

29th June 2026

Welcome to Year 10 Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge hello to you all! My name is Ian Housley, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as your child's new Head of Year for Year 10, a role I'll be sharing with Mr. Reed, our Pastoral Head of Upper School.

As we approach the end of term and this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to let you know about some upcoming changes for Year 9 as we prepare them for the exciting (and important!) journey into Year 10 and their key exams.

From the Monday 29th of June, I'll be taking over as Head of Year from Mrs. Searle, who will be focusing her attention on the current Year 8 cohort. This change only affects the Head of Year position, there will be no changes to lessons, or the current tutor programme and all students have already been informed of this change.

This move is part of a strategy we've been using successfully for a few years now, aimed at getting a head start as we move through the GCSE journey, thus maximising student progress and boosting academic performance.

I'm really looking forward to working in partnership with you and building on the fantastic work Mrs. Searle has done. My role is to monitor your child's academic progress throughout the year and to support their overall experience at Ken Stimpson Academy. I'll be encouraging them to meet our high standards of courtesy, kindness, and hard work, values we hold dear.

If your child experiences any difficulties, academic or behavioural, I'm here to help. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or Mr. Reed if you have any concerns or need further information. You can reach me directly at I.housley@kenstimpson.org.uk

- **Head of Year:** Ian Housley
- **Pastoral Head of Upper School:** Nick Reed
- **Leadership Member:** Raja Akhtar

Wishing your child and your family all the very best for the remainder of this academic year and the next!

Yours sincerely,



Mr I Housley
Head of Year 10 / Teacher of Art & Design