

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

29th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As we complete the first few weeks of the new academic year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the incredibly positive start we've experienced across the school. It has been a genuine pleasure to see students arriving each day 'ready to learn', well-prepared, and full of enthusiasm. We know this doesn't happen by accident, and we want to acknowledge the time, effort and care you put in behind the scenes to support your children. It really does make a difference, and we notice and appreciate it.

We are particularly pleased with how smoothly all year groups have transitioned back into school life. Our new Year 7 students have settled in brilliantly, showing confidence, kindness, and a real eagerness to get involved. Their start has been one of the most positive we've seen, and we're excited to watch them grow and thrive as part of our school community. Our Post 16 and Year 11 have also really stepped up and are raising their game to meet our ever-increasing expectations for them.

I am also very conscious that I work on the assumption that what we are doing is supported by parents and that unless you have actively contacted us, 'all is well'. With this in mind, I have created a straightforward online form that will enable you to share anything positive, which will help reinforce what we are doing, or any constructive feedback that could influence our thinking for the better. With the obvious health warning that there are things we can't change, and we might not always agree. However, I do hope you appreciate the openness for your views to be heard – you can access the form [here](#).

As we look ahead to our upcoming **Open Evening**, we are keen to showcase the school in the most authentic and honest light, one that reflects the values, relationships, and experiences that make our school special. If you have any feedback, reflections, or positive stories you'd be happy for us to share with prospective families, we would love to hear from you. Equally, if you would like to support us on the evening itself, either by speaking with visitors or helping in another way, please do get in touch. As you know, choosing a secondary school is a big decision and one we take very seriously. Please email any thoughts to [p.greenwood@kenstimpson.org.uk](mailto:p.greenwood@kenstimpson.org.uk)

A reminder too that our **Open Mornings** are running throughout the term and are open to both prospective and current parents — or indeed anyone interested in seeing the school in action during a normal working day. These visits offer a great opportunity to experience the atmosphere and ethos of the school first-hand. To book onto one of these tours, please [click here](#).

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to working together to make this year a successful and rewarding one for all our students.

Many thanks



**Mr D Whales**  
Headteacher

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