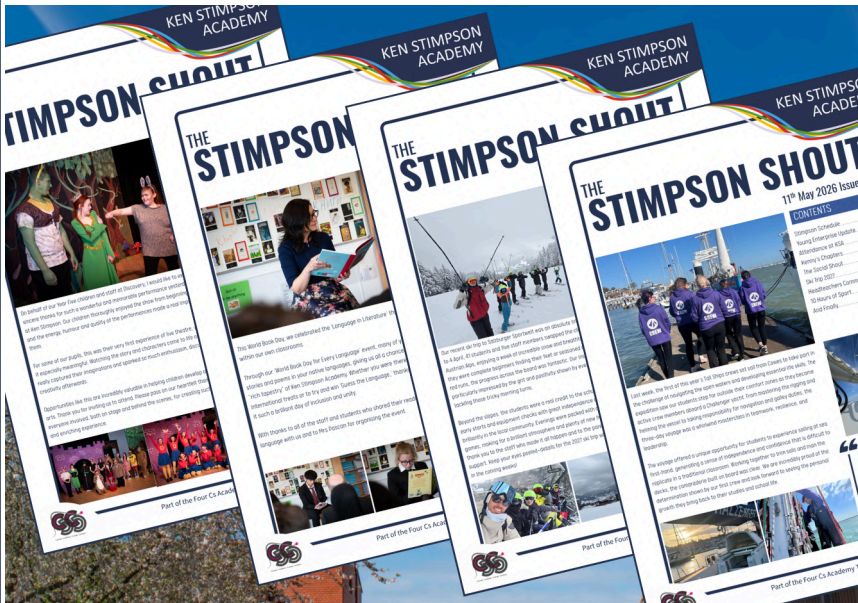


THE STIMPSON SHOUT

Summer Term 1 2026



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Welcome to our brand new parent's edition of the Stimpson Shout! As part of our new initiatives at Ken Stimpson Academy, we are reviving our half-termly newsletter to bring you all of the highlights from this term and to look forward to next. The Stimpson Shout has a long history at KSA and, we hope, this new format will be enjoyed as we know it has been in the past.

This term saw us begin our introduction of Crews to our wider staff and student body and on Tuesday we were pleased to welcome many of you to our Information Evening where we shared our plans. As I said in my letter home earlier this term, crews are very simple. They will ensure that every student in our school is known well by a trusted staff member. Their adult will get to know them as an individual, understand their strengths and challenges and provide consistent guidance, encouragement and support throughout their secondary education.

The Stimpson Shout forms a part of our crew experience. It offers a single place for crews to find out information about our school, to share experiences and successes and, in the student version, challenges and tasks for the crews to attempt during their meeting time.

We hope you too will find this a welcome addition to our communication home. We are very proud of all we are achieving at KSA and we want to you be able to celebrate it with us.

Mr Whales - Headteacher

“
Coming together is a
beginning; keeping
together is progress;
working together is
success

Henry Ford



The Stimpson Schedule

Summer 2 Week 1

1st June

- School Opens
- Student Council Meeting

4th June

GCSE PE Trip to University of Bedford

Summer 2 Week 3

15th June

- Year 10 Careers Week
- Year 10 Italian Speaking Exams begin
- Year 9 EBacc Exams Begin

16th June

- Post 16 Geography Residential departs

19th June

- Year 11 Graduation
- Summer Exams End

Summer 2 Week 2

8th June

- Tall Ships Voyage Departs

9th June

- Year 10 Mock Interviews

10th June

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- Year 4, 5 & 6 Showcase and Opportunities Evening

12th June

- Open Morning
- Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Tall Ships Voyage Returns

Summer 2 Week 4

23rd June

- Year 10 Geography Hunstanton Visit

24th June

- Year 11 Prom
- Year Geography Leicester Visit

25th June

- Year 9 & 10 District Athletics

24th June

- Year 13 Graduation Day
- Post 16 Induction begins
- Year 9 OAA Sports Studies Trip
- Year 9 EBacc Exams Finish



Our full calendar can be found
on our website.
<https://www.kenstimpson.org.uk/ksa-calendar>

Letters home this term



15th April 2026 - DofE Postponement Letter



20th April 2026 - Dorset Walk Letter



20th April 2026 - Letter from the Headteacher



24th April 2026 - 10 Hours of Sport Letter



24th April 2026 - Ski Trip 2027 Letter



24th April 2026 - Netball trip Letter



24th April 2026 - Attendance Letter



24th April 2026 - Year 9 Theatre Trip



30th April 2026 - Year 9 Animal Farm Theatre Trip



6th May 2026 - Letter from the Headteacher



7th May 2026 - Year 11 Prom Letter



7th May 2026 - Year 9 Performing Arts Letter



This edition of the Shout is a bumper edition comprising of the Crew Shouts produced since February 2026. You can find the full copies of these on our website:
<https://www.kenstimpson.org.uk/shout>

Shrek the Musical JR



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.



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.



Remembering helps to prevent such an atrocity from ever happening again.



Iceland 2026

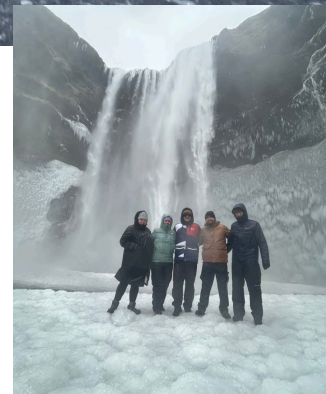
Fun Fact

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.



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!



You can find out more about the First Lego League on their website:

<https://education.lego.com/en-gb/first-lego-league>



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.



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!



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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This year's registration for [The Malcolm Whales Foundation](#)
An email will be sent home soon to remind parents and st

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!

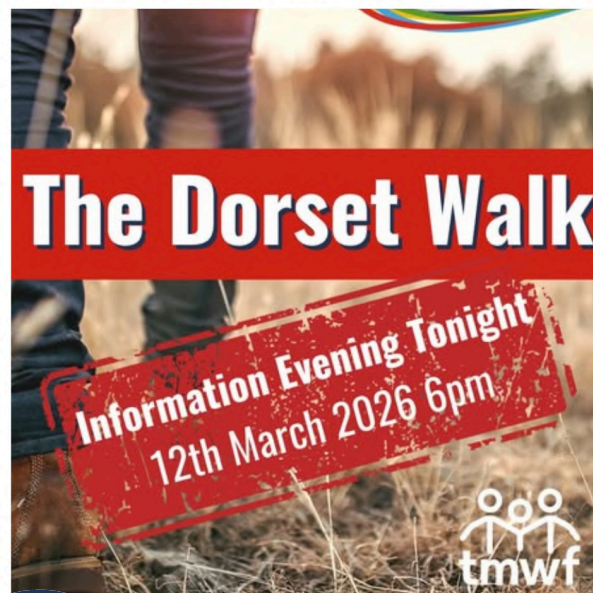
If you've got a spot, you will be emailed soon with more details.

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!



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

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Year 10 Work Experience 2026

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Mrs Talbot would like to give a special mention to one of our Year 10 work experience students after receiving some positive feedback from their placement:

[...] has been a wonderful addition to the year one class this week. She has shown such care and kindness towards the children, and they have loved having her here! She has done 1:1 reading with the children, maths and phonics interventions and even supported the children during their everyday work. She will certainly be missed.



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KEN STIMPSON ACADEMY

Summer Term OPEN MORNING

Join us and see our school in action

Friday 12th June
8.30am until 10am

REGISTER TODAY

kenstimpson.org.uk/oper

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We are holding an Open Morning on Friday 12th June from 8.30am until 10am to allow members of our wider community to visit our school and see the day to day running. If your parents or friends would like to join us please point them to our website for more details.

Spread the word!

We're also holding a Showcase and Opportunities afternoon to parents and students in years 4, 5 and 6. Please let your friends in these year groups know! Look out for opportunities over the next few weeks to help us during the event. Let's show our community the KSA way!

KEN STIMPSON ACADEMY

YEARS 4, 5 & 6

Parents, carers and students are invited to our

SHOWCASE & OPPORTUNITIES

AFTERNOON

at Ken Stimpson Academy

Wednesday 10th June 2026
3.30-5.30pm

Come see and experience what KSA has to offer!

Please register your interest at:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/syaA3T0Z4t>

Refreshments | Free Workshops
Meet our Staff | Talk to students
Q&A | Taster Sessions

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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!



NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP
WEEK 2026

IT'S NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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!



ARU Film Trip



We took a small group of 14 film students from Year 10 to Post 16, to ARU Cambridge to have a full day of fun for a taste of university life as a film student.

The Taster Day gave our KSA students the chance to explore what goes into creating films, binge-worthy series, documentaries, or content on platforms like TikTok or YouTube. It was a hands-on experience which gave our KSA Film students an insight into creative industry careers and what it's like to study Film and Media through a combination of theoretical and practical sessions in the film studio. Every student got the chance to explore their state-of-the-art facilities and get a valuable insight into Uni life from some current ARU student ambassadors.



"Film is a mirror that can focus the light." - Andrey Tarkovsky



Welcome Mornings

As part of our continued focus on attendance, belonging and strong starts to the day, we are excited to introduce Welcome Mornings to KSA.

From 8am until 8.25am, students have access to a range of supportive spaces designated to create a calm, positive start to their day. You can see an example of what's available below.

Breakfast remains free for all students via our canteen during this time.

KEN STIMPSON ACADEMY

WELCOME MORNINGS

Free Breakfast Every Day!

Menu this week

MONDAY
Mindful Monday - 5L22
Sports Hall Games - Sports Hall
Sensory Circuits and Regulation Room - 5U17
Breakfast Social - Canteen

TUESDAY
Football - Sports Hall
Sensory Circuits and Regulation room - 5U17
Breakfast Social - Canteen
Gym Club (7.30am Start) - Gym

WEDNESDAY
Football & BBall - Sports Hall
Sensory Circuits and Regulation room - 5U17
Breakfast Social - Canteen

THURSDAY
Netball - Sports hall Sensory Circuits 5U17
Quiet room - 4L04
Breakfast Social - Canteen

FRIDAY
FPL Friday - Canteen
Sensory Circuits and Regulation room - 5U17
Sports Hall Games - Sports Hall



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Student Council

KSA Student Council: Giving Students a Voice

At KSA, the Student Council plays a vital role in giving students a voice and empowering them to help shape school life in positive and meaningful ways. The council is made up of committed students from Year 7 through to Sixth Form, all working together to represent their peers and make a real difference across the school community. The Student Council is organised into five focus groups, each with a clear area of responsibility:

- Anti-Bullying
- Wellbeing and Safeguarding
- Charity
- Eco
- Equality

These groups allow students to focus on issues they feel passionate about, from promoting kindness and inclusion, to supporting wellbeing, raising money for important causes, protecting the environment and championing equality across the academy.

The impact of the Student Council can already be seen through a range of successful initiatives. The Anti-Bullying group has played a key role in supporting the school's KSA Kickstart Kindness work, helping to promote positive behaviour, respectful relationships and a culture where all students feel safe and valued. As part of this work, students act as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, offering peer-to-peer support and helping younger students feel listened to and supported. These ambassadors are a visible presence within the school and help reinforce clear messages that bullying is not tolerated at KSA.

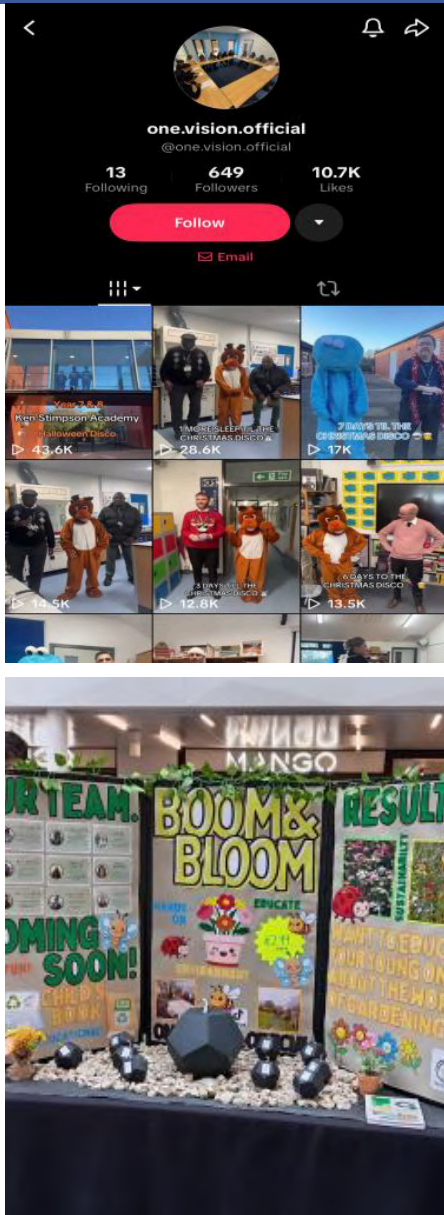
The Charity group has worked hard to raise vital resources for local charity organisations in Peterborough, strengthening KSA's links with the local community. Through these projects, students develop a strong sense of social responsibility while making a meaningful impact beyond the school gates.

A key strength of the Student Council is the leadership demonstrated by our Sixth Form students, who lead each session and support younger council members in developing confidence, teamwork and leadership skills. Sessions are supervised by a range of teachers, ensuring students are well supported while still taking ownership of their ideas and projects.

Student Council sessions take place once a month, allowing time for discussion, planning, reflection and feedback on issues that matter most to students and the wider school community.

Through the Student Council and the work of student ambassadors, KSA continues to empower young people to lead positive change and help make the academy a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for everyone.

Young Enterprise 2026



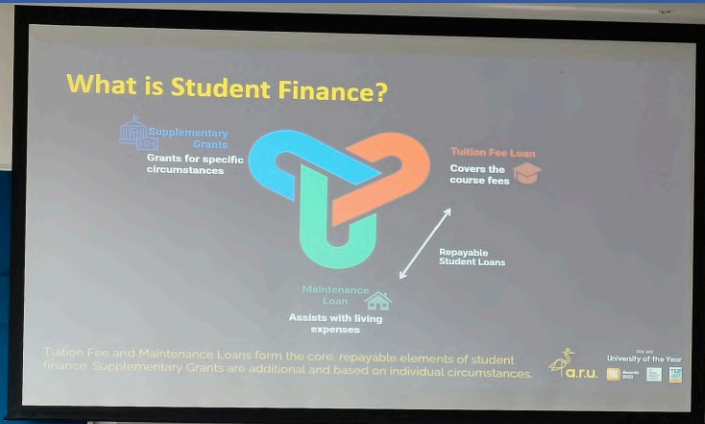
This year's Young Enterprise student-led company One Vision from Ken Stimpson Academy has made a significant impact this year with their flagship product, 'Boom & Bloom'. This innovative seed bomb was designed with a clear mission: "to enhance the quality of primary school education about the environment". By creating a hands-on, playful way for children to connect with nature, the team has successfully identified a gap in the market for child-friendly, sustainable gardening products.

The company's performance has been exceptional, starting with £991.22 in startup capital raised through share issues and school discos. Their commitment to professional standards led them to win the Best Trade Stand Award at the Watford Young Enterprise Trade Fair, where they completely sold out of their stock. Beyond physical sales, One Vision dominated the digital space; their TikTok campaigns gathered over 230,000 views, with one video alone featuring staff members reaching over 43,000 people.

To date, the team has achieved an impressive net profit of £1209.45. This success was built on resilience, particularly as the Board adapted from an initial 13 members down to a core group of 8 who took on extra responsibilities to ensure the company's goals were met. Through collaboration with local stakeholders like Project Abundance, the Directors have gained invaluable experience in communication, financial management, and problem-solving that will serve them well in their future careers



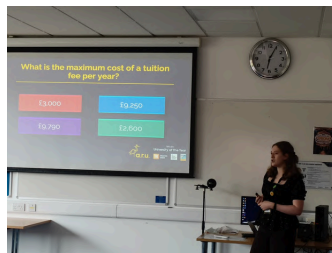
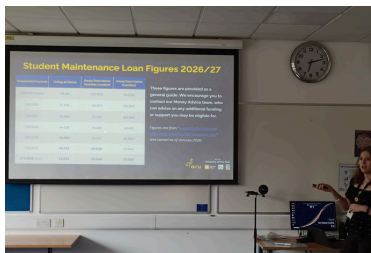
Student Finance



On the 16th April 2026, we welcomed Emma Hillier, Schools and Colleges Development Officer, from Anglia Ruskin University to the school to deliver a presentation to our parent/carers on the topic of Student Finance.

Emma's talk was very informative and appreciated by the attendees.

You can find out more information via the slides on our website - <https://www.kenstimpson.org.uk/post16/current-students/information-for-parents>



What is Student Finance?

Supplementary Grants
Grants for specific circumstances



Tuition Fee Loan
Covers the course fees

Repayable Student Loans

Maintenance Loan
Assists with living expenses

Lesson Highlights



MFL Phrase of the Month

The phrase of the month is: "When pigs fly."

In English this means: "when something is very unlikely to happen".

In French it translates as: "quand les poules auront des dents." The literal meaning - when chickens have teeth.

In Italian it translates as: "quando gli asini voleranno. The literal meaning - when donkeys fly.

Teaching and Learning

At KSA we have a commitment to the highest quality Teaching and Learning. Here are some things we've been doing:

Mrs Ebrahim (Teacher of RS and History) - This term I have been creating new RS schemes of work, really focussing on reducing how many things students have to think about at one time. Simple slides help students think more clearly by removing distractions.

Mr Choto (Teacher of Science) - I am working on my seating plans at the moment, ensuring that every student is sat next to just the right person to support their learning.

Vote Topic

This week's VoteTopic explores the excitement around NASA's next step towards sending humans back to the Moon. Students will weigh up whether space travel inspires curiosity and innovation, or whether resources could be better spent closer to home.

Young Enterprise Update



On Wednesday 29 April, Mr Abbott and Mr Brace escorted One Vision, our sixth form Young Enterprise team, to the Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes Area Final. The event took place at the prestigious Bedford School and the guest of honour was His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Mrs Susan Lousada, who represents the King at formal events within Bedfordshire when His Majesty is unable to attend in person.

The team were judged by a panel of 3 business leaders, competing against the best teams from Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes. They had to submit a formal company report, deliver a presentation lasting no more than 4 minutes and be judged at a team interview at their trade stand.

Just after 7PM, the judges were ready to announce their decision... 1st place for One Vision and a place at the Eastern Regional Final on the 13 May! One Vision also won individual Awards for Best Company Report and Best Team Interview.

One Vision's Managing Director, Isaac Hedger, will now be preparing his team for the Regional Final, hoping to make it all the way to the UK National Final in Cardiff. We wish One Vision every success as they continue their Young Enterprise journey...

"One vision, one shaft of light that shows the way." - Queen

Did you know?

Ken Stimpson Academy is the best school in Peterborough for helping students start their own businesses... FACT!

KSA remains the only Cambridgeshire school to make it to the Young Enterprise National Final, not just once but twice! Dynasty (whose Sales Director was Mr Brace!) came 3rd in the National Final in 2018 and Invictus also made it all the way to the National Final in 2022. You can see our Young Enterprise successes on our 'Champions Wall' in the Business corridor.



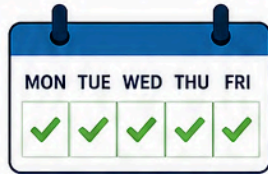
**KEN
STIMPSON
ACADEMY**

MAY ATTENDANCE DRIVE!

**BE HERE.
DO MORE.
ACHIEVE MORE.**

**Good attendance opens doors.
Be in every day, make every day count!**

HOW IT WORKS



Attend every day for a **full week** (Monday – Friday).

This includes attending **Friday 1st May.**



At the end of each full week, you will enter **yourself** into the ballot.



The more full weeks you complete, the **more chances** you have to win!

THREE GREAT WAYS TO WIN!

IN-TUTOR PRIZE



One lucky student from each **tutor group** will win!

WHOLE YEAR GROUP TUTOR PRIZE



One **tutor group** from the year group will win a prize!

WHOLE YEAR GROUP INDIVIDUAL PRIZE



One lucky **individual** from the year group will win a prize!

**BE IN
TO WIN!**



**ATTEND EVERY DAY. COMPLETE EVERY WEEK.
MORE ATTENDANCE. MORE CHANCES. MORE YOU.**

Kenny's Chapters

Discussion

Does being "resilient" mean you never get upset, or is it actually about how you handle the "setbacks" when they happen? Consider if having a "cohesive team" –much like the One Vision Directors discovered when they had to pull together–makes it easier to bounce back than trying to carry the weight of a challenge entirely on your own.

Vocab Corner

Meritorious

Deserving of high esteem, honor, or reward based on the intrinsic value of an action or the quality of a person's character.

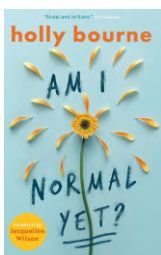
While "good" describes quality, meritorious describes the right to be recognized for that quality. It implies that a standard has been met or exceeded, often in the face of difficulty.

"The firefighter received an award for his meritorious service to the community"



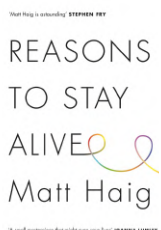
KS3 (Years 7-9): The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

Twelve-year-old Matthew stays in his bedroom to avoid his fears, spending his time observing his neighbours from his window. When a toddler goes missing next door, Matthew find himself at the centre of the mystery and must find the courage to step outside his comfort zone to help.



KS4 (Years 10-11): Am I Normal Yet? by Holly Bourne

Evie just wants to be a "normal" teenager–going to parties, making friends, and falling in love–while managing her OCD. This honest and often funny story explores the pressures of school life and the incredible power of female friendship in supporting our mental health.



KS5 (Sixth Form): Reasons to Stay Alive by Matt Haig

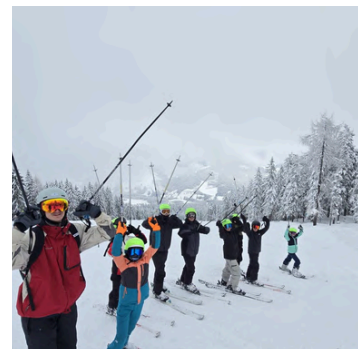
In this moving and uplifting memoir, Matt Haig shares his personal journey through crisis and recovery. It is a sophisticated read for older students that offers hope, perspective, and practical insights into how to navigate difficult times and appreciate the small joys in life.



Ponder this

If you spoke to yourself with the same kindness you show a friend in a crisis, how much would the "plot" of your day change?

Ski Trip 2027



Calling all students in Years 7 - 11

Next year's

SKI TRIP

is now

open for registration!

Visiting the beautiful Val di Fiemme region of Italy, we will depart on Saturday 27th March 2027, returning on Saturday 3rd April 2027.

This exciting opportunity will allow you to develop your skiing skills while building confidence, resilience, independence and teamwork in a stunning Alpine setting. Val di Fiemme is a highly regarded ski area and is well suited to both beginners and more experienced skiers.

We have just 40 places available and these will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis so don't delay in signing up!

Find more details on our website:

<https://www.kenstimpson.org.uk/24th-april-2026-ski-trip-2027-letter>



Headteacher's Commendations



Last term, we brought together a number of students for our Headteacher's Commendations. These are students who have gone above and beyond - not just academically, but in all aspects of life - contributing positively to both Ken Stimpson Academy and our wider community. These students are really pushing to be the best version of themselves and embracing every opportunity that comes their way.

Keep up the great work!



Headteacher's Lunch

Shoutout to the following students who were rewarded with a place on our latest Headteacher's Lunch.

Year 7 & Year 8

Shaiya F
Tyler G
Lenee H
Luca S
Edward S
Kai O
Lia O

Year 9

Thomas G
Samuel S
Charlotte R
Katie G

Year 10

Ruby G
Kai C
Ciaran DG
Kobie G
Rowan B
Harry G
Leon J

10 Hours of Sport



Last Friday saw staff and students come together for our annual 10 Hours of Sport supporting The Malcolm Whales Foundation. Although a long day, students met the challenge with great enthusiasm and spirit and, along with schools across Cambridgeshire, have raised a huge amount to enable the charity to support families and children affected by cancer.

Well done and thank you to everyone that took part!



And Finally

Events in Peterborough

There are a number of activities and events planned at Nene Park this May. Do you know of an event you think other students and staff would be interested in? Ask your crew leader to pass on the details and we'll feature it in the next edition!

- **Needle Felting Workshop:** Artisan felter, Nene Park.
- **Foodie Fridays:** Street food and live music, Nene Park (Ferry Meadows), 5pm-8pm.
- **Business Networking:** Link4Business, 22 May 2026.
- **Nature-Based Wellbeing Programme:** Nene Park, ongoing.
- **Peterborough Celebrates Festival:** A community festival taking place at Ferry Meadows, 16-17 May 2026.
- **Dinosaur City Heritage:** Dinosaur-themed activities at Ferry Meadows, 16-17 May 2026.
- **Yoga with Titanosaur:** Yoga sessions inside Peterborough Cathedral, 19 May 2026.
- **Peter Pan - Principal Role Auditions:** The Cresset, Sunday 17 May 2026.
- **May Half Term Fun (Starts mid-May):** Railworld Wildlife Haven offers family activities, including old-school games like hook-a-duck and tin can alley, typically starting around this time.

What's Happening in the Classroom

Mr Dube: I have been focussing on developing my year 8s research skills. I hope this will enable them to have confidence in using well thought out research methods in all their subjects.

Mr Brace: All this term I have been carefully supporting my year 9s with their business projects to make sure all their projects are high quality. They are now at the presentation stage and are doing really well.

Dance Afternoon

On Wednesday 13th May, our Year 11 GCSE Dancers shared some of their choreography pieces they have worked hard on with parents, carers and fellow students. Alongside this our Year 9 GCSE Dancers performed their whole class piece and we had some specially commissioned pieces from our current Year 10 students.

It was fantastic to see the support from so many of you and we look forward to showcasing more of our work in the future.