

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

16th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Pathways

At Ken Stimpson Academy, we are approaching an exciting stage for our Year 8 students. Over the coming months, they will begin making important decisions about the curriculum and GCSE subjects they wish to study in Year 9 and beyond.

From September 2026, our current Year 8 students will have the opportunity to focus on subjects of their choice alongside the core subjects of English, Maths, and Science. These optional subjects will provide additional curriculum time, enabling students to develop a deeper understanding and stronger skills in their chosen areas.

The decisions you and your child make during this process may influence their future career pathway. To support you, we are hosting our **Year 8 Pathways Evening** on **Wednesday 14th January 2026**, from **4:45pm to 7:00pm**.

What to expect:

- A presentation outlining the Key Stage 4 curriculum and the Pathways process.
- The presentation will run twice in the Assembly Hall, starting promptly at **4:45pm** and **6:30pm**.
- Opportunities to speak with subject staff and our Careers team, who can provide detailed information and guidance.

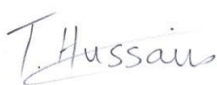
Please note: On the same evening, we will also hold the **Year 11 Parent Information Event** and showcase the **Year 9 Project Exhibition**. Further details will be shared in the New Year.

The aim of the Pathways process is to ensure every student is enrolled on the most suitable courses for the next stage of their education, helping to secure their academic success. We hope that following this evening, you will feel confident and well-informed about the subjects your child will study over the next three years.

Important: The first presentation will start promptly at **4:45pm**, followed by time to visit subject areas. If you are attending the second presentation, we encourage you to arrive by **6:00pm** to allow time to visit subjects before the presentation begins.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at pathways@kenstimpson.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,



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Assistant Headteacher

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