

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

20th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that your child has been selected to take part in a new pilot initiative at Ken Stimpson Academy called CREW.

CREW is a small, consistent mentoring group designed to strengthen students' sense of belonging, engagement and readiness to learn. Each CREW is led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) or key staff across the school, enabling students to build a positive, supportive relationship with an experienced member of staff who knows them well and can provide targeted guidance and pastoral support.

As part of this pilot, students will meet with their CREW leader for a minimum of two sessions per week, taking place during tutor time. Sessions will focus on developing strong relationships, setting clear expectations, celebrating successes, supporting positive behaviour and attendance, and helping students navigate key points of transition within school.

This pilot will help us evaluate the impact of CREW and refine our approach. Our intention is to roll CREW out to a wider range of students from September, with a broader group of staff delivering the programme. Feedback from students, families and staff involved in the pilot will be used to shape and strengthen this wider implementation.

If you have any questions about CREW or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.
Yours sincerely,

Senior Leadership Team
Ken Stimpson Academy