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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

With the last GCSE exams completed and the Year 11 officially left as of 28th June the school seems a quieter place. Who knows what August will bring but the students have worked exceptionally hard and we're optimistic this will result in excellent results. The students now have their Prom to look forward to on Friday 5th July at Antrobus House. With all manner of transport on show it always makes for an interesting spectacle.

Staff and students have had an action packed few weeks with a variety of interesting trips and visits, including a trip to the Neolithic site at Old Sarum and the ESSO Maths Challenge. Mrs Eveling's 'Golden Time' for students who have the most points on PARS was received very well by students (full report in the Newsletter).



Friday 28th saw all the students taking part in the Race for Life which had been arranged by Miss Reeves. Staff and students threw themselves into the pink theme and enjoyed a sunny afternoon run (or walk!). (Full report in the Newsletter).

The English Department organised a whole week of activities with journalists, theatre groups, and authors in school working with the students. There was also a public speaking competition for the Year

7, 8 and 9 students. The department had put in a tremendous amount of hard work which the students particularly appreciated. (Full report in the Newsletter).

The Year 10 students will be commencing their two weeks of Work Experience from Monday 8th July and we wish them good luck.



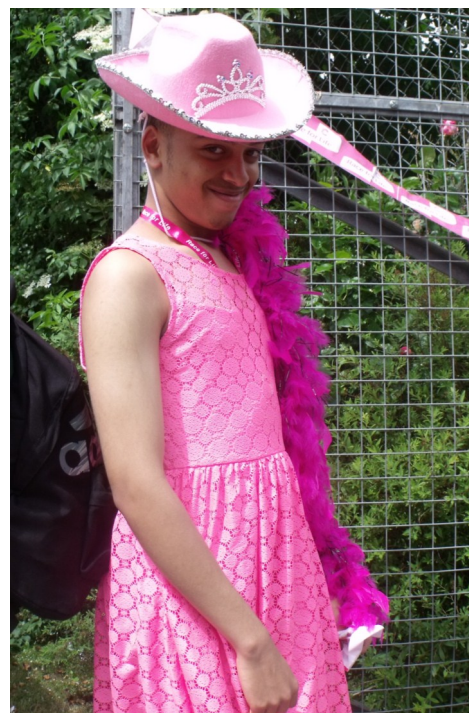


Staff and students had a great time taking part in the Race for Life on Friday 28th June with over £900 raised we are still aiming for our target of £1000.

The just giving page www.justgiving.com will remain open for people to still log onto to make a donation.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity and especially the students and staff who went all out on their pink mufti theme!

Miss Reeves



Get INSIGHT!

Last week saw the launch of **INSIGHT**. This is part of the school website which allows you to see real time information about your child's attendance, behaviour, reports and assessments. If you have more than one child at the school you can see them all using the same login.

Username and passwords were sent out to all adults with parental responsibility last week. Many have already logged in to have a look and have found the information very useful. If you haven't received these yet or have any queries about INSIGHT please contact Mr Webb.

Year 10 Summary

It is with some sadness that I have to announce that I shall be leaving Year 10 and the school in the summer to move with my family to Devon. It is a shame to be leaving the students mid-way through their GCSE and BTEC courses, but I have great confidence that my successor in the role of Progress Leader, Mr Briggs, will be able to provide an excellent level of support throughout the critical final year. The team of tutors will continue to give the same expert help and advice that they have been over the past few years, and I would like to thank them for all their support since September.

Year 10 students visited Andover College on Monday 1st July to participate in a day focused on exploring different course options for post-16 education. From 8th July the majority of the year group will be undertaking two weeks work experience with a local employer. Both of these activities are a good opportunity for young people to reflect on their possible future careers and to start to think about their post-16 options, as from the autumn they will need to begin considering applications for college places or apprenticeships.

Mr A Thomas

Year 10 Progress Leader

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CARERS ALLOWANCE

If you are parents/carers of children under 16, (or young people staying in full time education up to 19yrs), you will have had, or will receive soon, information about your tax credits renewal.

Please ensure that **IF** you claim **CARERS ALLOWANCE** (or any other means tested benefit), that this is declared. A parent has highlighted that this was not explicit on the renewal pack and she had only been made aware in writing AFTER discussing her renewal on the phone.

For further info please log onto <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits/start/who-qualifies/children> and then click: *Children with disabilities - can you get extra child tax credit?*

Year 9 Summary

Golden Time

On 24th June the Year 9 students with the most points on PARS were rewarded by time out of lessons.

About 72 students were out of lesson 1 and another 20 were out of lesson 2.

We played some games and students won chocolate.



The **Best Mummy** was won by the teams who dressed up Mikey Flint and Katie Stewart. Mikey was so realistic he was quite frightening!

The **best limbo** dancer was probably Kim Maffey, although Callum

Davies was quite good.

Steven Hawkins and Daniel Collins has the most interesting and unusual styles!!



But when it came to the **Cereal Packet Game**, nobody could beat Jake Burroughs, Eloise Davies-Tyler and Katie Stewart (although I was quite good at it myself!)





Some of the Year 9 girls just wanted to "chill out" and have some quiet time with their friends



It was quite clear actually that some

Year 9 boys just wanted to dress up as a mummy!



Mrs Eveling
Year 9 Progress Leader
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New Progress Leader

As mentioned in assembly I will be the new Progress Leader for Year 9 going into Year 10. First of all, can I just thank Mrs Eveling for all her hard work with the year group; Year 9s are truly a credit to the effort she has put in and I will endeavour to continue in the same vein.

Having been Progress Leader to the Year 11s just leaving, I am well prepared for the challenges of KS4 and will make sure that every single student in that year group receives the support they need to make the most of their time left at Stonehenge.

Having taught the entire year group for the last 2 years (and some for 3) I think I already know the Year 9s quite well. I have also already met many parents at parents' evenings, but am looking forward to meeting more over the next two years.

If you do have any questions or concerns that you feel need to be brought to my attention, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to working together for the next two years.

Mrs Staker
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Congratulations Tom Roberts

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June's 100 club winners

1st - Mrs Terry £11.70

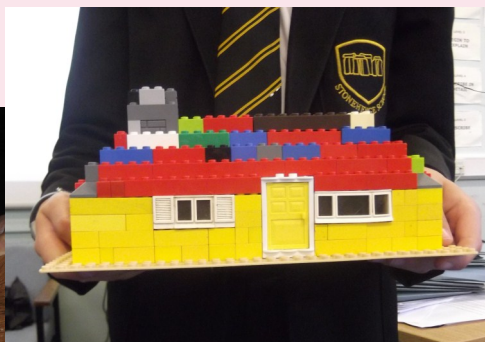
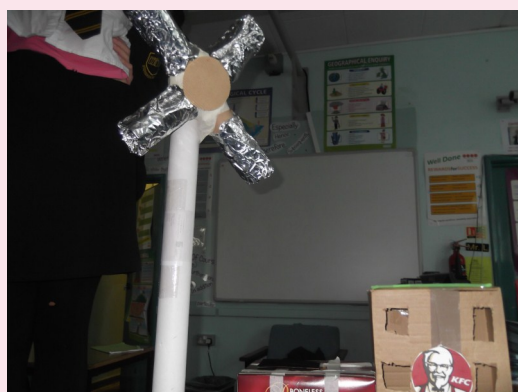
2nd - Mrs Terry £5.85

3rd - Mrs Kilburn £1.95

The more members the bigger the prize money pot so why don't you join us by completing the form on the back page of the newsletter or call Claire Busby for further information.

ECOHOUSES

In Geography students have been studying climate change. As a project, teams of students were asked to make ecohouses and present a speech on why their ecohouse is such a fabulous invention and why it is a must buy item.



Mr Langley
Head of Humanities

Are you 14+?



Every Wednesday
**7-9PM Amesbury sports
Centre**

<http://www.dofe.org/>

<http://www.amesburyopenawardcentre.com/>

CREST Award

At the start of the academic year a select group of year 9 pupils undertook a project on behalf of the British Science Association, known as the CREST Award. This is a national qualification that aims to enhance the enquiry, problem solving and communication skills of young people. The project itself involves students working independently or in a group to complete all stages of a scientific investigation, from the research and practical work, to concluding and evaluating.



A big well done to the 9 students that have successfully completed this; Aaron Markham, Steven Hawkins, Euan Mauchline, Oliver Ivemy, Hannah Bridewell, Corrina Begley, Eloise Davies-Tyler, Katie Miller and Elizabeth Capp.

7T AND THE BLACK DEATH!!!

7T have been studying the Black Death (bubonic plague) in lessons. For homework students made models of people with the bubonic plague. Here are some examples.

Mr Langley
Head of Humanities



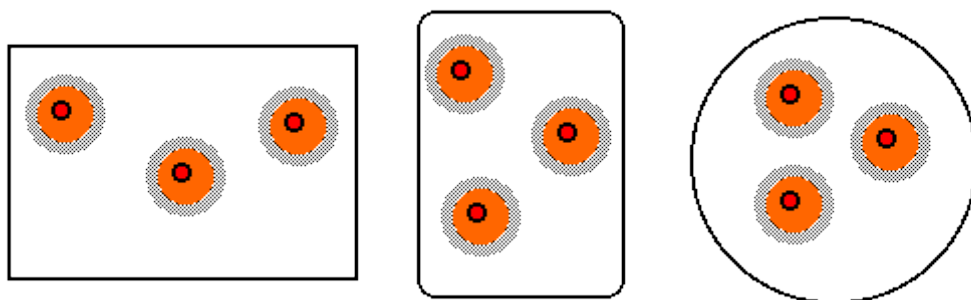
MATHS CHALLENGE 14

For a chance to win **edible prizes** and **2 PARS points**, bring your written answer to Mr Greeves in room 54. Include your full name and tutor group.

TASTY Cakes Puzzle

The Puzzle:

In the library kitchen there were three tins. Each tin contained three delicious cakes:



After school, Mr Greeves crept into the library, opened the three tins, and ate three of the cakes. (It's true!!!)

The surprising thing, when he left, was that each tin still contained three cakes.

How did he do it? Were they REALLY magic cakes? Is this possible?

(Note that no cakes were added and no cakes were hiding underneath!)

Competition open to pupils, parents and staff too!

Neolithic adventure



"It was an experience I'll probably never have again, and it was a fantastic day I'll never forget"

"Once again, time had flown by, and it was time to leave. I wished we could have had more time, so we could have had more time on each activity"

"When we arrived, the huts did not look very windproof or waterproof but inside the first hut it was like a magical leap in time! It had a fire inside and we got to make and eat simple Stone-Age bread. In the second hut, it was empty but we made bracelets and ropes out of rush, it was so cool. Outside we made Neolithic fences by weaving hazel branches around wooden stakes"

"Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity"

7s would like to say thank you to the team who made the huts and to Mr Briggs and Mrs Eveling for taking them on the trip

Esso Maths Challenge Trip.



11 students, myself and Mr. Greeves, went off to Totton College near Southampton last Wednesday. It was a hot sunny day.....one of the few! We arrived impeccably early for the Maths event. A wonderfully eccentric lunch was had in an adjacent residential area to the college!

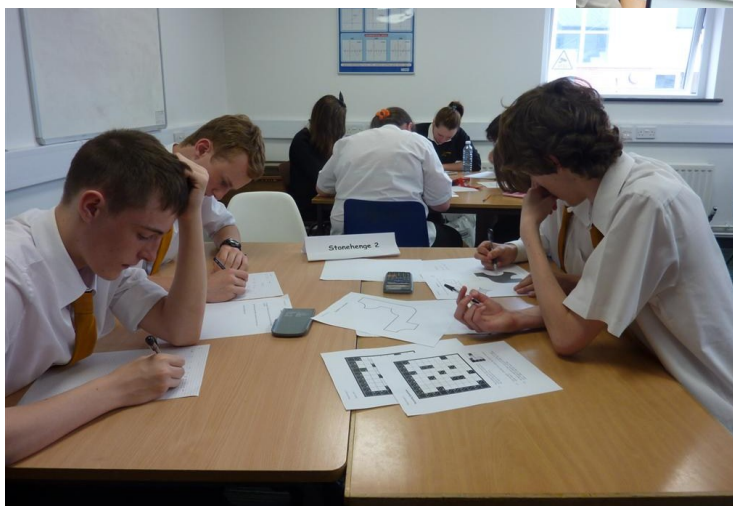
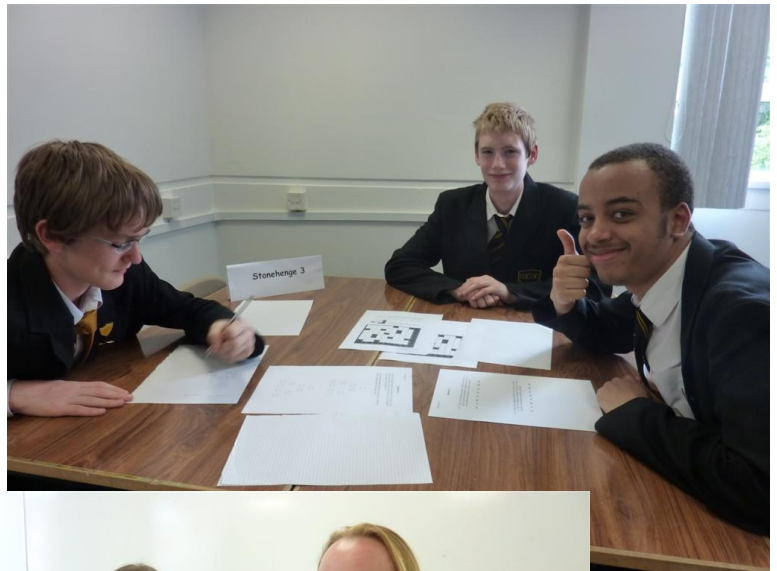
The students attending came from various schools in the area....I think we were one of the furthest visitors. Everyone was welcoming, friendly and ready for a couple of hours of mathematical conundrums. Our pupils behaved very well and applied themselves to the tasks with verve and vigour. There was good level of teamwork from all parties and every brain engaged in the challenge.

After the hard work, the students gathered in the Main Hall and listened to a young man explain how his A levels and degree qualifications had led him to work for the Mobil company and he was at the college as the ambassador for the sponsorship kindly donated by Mobil. Obviously a young man who's hard work had paid off....

Finally we were given the results and although our pupils were not in the running for top prizes, they were all given certificates for taking part and given a 'goodies' bag to take home!

Like many of these trips, it isn't always about winning but more to do with enjoyable experiences, friendship and taking part that is valuable to school life.

By Mrs Woodward



ENGLISH WEEK

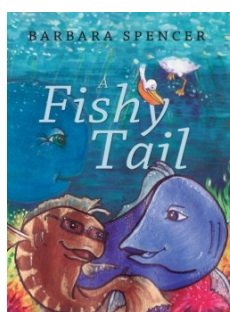
English week involved activities for each year group that either heightened their enjoyment of the subject, or even allowed them to understand the relevance of English to the Real World. It allowed an opportunity for us to invite journalists, theatre groups, and authors in to work with the students.

On Monday 10th June, the Gifted and Talented students from years 7 and 8 took part in a Murder Mystery with Mr Cotterell. They pondered over the puzzling information, and developed their thinking and questioning skills.

On Tuesday 11th June Rob Atkins visited year 9 to talk about life as a Journalist. He spent the day working with students on activities such as 'Find the Headline' and taught the groups how to structure a newspaper story. He talked about his own experiences as a sports journalist and many of the pupils found his stories of Harry Redknapp thoroughly entertaining! He ended each group with a lesson on how to write in short-hand which some pupils commented 'was harder than learning Shakespeare'. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable day which gave the students an insight into where English could take them in the wider world.



Year 7 had the opportunity to watch the 'Multi-story' theatre company. They were a 'two man' production, using a range of techniques to create different characters with skill. The students enjoyed a version of Daedalus and Icarus, and the Labyrinth. The students were enrapt with the story-telling, and had lots of perceptive questions to ask at the end of the performance.



On Thursday 13th June, the English department were delighted to receive a visit from well-known author Barbara Spencer. You and your children may know her from titles such as Time Breaking, Running, A Dangerous Game of Football, Scruffy and A Fishy Tale. Over the course of the day, all of Year 8 were invited to the library to hear her talk on her successful life as a writer. We learnt that Barbara had travelled the world extensively and gained many ideas for her novels from her travels. She also gave tips to budding writers on how to construct a well-structured story along with showing us what her books actually look like before printing.

Friday saw each year group in Key stage 3 taking part in a Public Speaking final. Each student had presented on the chosen topic during the week, and then the class finalists went through to the final round. Up to 20 brave students in each year group, delivered their views and opinions with humour, clarity, and in some cases very strong emotions. The winner in each year group received a £10 voucher, while the runners up received £5 each.



The winners were:

Year 7 Finley Lloyd-Gilmour

Year 8 Brook Smith

Year 9 Holly Sherburne

Carole Dean

Head of English and AST

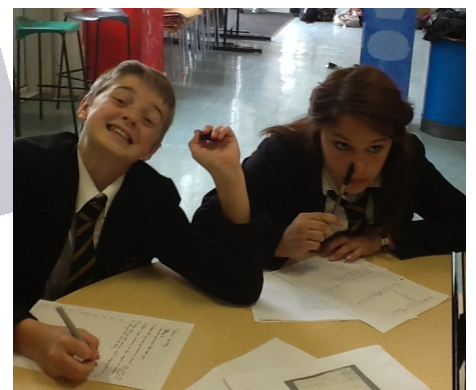
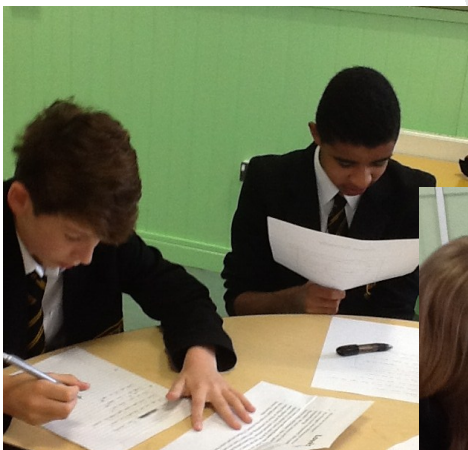


English week began with a murder.....

A teacher had been killed at a school reunion, 7S and 8S had to use their skills of deduction to figure out which of the suspects had the combination of motive and opportunity to commit such a terrible crime.

As with all the best crime stories, the trail of guilt led to the very top of the organisation, to a secret passion at university and a love child that must be kept concealed at all costs.

Our budding detectives would have gained the grudging respect of even that most tough of critics, Mr Sherlock Holmes, with their combination of determination, energy and passion for justice.



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MATHS FAMILY SESSION

There is also an invite for pupils in year 5, 6 and 7 to attend with their parents at a family session that will commence at 3:30. It will run for approximately 90 minutes. To attend this session please book by e-mail to leveyc@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk because places will be limited.

Mrs Levey

Don't forget:

JULY**Mon 1st****Tues 2nd**

Wed 3rd

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Fri 5th

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Mon 8th—19th

Thurs 11th

Tues 16th

Mon 22nd—Wed 24th Activities

Wed 24th**END OF SUMMER TERM 6****EARLY CLOSURE 12.30 PM****24th July—30th August END OF TERM 6 HOLIDAY****Collapsed Day****TD DAY**

Year 6 Induction Day

Year 6 Induction Parents Evening 7.00 pm

Sports Day

Year 11 Prom

Year 10 Work Experience

Summer Concert

Year 5 Open Morning

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The Stonehenge School Fund 100 Club



The 100 club is a new fundraising activity which will help us raise money for the school fund. Each number costs £12 for entry into twelve consecutive monthly lottery draws and the more numbers you buy the greater your chance of a **great cash prize!**

Half the stake money will be given out in prizes with the other half of the monies being donated to the school. As the prize money depends on the number of entries, the prize fund does vary, however there will be three monthly cash prizes.

Please join us and bring little extra excitement to your life! If every family was a member of the 100 Club it would raise over £4,000 for the school each year and mean more prize money!

*To join, please fill in the two forms below. Whilst you can pay through ParentPay, setting up a Standing Order means: * Renewal is easy * You never miss a draw * We avoid bank charges*

THIS FORM IS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP. Please be aware that there can be no refunds after entry into a draw. Also, as winnings are despatched directly to the notified address it is essential that we have up to date details of all names and addresses. We would appreciate your child's name as a reference on the standing order mandate.

I hope to welcome you to the 100 Club!

Claire Broom, School Business Manager



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..... Signature Date

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PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL for the attention of Claire Broom, 100 Club

Member's Name and address:

..... Tel No (for contact about winnings)

Signature Date

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