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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a typically busy term at Ken Stimpson Community School, I write to update you on some of our key achievements over the Autumn term and to share some important messages.

As usual students have been involved in a large number of educational visits, performances and extra-curricular activities: -

- Year 11 Business visit to Thorpe Park
- Year 11 Geography fieldwork
- Post 16 Business visit to
- Year 5 primary school visits into Ken Stimpson
- Year 11 work experience
- Year 8 Art visits to Burghley House
- Interform cross country
- Year 4 primary school sports hosted at Ken Stimpson
- Year 8 Performing Arts day
- Year 9 RAF enterprise day
- Upper School dance visit to Norwich
- Performing Arts visit to London to see 'Hairspray'
- A2 Drama Performance
- Werrington Community Christmas concert

Once again, this list represents an excellent array of opportunities for the students of Ken Stimpson. It is easy to forget that, behind every single one of these events, the dedication and commitment of the teaching and support staff in school allows these activities to run so smoothly. Furthermore, the behaviour and positive approach from our students is routinely praised by all visitors or external providers involved. I would urge students to study the activities on offer next term and to involve themselves as fully as possible.



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Parent Briefings for High Ability Students

We have held two very successful information sessions this term for the parents of Year 7 and 11 students who are either gifted or talented. With the support of Mr Ian Simper, Gifted and Talented Coordinator for the Peterborough Local Authority, we provided parents with guidance on how they can assist us in supporting and stretching their sons/daughters and also with links to further support that can be accessed outside school. For further information, please contact Mrs McKillop, Assistant Principal, at school.

Collaborative Monitoring Programme

This year's lesson monitoring programme took place in November. In addition to the existing quality assurance schemes that we undertake in school, each year, over the course of three consecutive days, the Leadership Team and external educational consultants observe every member of staff teaching. I am very pleased to be able to report that the percentage of lessons adjudged to have been either good or outstanding has risen from 47% to 65% since the last monitoring programme in February – an increase of 18%! Raising the quality of teaching and learning at Ken Stimpson is our prime focus and, therefore, my thanks and congratulations are extended to everybody involved.

Children in Need

In a fantastic effort to raise money for the Children in Need event in November students and staff, under the direction of Miss Young our charity coordinator, held a number of fund raising events on this half-term's non-uniform day. A cheque for the sum of £1238.08 has been sent to the BBC to support their charity work.

Holiday Request Forms

In a continued effort to increase the attendance rates at Ken Stimpson, I have revised the arrangements for holiday requests during term time. Full school attendance is vital for your child's educational progress and I have attached a copy of the application form for your information.

Reporting absences

I would like to remind parents/carers that whilst all telephone calls to report student absences are very helpful, and do stop truancy calls being sent out, it is vital for our records that a letter explaining the absence is brought into school by the student upon his/her return.



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Parents' Forum - Monday 18 January.

You are warmly invited to the Parents' Forum Meeting on **Monday 18 January at 7.00 p.m.** in the **Conference Room**. The focus of this meeting will be the consultation of the school uniform. 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. Please come along and help us to improve our school!

At the Forum in October Mr Erwin, Vice Principal, and Mr Todd, IT Network Manager, gave a presentation to parents about the Learning Platform and online reporting. This was warmly received by the parents/carers in attendance.

Following a request at the September Forum a list of films that are used by curriculum areas by year group and for which teaching purpose has been compiled. This is published on the school website. I have informed members of staff that they should never show a film for entertainment purposes in lessons to an audience below the age rating advertised i.e. Some Year 10 students would not be able to watch a 15-rated film until the beginning of Year 11. Furthermore, we are insisting that films are only shown for entertainment purposes during the final two school days of the Autumn and Summer terms and not to classes in an examination year.

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 the next meeting and, if so, whether there are particular questions that you would like to raise. Please note that there is now a link to the Parents' Forum, including minutes of previous meetings, on our website.

Christmas – early closure on Friday 18 December

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

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and, on behalf of the students, staff and Governors of Ken Stimpson Community School, to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Richard Lord
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Key Dates for the Spring Term

Monday	4	January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday	5	January	School Opens
Wednesday	8	January	Post 16 Taster Day
Monday	11	January	Post 16 Interview Week
Monday	11	January	AS/A2 Exams being
Wednesday	13	January	Year 9 Subject Evening
Thursday	14	January	GCSE Year 11 Science (Biology) Exam
Monday	18	January	A Level Drama Theatre Visit
Monday	18	January	Parents' Forum
Monday	18	January	GCSE Year 11 Science (Chemistry)
Wednesday	27	January	GCSE Year 11 Science (Physics)
Wednesday	27	January	Year 10 Business Visit
Wednesday	27	January	Year 9 Preference Evening
Friday	29	January	Year 11 Poetry Live Event
Friday	29	January	AS/A2 Exams end
Monday	1	February	BTEC First Diploma Work Experience begins (two weeks)
Tuesday	2	February	Post 16 Collapsed Day
Wednesday	3	February	Year 9 Design & Technology Day
Friday	5	February	Year 9 Battlefields visit
Monday	8	February	Year 9 Preference Interviews
Tuesday	9	February	Post 16 English Language visit
Wednesday	10	February	Year 10 Art visit
Friday	22	February	Ski Trip departs
Friday	22	February	School closes for half-term