

THE STIMPSON SHOUT

16th March 2026 Issue 2



This World Book Day, we celebrated the 'Language in Literature' that exists within our own classrooms.

Through our 'World Book Day for Every Language' event, many of you shared stories and poems in your native languages, giving us all a chance to hear the "rich tapestry" of Ken Stimpson Academy. Whether you were there for the international treats or to try and win 'Guess the Language,' thanks for making it such a brilliant day of inclusion and unity.

With thanks to all of the staff and students who shared their reading and language with us and to Mrs Pascan for organising the event.



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Watch the World
Book Day video:

https://youtu.be/2z5EuWX_644



*Coming together is a
beginning; keeping
together is progress;
working together is*

success

Henry Ford



The Stimpson Schedule

Spring 2 Week 5

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 6

23rd March

- GCSE Dance Exam Choreography
- Year 10 PPE's begin

25th March

- Year 11 Food Controlled Assessment
- Year 10 Pathways Work Experience Visit

26th March

- Year 8 Interform
- Relational Conference

27th March

- Year 11 Food Controlled Assessment
- Year 7 Interform

28th March - 4th April

- Year 8-11 Ski Trip

Remember

27th March - Last Day of Term

13th April - is a training day

Have a great Easter Break!

Summer 1 Week 1

13th April

- Training Day

14th April

- School opens
- Restart
- Film Studies Trip (YR 10 and P16)

15th April

- Year 11 History Workshop

17th April

- Year 11 Music Exam
- Year 10 PPE's End

Letters home this week



5th March 2026 - Safeguarding Letter



5th March 2026 - China Trip Interest letter



10th March 2026 - Red Nose Day Letter



12th March 2026 - Red Nose Day Allergy Letter

**KEN STIMPSON
ACADEMY**

**BOARD
GAMES
Club**

All Years!
5U15
Tuesdays & Thursdays
3.15-4pm

Part of the Four Cs Academy Trust

Cambridge Visit



Earlier this term, a group of Year 7 and 8 students visited Trinity Hall at the University of Cambridge.

The day began with an introductory session titled What is a University, where they learned about higher education and the different opportunities available to them. This was followed by a guided tour of the college grounds and a visit to The Sedgwick Museum for an educational talk. To conclude the trip, students took part in a workshop focused on developing their critical thinking skills.

It was a productive day that we hope gave students a valuable insight into university life.



Your only limitations are those you set upon yourself.

Reflection

Trinity Hall has been around for over 600 years, but every student there today started exactly where you are now. When you look at a place like Cambridge, do you see a locked door or a potential future? Reflect on what 'Higher Education' means to you - is it just more school, or is it the key to a world you haven't explored yet?

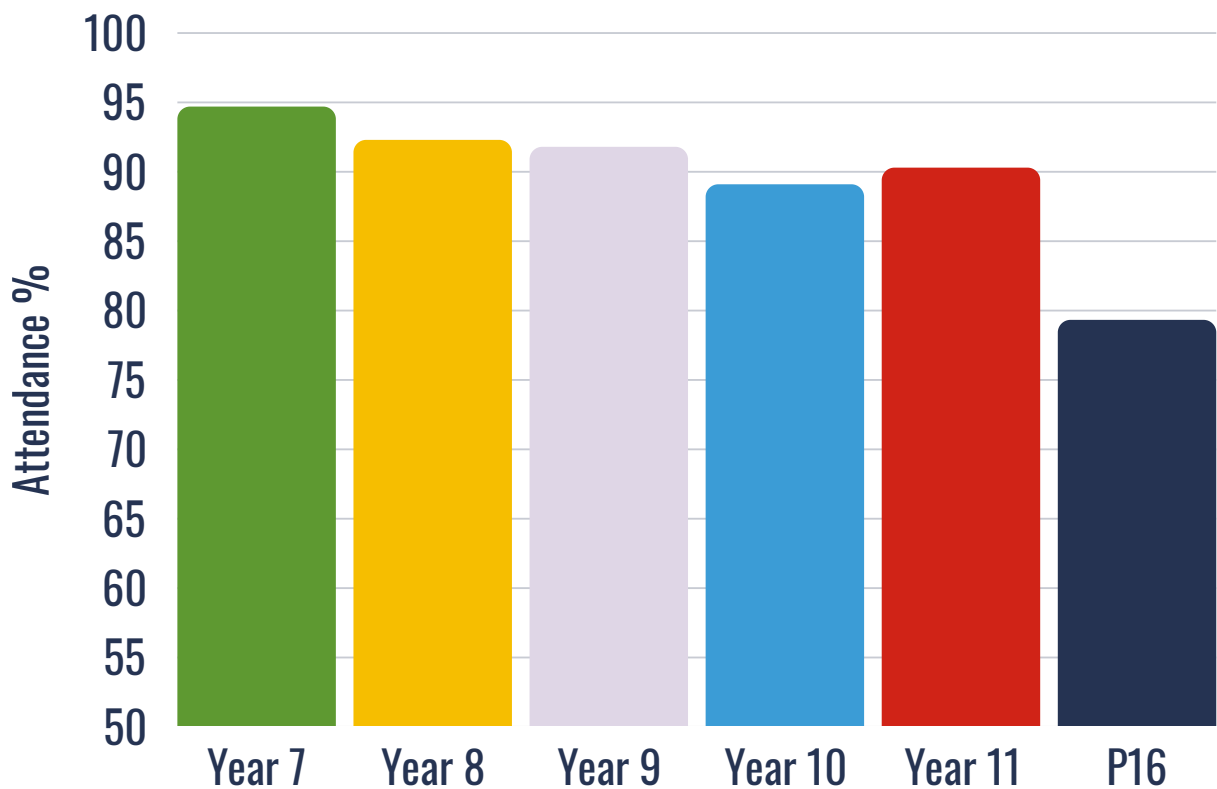
Challenge

If you had to pick one object from your life today to put in a museum 500 years from now to represent "Life at Ken Stimpson," what would it be and why? Has anyone in your group picked the same thing? Are you surprised by your friends choices? Why?

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



As we head towards the Easter Holidays, we're mindful that the end of term can be difficult for some and the holiday's not always something students are looking forward to. Don't forget that just because the school is closed, the support we provide hasn't stopped. If you need us please do get in touch, our safeguarding team is here for you - safeguarding@kenstimpson.org.uk.

Need Help?

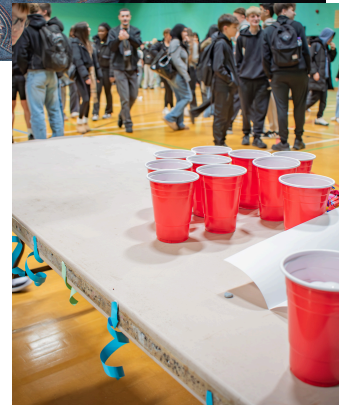
Our Wellbeing section of the website outlines lots of useful links you can use to get support outside of school. It's a great place to start if you need help during weekends and holidays - <https://www.kenstimpson.org.uk/well-being>



Red Nose Day

Fun Fact

In 2021, the red noses actually went to the edge of space! To celebrate the new plastic-free designs, several noses were sent up 34km into the stratosphere using a high-altitude balloon to prove that they were "out of this world" and eco-friendly.



Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Red Nose Day one to remember! You outdid yourselves with the hall activities and, yet again, "Soak the Teacher" was a huge hit!

Days like this allow us to really showcase the Ken Stimpson spirit and demonstrate how we can all come together for a greater cause. Even by simply coming to school in non-uniform, you are contributing towards making the lives of others better, and that deserves to be celebrated. Our school community, when we work together, is a powerful thing.

Keep an eye out for the announcement of our grand total soon! We look forward to more charity events coming up over the next term.

Well done, everyone!



Challenge

The 30-Second Stand-Up: Can your crew write a joke that is actually funny without being mean?

Your challenge is to write a two-line "groaner" (like a classic Christmas cracker joke - or a joke Mr Whales would tell!) and test it on three different people. If all three laugh (or even just roll their eyes), you've passed!

Bonus: Submit your best joke to the "Stimpson Shout" team for a chance to be featured in the next issue!

Kenny's Chapters

Discussion

Is it better to start a new habit in Spring than on New Year's Day? Should we move our "Goal Setting" to the Spring Equinox instead?

Starting points

- "One could make the case that..."
- "On balance, the evidence suggests that..."
- "Despite the strength of the opposing view, it remains clear that..."

Vocab Corner

Renasant

Something that is renasant is being reborn or springing into life and vigor again. It describes a period of renewal where something that was quiet or "sleeping" (like nature in winter) becomes active and strong once more.

"After the long winter months, the school garden is finally renasant with the first signs of green."



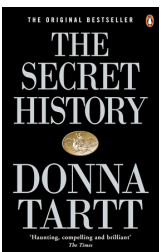
KS3 (Years 7-9): The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier

The Plot: At a private school, a student refuses to participate in the annual chocolate sale. What starts as a small act of defiance turns into a high-stakes psychological battle against a secret school society. It's a classic about standing up for yourself against the crowd.



KS4 (Years 10-11): The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale

The Plot: Princess Anidori is betrayed on her way to a foreign kingdom. Stripped of her title and nearly killed, she has to go into hiding as a commoner—tending to the king's geese. It's a beautifully written story about a girl who is "reborn" from a timid princess into a powerful leader who can speak to the wind.



KS5 (Sixth Form): The Secret History by Donna Tartt

The Plot: A group of eccentric classics students at an elite college step over the line from intellectual curiosity to something much darker. It explores the idea of old traditions clashing with modern life—a brilliant, dense read for A-Level students.



Remember

The holidays are the perfect time to start a new chapter!

The Social Shout

Do you follow us?



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Ken Stimpson Academy
Our latest social media posts



https://linktr.ee/ks_school

This year's registration for The Malcolm Whales Foundation
An email will be sent home soon to remind parents and students

of Sport is full!
the details.

This year's 10 Hours of Sport is full! As always there's been an immense amount of interest in taking part. Well done to everyone that's managed to bag a space and if you haven't, why not see how you can support your friends in the lead up to what will be a tough day!

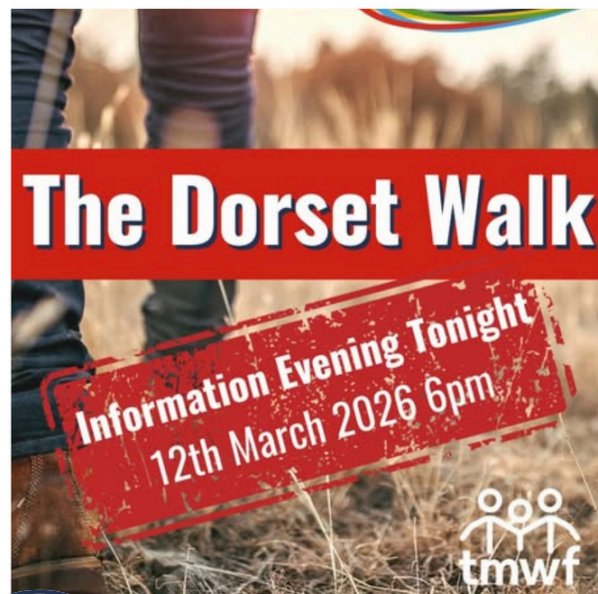
If you've got a spot, you will be emailed soon with more details.

Last week Mr Whales held an information evening for students taking part in this year's Dorset Walk and their parents. The evening gave lots of information about the logistics of the walk but also gave an insight into the charity students are walking for - The Malcolm Whales Foundation.

The walk is hard and students will be putting in lots of training and preparation over the next few months. If you know someone taking part it would be great to offer to help them get ready and do watch out for those sponsorship links!



Ken Stimpson Academy
Our latest social media posts



https://linktr.ee/ks_school

A reminder that we are holding our Dorset Walk Information Evening tonight (Thursday 12th March) at 6pm in the KSA Assembly Hall.

Baker Perkins Visit



As part of National Apprenticeship Week, students had the opportunity to visit Baker Perkins, take part in a guided site tour and hear directly from current apprentices about their experiences. The visit offered valuable insight into the working environment, the skills developed through apprenticeship pathways, and the range of careers available within the organisation.



National Apprenticeship Week is the UK's biggest annual celebration of vocational learning. This year's theme, 'Skills for Life,' focuses on how choosing an apprenticeship isn't just about getting a job but building a foundation for a lifelong career.

Apprenticeships offer a unique "earn while you learn" model. You get to work alongside industry experts (like the team at Baker Perkins), gain nationally recognized qualifications, and develop the professional "soft skills", like communication and teamwork, that employers really value.

Did you know?

- There are now over 650 different types of apprenticeships in the UK, from Engineering and Law to Space Technology and Nursing.
- You can even do a Degree Apprenticeship, where you get a full university degree paid for by your employer while you work!

Challenge



Can you unscramble these 5 essential engineering and apprenticeship terms?

REISIOPCN _ _ _ _ _ (Hint: Doing things with total accuracy)

EVITNCEPPRA _ _ _ _ _ (Hint: Learning while you earn)

NIGEERENIGN _ _ _ _ _ (Hint: The industry Baker Perkins is famous for)

VOINATOINN _ _ _ _ _ (Hint: Creating new and better ways to do things)

ER G S A _ _ _ _ _ (Hint: Toothed wheels that make things move)

Shout About Sport!



Game 1 - Year 7 vs Jack Hunt

The Year 7 girls' football team played their very first competitive match against a strong Jack Hunt side, showing fantastic determination from start to finish. Despite not coming away with a win, the team created some brilliant attacking moments, including three shots on target from Lenee H and Aleyah J. For many of the girls, this was their first-ever competitive game, yet the level of teamwork on display was outstanding. Every player worked hard for each other throughout.

Player of the Match went to Erin B, who made countless crucial saves and showed real bravery in goal. A brilliant first outing for the team—well done, Year 7!

Game 3 - Year 10/11 vs Jack Hunt

The Year 10/11 girls faced a strong and experienced Jack Hunt side in a challenging match. Although they didn't take the win, the team put in an impressive and disciplined performance. Beth L and Leah worked tirelessly up front, creating opportunities and pushing the opposition's defence throughout.

In goal, Lola G delivered an exceptional performance, making diving saves, reacting sharply to difficult shots, and clearing balls under pressure—making life hard for the Jack Hunt attackers at every turn.

A tough match, but a display full of effort, teamwork, and resilience from the Year 10/11 squad.



Game 2 - Year 8/9 vs Jack Hunt

The Year 8/9 girls put on a fantastic performance, securing a well-deserved 2-1 victory over Jack Hunt. An early goal from Sienna T gave the team an immediate boost, followed by an excellent defensive display from goalkeeper Daisy W, who pulled off several important saves to keep the lead. After Jack Hunt equalised, the girls regrouped, showed great resilience, and fought back to score again, taking the game to 2-1. The team carried their energy and communication into the second half, working together superbly to protect their lead. With several players new to competitive football, this was an incredible team effort.

Player of the Match was awarded to Tamara B for her outstanding speed, relentless pressure, and nonstop energy throughout the match. A brilliant win for the team!

