

School History

Ken Stimpson is a progressive, modern and, above all, inclusive school situated at the heart of the Werrington community. The school opened in 1982 and the first students transferred from a single sex school. Many of these are now our parent profile. We are proud to be named in honour of Ken Stimpson, an outstanding Senior Area Education Officer, and we continue to uphold his philosophy of putting children and young people at the top of the agenda.

In recognition of its excellent reputation the school was expanded as part of Secondary School Reorganisation in September 2007 after two years of PFI new build and refurbishment work. The expansion saw our PAN rise from 147 to 210 per year group. Unfortunately the planned expansion of the city infrastructure did not materialise and for several years there were insufficient students to fill the school places. This led to a change in population and saw our student intake alter to include approximately 30% EAL new arrival students who did not all have functional English as well as a significant increase in in-year mobility. The school population has now steadied, we are an increasingly popular school with parents and the lower school is now full. We attract students from across the city and our student profile is a multi-cultural blend of dynamic, motivated and engaging young people.

When first opened the school was an 11-16 school but we gained a Post 16 Centre in 1995. The numbers in Post 16 are becoming larger year on year and our achievements at KS5 are commended by Ofsted. To accommodate small numbers on some courses we often federate with other local schools. Last year we saw all our students move to their first choice university or employment and were successful in securing two students places at Oxbridge.

We are still a transforming school. Our metamorphosis from a small local school to a larger city school is not yet complete. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone to stamp their mark and make a real difference to the lives of our students and the local community and to affect the ethos and culture of the school for the future.

