

THE STIMPSON SHOUT

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On behalf of our Year Five children and staff at Discovery, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for such a wonderful and memorable performance yesterday morning at Ken Stimpson. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the show from beginning to end, and the energy, humour and quality of the performances made a real impact on them.

For some of our pupils, this was their very first experience of live theatre, which made it especially meaningful. Watching the story and characters come to life on stage really captured their imaginations and sparked so much enthusiasm, discussion and creativity afterwards.

Opportunities like this are incredibly valuable in helping children develop a love for the arts. Thank you for inviting us to attend. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, both on stage and behind the scenes, for creating such a positive and enriching experience.



*Treasure your
relationships,
not your
possessions.*

Anthony J. D'Angelo



The Stimpson Schedule

Spring 2 Week 2

2nd March

- Y11 French Speaking Finals
- P16 Finals Window Begins
- Student Council Meeting

3rd March

- Y11 French Speaking Finals

4th March

- 2.45pm early finish
- Y9 Parents Evening
- Y11 French Speaking Finals
- Y11 External Food Practical Exam (Group 4)
- Y12 & Y13 Law and Criminology trip to ARU 'Crime Day'

5th March

- Y10 Construction visit to PRC
- Y11 French Speaking Finals
- Y10 Art PPE
- Y11 External Food Practical Exam (Group 5)
- World Book Day

6th March

- Y11 French Speaking Finals
- Y10 Art PPE
- Y11 External Food Practical Exam (Group 6)
- Deadline for Y8 Pathways Formss)

Spring 2 Week 4

16th March

- Y10 Work Experience

17th March

- Y10 Work Experience

18th March

- 2.45pm early finish
- Y11 Parents Evening (TBC)
- Y10 Work Experience
- Y11 Food Controlled Assessment
- Lent begins
- BTEC exam results released
- Y11 Film Studies Trip

19th March

- Y10 Work Experience
- Eid (Less likely date)

20th March

- Eid (Most likely date)
- Y10 Work Experience
- Y11 Food Controlled Assessment
- P16 Finals Window Ends
- Provisional Y11 Mock results day
- Official Red Nose Day

Spring 2 Week 3

10th March

- Paris Trip Parents Information Evening

11th March

- Y11 Food Controlled Assessment

13th March

- Y11 Food Controlled Assessment
- KSA Red Nose Day (Non-uniform day and charity events)

Remember

4th March - Early Finish

5th March - World book day

Activity Day payments due

soon!

Letters home this week



26th February 2026 - Dorset Walk Information Evening



26th February 2026 - Final Information letter for Ski Trip 2026



26th February 2026 - Year 11 Art Information



26th February 2026 - Year 11 Food letter

KEN STIMPSON
ACADEMY

Homework Club

Every Thursday
Inclusion Centre
3.15-4pm

Having trouble with your homework? Need a quiet space to study? Prefer to do your homework in school? Come along to our friendly club, where staff will be on hand to help.

Lessons from Auschwitz



Last term, Mr Whales and a small group of our Sixth Form students visited Auschwitz as part of the Lessons from Auschwitz project delivered by the Holocaust Educational Trust. This was a poignant and moving experience for all involved, and the students will now use what they have learnt to educate their peers and the wider school community.

The experience helped to humanise the history the students had been learning in school and reinforced the message that it's not just about remembering the dead; it's also very important that remembering helps to prevent such an atrocity from ever happening again.



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Reflection

The students who visited Auschwitz have come back with heavy stories. How can we become better "active listeners" for our friends when they have something difficult or important to share?

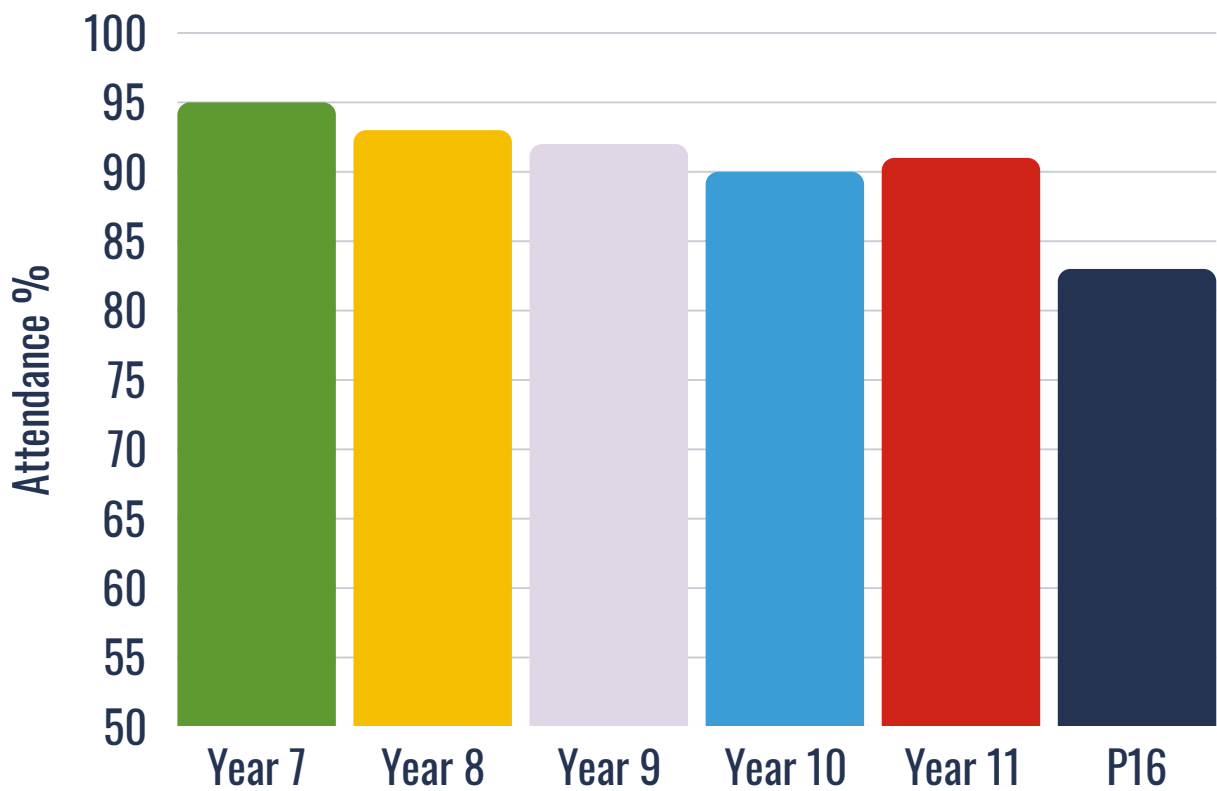
Challenge

In honour of those who lost their connections to family and friends, we challenge every student to have one "meaningful conversation" today with someone they don't usually talk to. Find out one thing you have in common.

The Power of Presence

Being here is the first step to success, and we love seeing our classrooms full of energy. We celebrate everyone who makes the effort to show up and engage with our community every day.

Year Group Round-Up



At Ken Stimpson Academy, we value every moment of learning. High attendance isn't just a statistic; it's about the connections you make and the progress you feel. We are incredibly proud of the students who show up consistently. We also recognize that life happens—if you've had to take time for your health recently, we're glad to have you back and ready to go!

Need Help?

You can also find lots of useful information on our website - <https://www.kenstimpson.org.uk/inclusion-department/support-at-ksa> including a wellbeing referral form if you or your parents think you need a bit of extra support.



Iceland 2026

Fun Fact

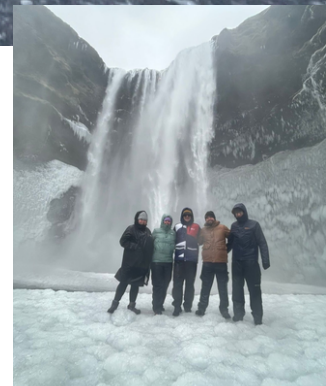
The Icelandic language has changed so little since the Viking age that a modern-day Icelandic student can still read the ancient Viking Sagas (written over 1,000 years ago) with relative ease.



During Half-Term, a group of our intrepid students traded the classrooms of Peterborough for the volcanic landscapes of Iceland. From the moment the "Iceland Crew" touched down, it was an adventure of a lifetime.

The trip reached a magical peak on the morning of February 18th, when students woke up to a breathtaking 20 cm of fresh snowfall, transforming the landscape into a true Arctic scene. The group didn't let the cold slow them down, heading straight to the Secret Lagoon to experience the natural geothermal warmth of the island.

Based in Hveragerði and Reykjavík, our students explored the unique geology and culture of the region, capped off with a fantastic group meal in the capital. We are incredibly proud of how our students represented the Academy abroad, returning home on February 19th with memories (and photos!) that will last a lifetime.



Challenge

1	R	E	Y	K	J	A	V	I	K	Q	W	E	R	S
2	H	V	E	R	A	G	E	R	D	I	P	L	T	T
3	L	A	G	O	O	N	G	E	Y	S	I	R	Z	V
4	P	Z	X	C	V	T	B	N	M	A	S	S	D	G
5	F	K	H	A	L	S	N	O	W	C	F	G	J	H
6	G	L	A	C	I	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	L
7	V	I	K	I	N	G	O	Q	A	S	D	F	G	H
8	T	E	C	T	O	N	I	C	Z	X	C	V	B	N
9	J	Q	S	V	B	H	K	O	L	P	M	Q	W	E
10	I	S	L	A	N	D	T	F	V	B	N	K	L	Q
11	S	C	E	N	E	R	Y	M	L	P	Q	W	E	R

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Words to find

- REYKJAVIK (Capital city visited)
- HVERAGERDI (Where the group stayed)
- LAGOON (The Secret Lagoon visit)
- SNOW (The 20cm surprise!)
- TECTONIC (The shifting plates)
- GEYSIR (Famous Icelandic Hot Spring)
- GLACIER (Ice caps)
- SCENERY (The stunning views)
- ISLAND (The land of fire and ice)
- VIKING (Icelandic history)

Kenny's Chapters

Discussion

Is reading a book on a screen just as good as reading a physical paper book? Is listening to an audio book the same as reading?

Starting points

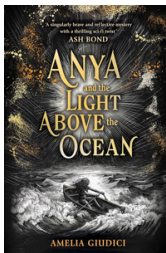
- "It is often argued that..."
- "From my perspective, the most important factor is..."
- "While some might disagree, I am convinced that..."

Vocab Corner

Ephemeral

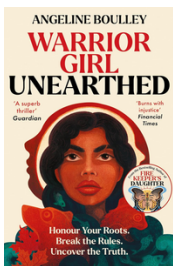
Something that is ephemeral lasts for a very short time. It is fleeting, like a bubble, a sunset, or a passing rain shower.

"The 20cm of snow we saw in Iceland was ephemeral, melting away under the afternoon sun."



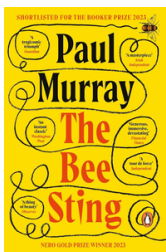
KS3 (Years 7-9): Anya and the Light Above the Ocean by Various

The Plot: Set in a world of fierce sea storms and hidden secrets, Anya's search for her missing mother leads her to a mysterious couple and a revelation that changes everything she knows about her identity.



KS4 (Years 10-11): Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline Boulley

The Plot: Perry Firekeeper-Birch is supposed to be relaxing for the summer, but instead, she finds herself entangled in a high-stakes heist to reclaim her ancestors' remains and stolen artifacts from a local museum.



KS5 (Sixth Form): The Bee Sting by Paul Murray

The Plot: A once-wealthy Irish family faces a series of unfortunate events—a business failing, a car crash, and a looming mid-life crisis. The story shifts perspectives between family members to show how their past choices led to their current collapse.



Remember

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026!

The Social Shout

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Our latest social media posts



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Last term, our Year 9 project students had the opportunity to design and deliver an indoor athletics event for approximately 70 pupils from Discovery Primary School. Read more on our website.

Last term, our Year 9 project students delivered their indoor athletics event to around 70 Discovery Primary School pupils. As part of their PE project, our students planned and practised the delivery of this event throughout the Autumn Term, developing their leadership, communication and organisational skills.

Well done to everyone for delivering such successful sessions - a great start to your Year 9 course!

In November, Mr Abbott took representatives of our Young Enterprise team, One Vision, to meet with Lewis Venum, Managing Director of @projectabundanceuk - an environmental project based at The Green Backyard in Peterborough.

The students were looking to develop a range of "seed bomb" products and wanted to carry out some market research with an expert in this field (excuse the pun!).

Lewis shared valuable insights into sustainable production methods, ethical sourcing and market demand, giving the students plenty to think about as they refine their ideas.

Mr Abbott



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Lego League Success



On Saturday 17th January, our Lego League team, Archaeologists Anonymous, competed in their first regional competition against ten other schools. The team was amazing and won the knockout stage, the regional challenge, and the Robot Game!

We wish them the best of luck as they now progress to the Nationals!

What is LEGO League?

It's not just playing with LEGO! The FIRST LEGO League is a global competition where students dive into the worlds of engineering and coding. Teams are challenged to build and program an autonomous robot to tackle high-pressure missions on a themed field—all in under two and a half minutes.

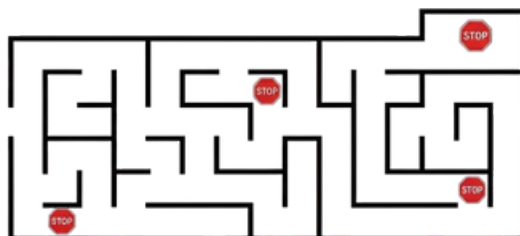
But it's about more than just robots. Students also have to:

- Innovate:** Invent a solution to a real-world problem.
- Present:** Explain their design and code to a panel of experts
- Collaborate:** Demonstrate "Core Values" like teamwork and respect under pressure.

This year's theme, **UNEARTHED**, focused on archaeology and technology. Our KSA team had to "dig deep," using their coding skills to uncover history and solve complex puzzles. It's fast, it's frantic, and it's a brilliant showcase of STEM in action!



Challenge



As a group take it in turns to guide the robot through the maze. You can only use the words forward, left, right, back and only give one word per turn. If you hit a dead-end skip 2 turns while the robot is repaired. How many turns can you do it in?