

KEN STIMPSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of this traditionally busy half-term, I thought that it might useful for me to update you on a number of issues.

Prospective Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6 October was the school's annual open evening and the opportunity for us to showcase our strengths. I would sincerely like to thank everybody involved in the evening and the subsequent parental tours of the school. Staff and, in particular, students put so much into the evening. The quality of the feedback that we have received would endorse this. The school came across as a vibrant learning community and the student volunteers were praised as talented, mature and, above all, fine ambassadors of our school. I would like to thank any parents who allowed their son/daughters to participate in the evening.

Wear it Blue and Bling Day! – Friday 23 October

A non-uniform day will be held on Friday 23 October to support two charities; Breast Cancer Research, who hold the annual 'Wear It Pink' event, and The Landirani Trust, who support our link school in Malawi.

The theme of our charity events this year is 'water' and, as usual, students will be charged £1 to wear casual dress. We are asking them particularly to wear something blue and 'bling' in line with our water theme – blue and sparkly.

Parents' Forum - Monday 16 November

You are warmly invited to the next Parents' Forum Meeting on **Monday 16 November** at **7.00 p.m.** in the **Conference Room**. The Forum has been 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. The theme of this meeting is online reporting to parents and the potential uses of ICT at our school. We would welcome any suggestions relating to how the latest technologies can be used to enhance learning, engagement and communication. It would be helpful if you would send a brief note, telephone message (01733 383658) or email (forum@kscs.org.uk) to Mrs Ware, Principal's PA, at school, to let us know if you plan to come along to this meeting and, if so, if there are particular questions that you would like to raise. I hope to see many supportive parents there!

“Pamper Evening”- Thursday 19 November

The Ken Stimpson School Association invites you to a “Pamper Evening” on Thursday 19 November 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. This will be a social evening to include demonstrations and the opportunity to purchase goods from a wide variety of local businesses. Please come along and treat yourself or even begin your Christmas shopping! Tickets are £2 and include refreshments and will be available from the school office the week commencing Monday 2 November. For further information, or to book a stand, please contact Mrs Ayre, Business Enterprise and Community Co-ordinator, Ken Stimpson Community School 01733 383684.



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Uniform Update

I have received a number of comments from visitors to the school about the smart appearance of students. However, it still remains a priority for us to maintain this high level of appearance. I would like to confirm that the black sweatshirt or v-neck jumper with the KSCS logo are optional when the weather is warm during this first half-term but that they are compulsory between October half-term and Easter. I would also urge students and parents to study the published guidelines relating to jewellery. 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. Furthermore, the wearing of rubber bracelets is not permitted and these will be confiscated under the agreed school arrangements.

A Word from the Governors

Following resignations from two governors we asked for nominations in the last newsletter. Three were received from: -

- Mrs Claire Scanes
- Mrs Tanya Williams
- Mrs Elaine Camwell

A subsequent resignation from Mr Gerry Roche means that all three nominations will join the Governing Body during the next half-term.

Sports Results

Football Results

It has been a mixed start to the season for the Ken Stimpson school football teams this term. Progress has been made from the first set of results against Kings to those against St John Fisher. The Year 7 team got off to a good start with a 2 - 0 victory in a friendly match against St John Fisher, followed up by a convincing 6 - 2 victory two weeks later in a league match. However, a slight blip in the performance against Kings resulted in a 2 - 0 defeat.

Due to fixture congestion, the Year 8 football team have only managed one game this season, against Neale Wade in a friendly match which saw them win with a compelling performance. They are due to start their County Cup campaign this week against Arthur Mellows - a local derby which is sure to be a competitive game.

The Year 9 team played at Kings and won 5-0 with **Aaron Shaheed** scoring two goals and receiving the Man of the Match award, with **Ben Horrocks**, **Juan Coquet** and **Connor Penson** also scoring. They continued their unbeaten run with 2-2 against St John Fisher, this time with **Conor Boldero** securing the Man of the Match. In the County Cup they will play the winners of the game between Neale Wade and Jack Hunt.

The Year 10 team have had a good start to the league with a 3-1 win over St John Fisher. However, a 4-1 loss to Neale Wade saw them knocked out of the County Cup. With a little more organisation this team has the potential to do very well in the league.

The Year 11's began their season with a less than convincing start. Their first match against Kings resulted in a 3 - 2 defeat, followed by a 6 - 2 defeat at the hands of St John Fisher. It is clear that Mr Gray needs to address the defensive issues amongst the squad to ensure the squad leave Ken Stimpson with happy memories of their time representing the school!

Football fixtures are due to recommence after February half-term with all years playing Bushfield, Hampton and Sir Harry Smith, as well as any County Cup games. Hopefully there will be more success to follow. Congratulations to all involved and also to the members of staff who have supported these important extra-curricular activities.

Are you green fingered? Or have all the equipment and no time?

If so you may be able to help Ken Stimpson Community School in developing an organic sustainable allotment. We have the land; we just need help in any which way or form. If you have the odd half an hour spare and would like to do a spot of gardening or if you have any tools / gardening equipment / wood suitable for raised beds etc that you no longer use we would love to hear from you. If you would like to help out in exchange for a cup of tea or free advertising for your company please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ayre, Business Enterprise and Community Co-ordinator at Ken Stimpson Community School on 01733 383684.

National Enterprise Week 16 – 20 November

To celebrate National Enterprise Week students across the school will take part in various activities. Year 7 will be involved in writing acrostic poems with an enterprise theme. Year 8 will be involved in a variety of manufacturing activities. Year 9 will be involved in an RAF Enterprise Programme. Young Enterprise teams from Year 10 and Post 16 will also take part in the National Make Your Mark Challenge. All students will take part in Children in Need Day on Friday 20 November.

Issue for the next half-term

Mon	Nov-2	School opens , Year 11 Work Experience Debrief Day
Tue	Nov-3	P16 Parental Consultation (Tutor), HPV Injections (Y8+10)
Wed	Nov-4	Y7/10 Tutor Evening, HPV Injections (Y11,12&13)
Thu	Nov-5	Y7 Visit to National Space Centre, Y11 Maths Exams (Retakes), Senior Maths Challenge
Mon	Nov-9	Interform Cross Country (All week)
Tue	Nov-10	P16 Art Visit
Wed	Nov-11	Remembrance Assembly
Thu	Nov-12	Y4 Sports Hall Athletics (pm), Drama GCSE Theatre Visit
Fri	Nov-13	Y8 Engagement Performing Arts Day
Mon	Nov-16	Parents Forum, Enterprise Week, Y8 Enterprise Day (D&T)
Wed	Nov-18	Y9 RAF Enterprise Day
Thu	Nov-19	Science Module Test Y10 & 11 (am only), Pamper Evening
Fri	Nov-20	Children in Need Day extended break
Thu	Nov-26	Post 16 Opportunities Evening, Dance Visit (Upper school all day)
December		
Tues	Dec-1	Y9 Humanities Day
Wed	Dec-2	A2 Drama Performance (Rehearsals all day) (Evening performance)
Fri	Dec-4	Werrington Schools Concert, P-B Schools X Country
Mon	Dec-7	Y11 Internal Exams
Tue	Dec-8	Y11 Internal Exams
Wed	Dec-9	Y11 Internal Exams, P16 Collapsed Day (Revision Skills)
Thu	Dec-10	Y11 Internal Exams
Fri	Dec-11	Y11 Internal Exams, Y11 Coursefinder Presentation (pm)
Mon	Dec-14	Presentation Evening , A2/AS Art Exams (all week)
Wed	Dec-16	Drama/Dance Showcase Evening
Thu	Dec-17	Performing Arts Musical Visit
Fri	Dec-18	Term Ends

Yours faithfully



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Acting Principal