scheduled on:**

Tuesday	4	January 2011
Monday	11	April 2011
Friday	22	July 2011

**Uniform**

You will be aware that we are currently undertaking a consultation on our school uniform, although any changes will not be implemented until September 2011. As usual I expect all students to return to school looking very smart in September and it is important that we maintain that high level of appearance. I would like to reconfirm the rules relating to jewellery in school. Students are entitled to wear an optional wrist watch and a pair of stud earrings – the maximum size of which is clearly indicated in the Student Planner. Students are not permitted to wear any other visible piercings to school and I would urge all students and parents to consider this in terms of a September return to school. I will not be able to admit any student back into school with visible piercings on the basis that these may heal over if jewellery is removed for school.

**School Shop**

The School Shop has been operating Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes selling general stationery items, with a turnover this last academic year of £300. “SMRG” were the winning team with a total of £50 profit. This team of Year 8 students Mumuwat, Vincenzi and Gustav will be promoting the School Shop in Assemblies in the Autumn term and will be involved in the recruitment of new student helpers.

**Parents’ Forum**

We have held six successful Parent Forum meetings over the course of this academic year in our Conference Room. The Forum was established to provide an opportunity for parents to meet with senior staff, to comment on their impressions of the quality of education provided, to make suggestions for improvement and to comment upon proposed changes within school. You can find the minutes of this year’s meetings on the parent section of our school website. I hope that you will be able to join us next year.

**Charity Events 2009/10**

This year we have, once again, organised a large number of events to raise money for a variety of charities. We have supported the Breast Cancer Campaign, Children in Need, the Haiti Appeal and the Sue Ryder Hospice. In total students and staff have raised over £3,700. Congratulations to everybody involved.

**Social Networking Sites**

As you may have seen in the press recently, Facebook and the CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection) Centre have joined forces to make young people safer online by launching the new ‘ClickCEOP’ application.

As users of Facebook you are invited to add the new ClickCEOP 'app' to your profile. Through this application, you will be able to access advice, help and support from the CEOP Centre. Crucially, as users you will be able to report instances of abuse, grooming or inappropriate sexual behaviour directly your profile to specially trained investigators.

The 'app' is the outcome of collaboration between CEOP and Facebook who have combined Facebook's expertise in connecting and communicating online with CEOP's expertise in helping young people stay safe. Users can either add or bookmark the 'app' so it appears on their profile, as not only a constant source of help and reassurance for them but also as a strong visual signal to their friends, family and others that they are in control online. Once added to your profile, you will receive regular messages from CEOP and its partner organisations who operate 'behind the button' to make children safer. CEOP's new Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ClickCEOP](http://www.facebook.com/ClickCEOP)) will also contain polls, news alerts and status updates. The page will look at topics that teenagers care about, such as celebrities, music and exams and will link these subjects to questions about online safety. As a school we would encourage all users of this online social networking facility to sign up for this service. Furthermore, we would recommend that any threatening messages received via social networking sites are reported to the police.

### **Dragon's Den 2010**

As part of our Business and Enterprise Status the school welcomed 'Speak Easy for Schools' (an enterprise team) to work with Year 10 students in developing business and enterprise skills. Students worked in teams to design and promote a product. The day saw many innovative ideas and polished presentations by our students. The visiting team were very complimentary about the quality of the work produced and the very positive attitude of the students. Well done to all involved!

### **Year 7 Induction**

The school welcomed current Year 6 students who will be joining the school in September when they transfer from local primary schools. The induction programme lasted two days and students participated in a range of lessons and activities.

### **Summer Show**

Congratulations to all involved in the recent 'Summer Show'. The evening saw a wide range of musical, dance and drama performances. The event held in our Assembly Hall also allowed young people to showcase their examination pieces.

### **Year 11 and 13 Proms**

Two dazzling Proms were organised and held in celebration of the end of formal school for Year 11 and Year 13 students. Students and staff gathered at the Marriot Hotel on both occasions to enjoy a meal, presentations and celebration disco. The students looked 'stunning' and as is our tradition many arrived at the event in dramatic and spectacular style!

### Art Exhibition

An impressive Art Exhibition of Year 11 and Post 16 examination work was showcased earlier this month. The event, held in the Performing Arts area, celebrated the artistic talent of students and was enjoyed by numerous visitors and guests on the evening.

### Educational Visits

This year has seen a large number of educational visits and trips. There have been Business Studies visits to Alton towers and Cadbury's World, Year Seven and Post 16 residentials, a really popular ski trip and the Year Eight Paris trip. There was a very successful Languages Alive Day and also History visits to a medical history show and to Auschwitz. The English Faculty arranged visits to the Poetry live event, to 'Awesome Authors' and 'Doctor Faustus' and the Geography department took a visit to Hunstanton. In addition, there have been Science trips to the Natural History Museum and the Space Museum in Leicester. Some Year Eight students also won awards for flower arranging at the East of England Show and Post 16 students have been to visit different universities. To end the year on the right note, rewards trips to bowling, Tallington Lakes and Thorpe Park were arranged to acknowledge the consistent high quality of work and behaviour from students in Years 7 to 10.

### Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the following students:

**Callum Bowyer (Year 11)** continues to make outstanding progress in motor sports.

**Ryan Rowe (Year 11)** is excelling at Golf and has recently won a scholarship in the USA.

**Jamie Anton (Year 10)** is on the professional books for Leicester City Football Club.

**Natasha Hobbs (Year 10)** was third in the European Kickboxing Championships.

**Joel Grenfell (Year 10)** who is the 100m and 200m County Champion and in Long Jump and he recently took part in the Regional and England Schools Championships.

**Cameron Heald (Year 9)** is currently representing the region of East of England at Hockey.

**Danny Rowe (Year 8)** is on the professional books for Southend United Football Club and has had trials at Leicester City Football Club.

### Sports Day

This year's Sports Day took place on Friday 9 July in glorious weather conditions. We acknowledge the enormous amount of preparation work undertaken by our sports department, and especially Ms Dunn, in planning for this event. There were many excellent performances on the day, most notably: -

<u>Student</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Previous Record</u>
YR7 Roland Kompus	100M	12.74	13.44 (1996)
YR7 Matthew Amendola	High Jump	1.35m	1.30m (1987)
YR8 Holly Radburn	Handbag Throw	9.56m	8.73m (2007)
YR8 8WE	Girls 4 X 100m Relay	58.28s	60.44s (1996)

### **World Challenge Compact expedition to Mt Toubkal, Morocco - 8 days on 31 July 2011**

The school has decided to launch an expedition with World Challenge, a company which organises life-changing expeditions around the world for young people. As a school we are very excited about the opportunity this will give students (current Years 8-13) to do something really unique that will make them stand out from the crowd. The expedition experience will provide them with a wealth of new skills which they will find invaluable in school, at university and in the world of work.

The cost is **£795** for eight days including flights, accommodation and food. As part of the experience, students are actively encouraged to raise funds through a variety of activities throughout the year. All funds raised will go towards reducing the cost of the trip.

At the moment, Mr Erwin is investigating whether there is sufficient interest from students and parent/carers to go ahead with this exciting initiative. Therefore, if you are interested in your son/daughter finding out more about the expedition then please could you contact him at school. If there is sufficient interest then he will send out details about the information meeting, which will be held on 8 September from 6.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. I hope you are able support your son/daughter in taking part in this event and help to get our expedition off the ground.

### **Staff Changes**

#### **Leaving**

Dr P Dahiya	end of temporary contract.
Mrs Day-Dempsey	end of temporary contract.
Mr S Dicks	has resigned from his post of Head of Faculty: Performing Arts .
Mrs C Greenwood	has resigned from her post of Subject Leader: Citizenship / Schools Sports Co-ordinator
Ms J Harriott	has resigned from her post of Head of Faculty: Design & Technology.
Mr J Lancaster	is retiring from his post of Head of Faculty: English.
Miss L Longthorne	end of temporary contract as Teacher of English.
Mr P Sanderson	has resigned from his post of Learning Co-ordinator / Teacher of Science.
Mr K Williams	end of temporary contract as Teacher of Mathematics.
Mrs C Willoughby	has resigned from her post of Teacher of English / Drama.

We thank all these colleagues for their contribution to the school and wish them every success for the future.

### **Teaching Staff Arriving**

Miss N Carroll	Joins as Teacher of Mathematics.
Mrs J Cartwright	Joins as Teacher of English / Literacy Across the Curriculum Co-ordinator.
Miss C Harris	Joins as Teacher of Physical Education.
Mr I Housley	Joins as Teacher of Art & Design.
Mr S Ostler	Joins as Teacher of Science.
Miss N Shah	Joins as Teacher of Science.
Miss K Stapleton	Joins as Teacher of Science
Miss P Stewart	Joins as Teacher of English.
Mrs N Wilmore	Joins as Head of Faculty: English.

### **Teaching Staff Change of Contract**

Mr A Akgul	Temporary contract as Teacher of Science has been made permanent.
Ms Jo Barben	Temporary, part-time contract as Teacher of Dance has been made permanent.
Ms P Dunn	Has been appointed to the post Head of Faculty: Physical Education.
Mr B Erwin	Has been appointed to the permanent post of Vice Principal
Mr N Gray	Has been appointed to the permanent post of School Sports Co-ordinator.
Mr A O'Neill	Has been appointed to the post of Leader of Learning.
Mr S Walls	Has been appointed to the post of Learning Co-ordinator.

I confirm that from September 2010 the pastoral support arrangements are:

	<b>Learning Coordinator</b>	<b>Assistant Learning Coordinator</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Miss J Potter	Miss R Addison / Miss K Young
<b>Year 8</b>	Mr S Walls	Miss R Addison
<b>Year 9</b>	Mrs J Purdy	Miss R Addison
<b>Year 10</b>	Mrs R Sansone	Mrs K Kelly
<b>Year 11</b>	Ms S Wyton	Mrs K Kelly
	<b>Post 16 Manager</b>	<b>Assistant Post 16 Manager</b>
<b>Years 12 and 13</b>	Mrs C Bill	Miss H Mosley

**Future Dates.**

Thursday	19	August	A2 and AS Results Day
Tuesday	24	August	GCSE Results Day
Wednesday	1	September	Training Day
Thursday	2	September	School opens for Years 7, 10 and 11 students
Friday	3	September	School opens for Years 8, 9, 12 and 13 students
Wednesday	8	September	World Challenge Parents' Evening
Wednesday	15	September	Post 16 Collapsed Day
Wednesday	15	September	KS4 Evening
Thursday	16	September	Gifted and Talented Launch Event
Friday	17	September	Year 7 Photographs
Tuesday	21	September	Year 6 visits (Wednesday 22 and Thursday 22 September)
Wednesday	22	September	Swan Lake Dance visit
Monday	27	September	Parents' Forum
Tuesday	28	September	Year 11 Thorpe Park Business visit
Thursday	7	October	Year 12 Twycross Zoo Business visit
Monday	11	October	Year 11 Work Experience (two weeks)
Monday	11	October	Year 8 Sculpture visit
Tuesday	12	October	Prospective Parents' Evening (early closure)
Wednesday	13	October	Year 10 Gifted and Talented visit
Thursday	14	October	Year 5 visits (18 and 19 October)
Saturday	16	October	Year 7 Business & Enterprise Apple Day
Thursday	21	October	'Wear it Pink / Yellow' Non Uniform Day
Thursday	21	October	End of Half Term
Monday	1	November	School Opens

**End of Term**

School will close at approximately 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday 21 July following a final assembly for students and staff.

Congratulations to Miss Ware, Learning Co-ordinator, who is getting married during the summer holidays and will be known as Mrs Purdy when we return to school.

May I take this opportunity to wish all families associated with the school a happy, safe and restful summer break.

Yours faithfully

Richard Lord  
**Principal**