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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

27 Years Wonderful Service to The Stonehenge School

There are only a very few people in the Amesbury community who don't know Margaret Perryman. Her long career at the school, starting way back in 1987 has included leading the English Department, managing the Skills Development Centre and of course, most recently the key role of special educational needs co-ordinator. There are many former pupils of the school, now themselves parents, who were taught or supported in some way by Margaret during her 27 years of service here. In that time the educational landscape has changed, politicians have come and gone but Margaret's commitment to supporting some of our most vulnerable children has been resolute and unwavering.

The staff and governors of the school would all like to thank Margaret for her loyal and outstanding service. Although she is about to embark on a well deserved retirement I am pleased to report she will still be paying us visits in the new year to help complete some unfinished work; and why not - it's only a short walk!

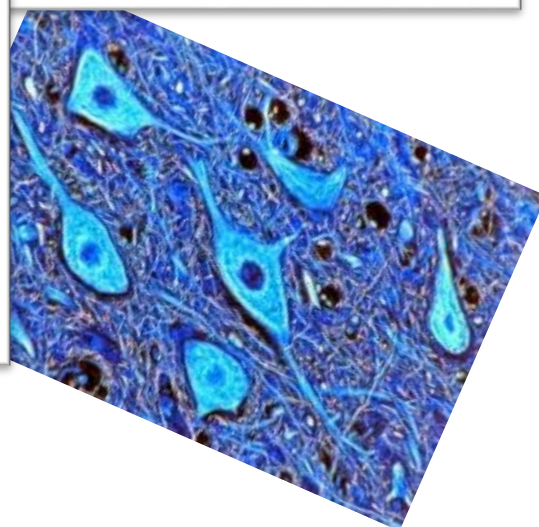
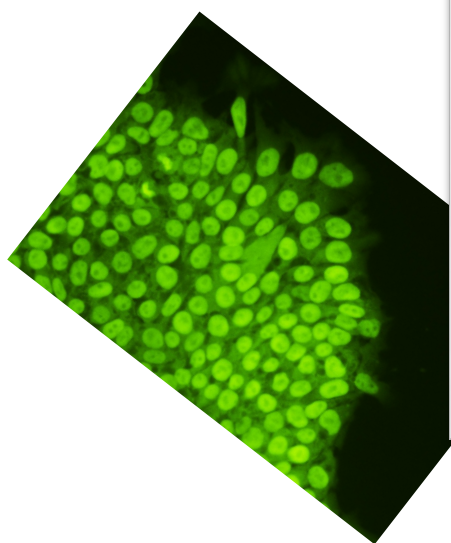
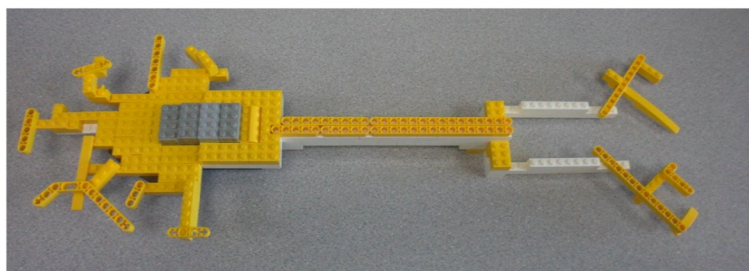
Margaret was also the successful winner of the 'Best Teacher Award' in the Toast of Salisbury competition run by Spire FM. Margaret is seen being presented with her award by Martin Starke of Spire FM.



I should like to wish everyone a very peaceful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. The autumn term this year has been particularly long - 15 weeks in total, and my congratulations go to the dozens of students who stepped up in rewards assemblies this week to receive awards for 100% attendance. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 6th January (staff) and all students on Tuesday 7th January 2014. Happy New Year !

Good Looking Models

'Some of our year 7 pupils are currently studying 'Variety of life' and learning about the role of specialised cells. They had to make a model of a specialised cell for homework. Here are some pictures of the work they have done. The Lego model nerve cell made by Jayden Hunt in 7O is an excellent example of the effort that goes into completing set work. We are unable to show all the pictures as some models had to be eaten!'



A fond farewell

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and to thank students, parents and colleagues for their support and friendship over the years. I am taking away fond memories of my time at the school and of the students I have worked with.

All the best

Margaret Perryman



Bits and Pieces ...



Raise funds for your school!

Mobile phone collection - if you have any old mobile phones that you no longer require could you please bring them into school reception. We are raising funds through 'forgotten mobile.com'

Uniform Labels - Visit wwwSimplyStuck.com For all your labelling needs and the school receives a donation for each order.

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If you would like any further information on any of the above, please contact Claire Busby on 01980 676655 busbyc@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



Thank you to Mrs Rowe who has kindly donated funding to purchase this Janome Embellisher to support our Textiles department'

December Draw

1st - Les Bell £15.60

2nd - Nicola Hillier - £7.80

3rd - Mrs N Roberts - £2.60

100
CLUB

Total raised so far this year £624, with £189.30 being given out in prize money. If you would like to join please visit our website -

<http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/news/100-club>

YEAR 7 NEWS

We made it to Christmas! I have to start by thanking the students for all their efforts so far this year. We have covered an awful lot of ground since those first tentative steps taken back in September. The students seem to have coped with the transition to secondary school extremely well and hopefully feel a full part of The Stonehenge School community.

I want to share a story with you that really epitomises the type of character we have in year 7. During a food technology class the students were putting the finishing touches to batches of cakes. You can imagine the sense of anticipation and pride as the students looked forward to taking them home to their respective parents/guardians. Unfortunately one of the students managed to drop their cakes on the floor. Understandably the student in question was upset. Rather than aggravating the situation, the other pupils in the class grouped together and donated one cake each from their own batch so that the student didn't go home empty handed. We are very proud of those students actions.

We enjoyed a fantastic field trip to the Natural History Museum in London at the beginning of December. Given the proximity to Christmas we really appreciate you digging deep to ensure that it was such a well attended excursion. It was a really positive experience from my perspective. The students were well behaved throughout the trip and represented the school with great dignity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Edmunds

Progress Leader Year 7

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YEAR 8 NEWS

Pupil Postcards

I have been posting these out sporadically throughout year 8. A couple of students have asked why it says "Class of 2017"? This is because the current Year 8's will complete their GCSE's in 2017. the four most recent I have posted were for Bethany Dunford, Chris Oddie, Rio Lapham and Emily Hunter for their brilliant Geography video which even included a Bloopers Reel!

100% Attendance

Beecher, Christian	8NMC
Coffey, Rhiann	8NMC
Dunford, Bethany	8NMC
Gales, Marcus	8SRO
Grevink, Ryan	8AEL
Griffen, Lucy	8SRO
Hancock, Thomas	8AEL
Hibbs, Emily	8EVJ
Hills, Skye	8AEL
Hottinger, Cameron	8SRO
Ingram, Stefan	8JMG
Kruger, Brandon	8AEL
Matanatabu, Salanieta	8EVJ
Mauchline, Seona	8AEL
Molyneux-Downs, Emily	8JMG
Mussell, Joe	8JMG
Newman, Owen	8NMC
O'Hare, Ellie	8SRO
Quayle, Cian	8EVJ
Riggs, Georgia	8AEL
Ringwood, Morgan	8AEL
Taylor, Luke	8JMG
Waddington, Daniel	8AEL
Wilson Harris, Cydney	8NMC

Well done to the following for 100% attendance since September. Congratulations to Morgan Ringwood who won the draw.

Attendance

This has now been the focus of some assemblies this term and also I spend a significant amount of my week checking and following up attendance issues.

Congratulations to 8SRO for winning the Tutor Attendance Trophy for the last 3 weeks. They have continually exceeded the national target of 95% - well done Mr Rogers and 8SRO.

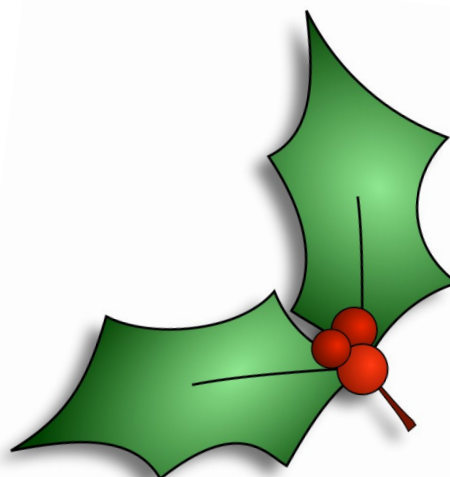
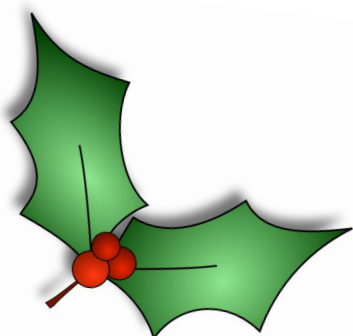
Merry Christmas to all of Year 8 and everyone else at Stonehenge School.

Merry Monkeybuns (My Christmas Elf name according to Google!!)

Miss Harris

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Year 9

Year 9 have been working incredibly hard this term. When I have visited lessons pupils are focused and completing all work set; allowing them to make good progress. This has been reflected in the recent assessment levels that have been sent home and discussed at parent/tutor afternoon.

I cannot believe that in January it will be time to start talking and looking at options for GCSE subjects (where have the last 2 and a bit years gone?!). More information on this will be sent out in the New Year.

I hope you all have a merry Christmas and best wishes for 2014!



PSHE 'Sex Factor'

On Wednesday 4th December year 9 spent the day exploring relationships. The day started off with a very powerful performance by 'Tip of the Iceberg'. Pupils were then in workshop and activity groups discussing and exploring the repercussions for the characters.

Pupils handled the day in a very mature manner and as a result had a very productive and informative day.

The Year 9 Achievement and Effort Awards were issued during year 11 certificate evening:

Achievement: James Falconer & Danielle Mackie

Effort: Courtney Martin McKellar & Connor Dean

Keep an eye out for the new Year 9 page on the school website. It is being created and updated By:



Daniel Andrews, Katie Johnstone, Megan Aston, Louis McGrail, Daniel Foster.

Let them know if you have any info to share on the page!

Year 9 Rewards Assembly

Subject Awards

Each subject nominated a pupil who they thought had been working well and making good progress



'Pupils Choice' Award

Pupils were asked to nominate someone in their teaching set that they thought had been working really well since September

Year 9 Rewards Assembly

100% attendance

Congratulations to those pupils who have achieved 100% attendance. Certificates and letters are on there way to you! All names were put into a prize draw.

1st Prize= Scott Conley

2nd Prize = Shanice Decker



PARS Points

Top Boy: Tom Mearns

Top Girl: Olivia Worrall



Tutor Awards.

Tutors were asked to nominate for the following categories:

PSHE / Uniform/ Planner/Organised..

With special awards of most improved/ Conscientious and best excuses!



YEAR 10 NEWS

We are now a third of the way through year 10 and students have got to grips with the demands of KS4 and have even started to sit some exams in order to familiarise themselves with the GCSE exam process. Student's behaviour was outstanding whilst waiting for their maths exams, although one or two did forget essential equipment (calculators, protractors etc..). A reminder that information regarding exams, exam procedures, and equipment expectations can be found on the school's website.

Celebrating success

Thank you to all the parents who came to the parent tutor afternoon. Year 10s are currently on track to receive some pleasing GCSE results in 2015, and that is a testament to how supportive their parents are. At this point I would like to mention some students who have impressed this term:

Top 3 Students Predicted to exceed Target Grades	Top 3 Improvement in Attitude to Learning
Tony Phiri	Elliott Smith
Amy May	Courtney Calcutt
Adrianna Ruminska	Tobi Arnold

Top 20 Attitude to Learning					
1	Emily Gillett	8	Annabel Fewing	15	Chloe Buckland
2	Holly Sherburne	8	Gemma Hammond	15	Jasmine Hicks
3	Euan Mauchline	10	Megan Townsend	15	Jodie Hill
4	Corrina Begley	11	Pooja Hari	15	Rosemary Richards
4	Hannah Bridewell	11	Aaron Markham	15	Adrianna Ruminska
6	Steven Hawkins	11	Katie Miller	20	Ellie Maple
6	Oliver Ivey	14	Sarah Ballard	20	Lauren Peachment

Top PARS Points Acheivers	
1	Sherburne, Holly
1	Waters, Chloe
3	Maple, Ellie
4	Capp, Elizabeth
5	Bills, Nicole
6	Hari, Pooja
7	Gillett, Emily
8	Downie, Claudia
9	Begley, Corrina
9	Birks, Montana

And finally, those students who are still on 100% attendance despite the cold and flu bugs:

Thomas Badger, Louise Bloom, Hannah Bridewell, Samuel Broadbent, Chloe Buckland, Daniel Collins, Callum Davies, Pravin Gurung, Gemma Hammond, Pooja Hari, Steven Hawkins, Daniel Hibbs, Jodie Hill, Sam Hills, Jake Holstead, Reece Loveridge, Euan Mauchline, Sophie Peach, Cerys Phillips, Holly Sherburne, Ellie Standidge, Chloe Waters, Nicole Young.

Merry Xmas

Can I just take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

YEAR 11 NEWS

It has been a busy half term culminating with the mock exams and I just wanted to congratulate the year 11's for their excellent behaviour during this period. The exams officer and the invigilators were very impressed by year 11. Their good behaviour made the whole process run very smoothly.

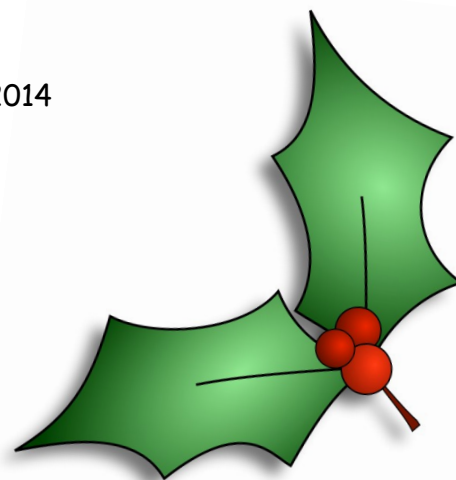
I would also like to congratulate Jordan Hicks, Josh Hibbs and Lloyd Mitchell who all played amazingly well in the Christmas concert last week. They have also been helping out every Tuesday after school for the last 5 weeks with the junior school rock band. Well done.

The last Friday of term was our rewards assembly and whilst there were too many awards to name everyone individually I would like to mention the recipients of the tutor awards. I asked each tutor to give me two names of individuals who they felt deserved special recognition for their contribution to the tutor group, they were; Megan Armstrong, Jack Doole, Michael Binns, Saqib Shehzad, Jack Bourne, Daniel West, Josh Hibbs, Chris Tucker and Nina Caulfield.

I would like to finish by wishing all of year 11 a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Enjoy the break and recharge your batteries. Your remaining time at the Stonehenge school will pass by rapidly and before you know it you will be sitting your GCSE exams, by which point you will be fully prepared and ready to succeed and achieve our goal of becoming the most successful cohort in the history of The Stonehenge School.

I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 7th January 2014

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THE WINTER MARKET

On Monday 16th December, House representatives from Fraternity, Equality and Liberty arranged a winter market at the school to raise money for our school charity The Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Stalls with games, competitions, food and drink were set up and run by representatives from different tutor groups.

The event took place at break time and lunch time and proved very successful raising nearly £50 for our charity.

Mr Langley

Senior Teacher/ Head of House



LITERACY LEADERS SCHEME

In order to help promote the importance of literacy skills across the curriculum and allow all students to develop their skills throughout their school career, we have appointed a number of Literacy Leaders in each year group.

I have been inundated in terms of the applications that I have received and have been highly impressed with the enthusiasm of our students to take on a leadership role. There are 3 different types of Literacy Leader:

Bronze - they will help staff to explore a literacy objective in their lesson, and use the special literacy mats to support a reading, writing, or speaking focus.

Silver - they will help to produce teaching resources for staff to create a 'Lit box' in the shared area, as well as revision resources to be placed on our school website.

Gold - they will actually spend their time delivering some of the lessons and can be called upon to teach as an expert on a particular area.

Special training will be provided during the new year.

Year	Bronze	Silver	Gold
7	Iona Fraser Emily Coombes Elliott Dann Natasha Machimbidzofa Amy Peachment Megan Yeatman Kate Rutherford	Mollie Gerrard Georgia Church	Phoebe Taylor
8	Erin Downie Jeorgia Marchant	Georgia Riggs Rhiannon Taylor Tom Armstrong Jasmine Paige Sheppard	Christian Beecher Jo Potter Katie George Francezcha Cunanan Natalie Manning Cian Quayle
9	Daniel Andrews Scott Conley Reshma Louis	Chelsea Costello Shelby Church Logan Reed	Fraser Adams Sam Gallacher Bethan Ellis Courtney Martin McKellar
10	Steven Fanner	Tobi Arnold	Holly Sherbourne Montana Birks Jay Macgregor
11		Jordan Mattingley	Thomas Waddington

Science Discovered With Brian Cox!

On 26th November we made an early start and ventured to London for a big Science day. The 'lucky twenty' Triple Science students who were *'drawn from a hat'* were able to take part in a National Conference featuring three of the country's leading scientists. This included a chance to listen and watch their lectures, ask them questions and visit the Science Museum.

We had a great day; loads of interesting discussions and things to see. We came away with more questions than answers - that's why we love Science!

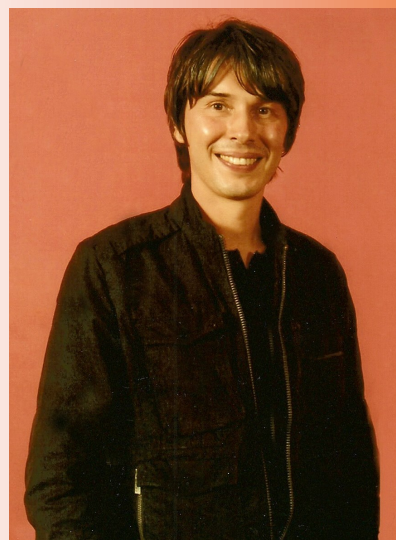
SPEAKER 1: SIMON WATT

BIOLOGY "CRACKING THE CODE: GENETICS OF SUPERHEROES" Nominated for a Famelab award, Simon Watt is a rising star in science communication, specialising in communicating biology theories to schools, and appears as a presenter of Channel 4's "Inside Natures Giants". Simon will present an interactive seminar 'Cracking the Code: Genetics of Superheroes'. Comic books are filled with mutants; heroes!



SPEAKER 2: PROFESSOR ANDREA SELLA

CHEMISTRY: WITH LIVE EXPERIMENTS "HOW THE ZEBRA GOT ITS STRIPES" Professor Andrea Sella is an acclaimed chemist, appearing across the BBC and science festivals nationwide, and a Chemistry Fellow at UCL. Andrea will conduct a thrilling live seminar called "How the Zebra got its Stripes". It will highlight biological pattern formation and how mathematician Alan Turing provided some fascinating theories.



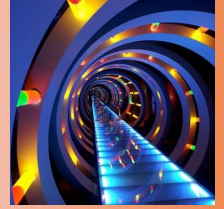
SPEAKER 3: PROFESSOR BRIAN COX (OBE)

PHYSICS "BIG SCIENCE, THE BIG BANG AND CERN" Brian is a world leading particle physicist and professor at University of Manchester, and plays a leading role in the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva. He has gained a meteoric reputation for making complex science theories easy to understand. He has showcased his talent for this in his three international award winning BBC "Wonders of the Universe".

Here are some other comments from people on the trip:

We really loved seeing and listening to the three speakers, especially Simon Watt and Brian Cox. We also liked wandering around the Science museum. Emily and Corrina.

Today was a great day out for all. Everyone enjoyed it, especially when Brian Cox came on the stage. Mikey.



The trip was really great. Our seats were very close to the front and the speakers were very interesting. Each one explaining a different area of Science. Steven and Euan.

The talks were inspiring. They helped me to understand the deeper parts of Science. Josh.

Simon Watt made his talk interactive and entertaining, while Brian Cox and Andrea Sella made their talks interesting, and everyone learned something from each. Aaron.

I enjoyed the Science museum a lot because we were allowed to go off and do what we wanted in small groups. Oliver.

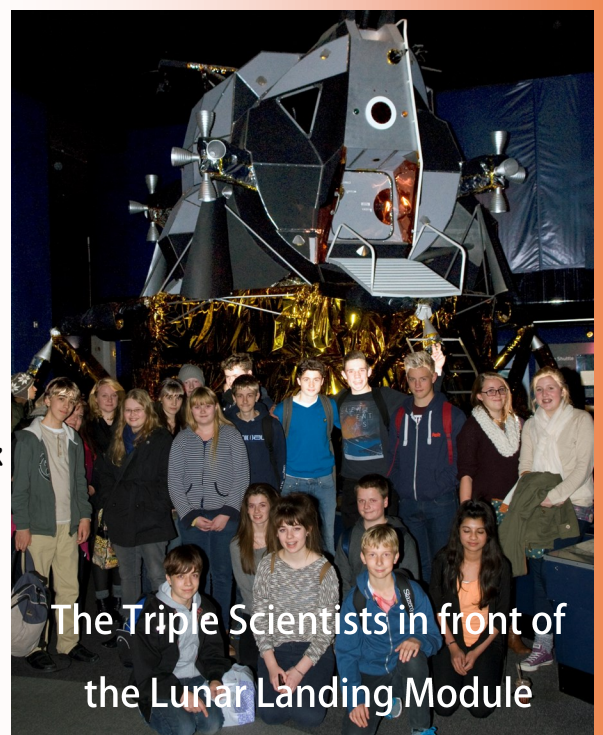
I enjoyed our time at the Science museum even though it was short. I liked the freedom we had to explore it ourselves. Katie and Cerys.

We enjoyed learning new things on the Science day. We learned a fact that states teenage tantrums are natural behaviour from the cerebral cortex, a brilliant excuse! Jodie and Pooja.

The Science museum was the best bit because we were kept really active. They also had a wide variety of interactive objects. The cafes were really good but expensive! The whole complex was well laid out with elevators in convenient places. Tom.

Despite the early morning, I had a thoroughly enjoyable day! My favourite speaker had to be Simon Watt. He was the most interactive, the audience were hilarious too! After the talks we scooted off to the Science museum. I loved wandering around the immense amount of floors and interactive activities! It was like being a kid again! Thank you Mr Busby and Miss Bowie for a great day and amazing seats in the theatre. Hannah.

We would also like to pass on a huge "thank you" to Amesbury Town Council without whose support and sponsorship, this trip would not have been possible.



The Triple Scientists in front of the Lunar Landing Module

COMMENDATION PRIZE WINNERS

Every term we award prizes for students receiving the most commendations in every year group.

This term students have amassed 10's of thousands of commendations and the top students in each group were

Year 7 Max Randle

Year 8 Cydney Wilson Harris

Year 9 Olivia Worrall

Year 10 Chloe Waters

Year 11 Diane McAlees

These students attended the year 8 assembly this Tuesday to receive a prize. The winners prize was a kindle. The students names were drawn from a hat and the lucky student winning the Kindle was Diane McAlees.

Many congratulations to Diane and all the winning students.



THANK YOU TO

Tesco donation – A big thank you to our local Tesco store who are supporting the school in rewarding 100% attendance. We have received £150 in £10 gift vouchers. Prizes will be drawn at the end of each term for those students with 100% attendance.



The following students all took part in the Forest School which took place in small wood near Brokerwood Country Park near Westbury— Sam Gilbert, James Sherriff, Danny Foster, Owen Newman, Rhiannon Taylor, George Staples



Activities included; wood craft skills, fire making, cooking ,shelter making, canoeing and archery.

It was a mixed group including students from Year 2 to Year 9. The Stonehenge students showed maturity and kindness in taking care of the younger ones. Everyone tried something new and thoroughly enjoyed the six week course.

A big thank you to Darren, Alistair and Matt the instructors who made the course such a success.

Area Board Counselling Grant – A big thank you to the Amesbury Area Board. The Amesbury Cluster consisting of Stonehenge School, Amesbury Primary, Amesbury Archer, Christ The King, Newton Tony, Shrewton and Woodford Valley have received £2,500 from the Amesbury Area Board towards a Counselling project. These funds will provide extra support for those students coping with bereavement, family deployment and family problems.

WANTED!

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X-country

Another successful season for Stonehenge

Selected to run at the county trials for Salisbury

Jess Hall
Claudia Downie
Finley Lloyd-Gilmour
Josh Sommerton
Tom Price
Tyler Faircloth
Asa Wilman

County Trials

The students named above have been selected to run for Salisbury as they finished in the top 10 of their age group over the 4 races. They now have the chance to earn a county vest by finishing in the top ten at the trials. If they succeed at this then they will go to the South West and National championships.



Salisbury runs over, but 7 selected to represent the district

After 4 races the Salisbury schools cross country competition came to a close on 19th November.

The teams that consisted of Minors (year 7), Juniors (year 8&9) and Intermediates (10&11), competed in races earlier on in the term at Amesbury, Hudson's Field and Laverstock. There had been some very good individual and team performances with each runner improving as the season progressed. We competed



well with the other local schools, which included Avon Valley, Bishops and South Wilts to name a few.

The final results over the 4 races were totalled up and the first 3 teams with the highest scores were awarded medals. The Inter Boys were awarded bronze and Junior Boys silver, with individual bronze medals for Finley Lloyd-Gilmour and Claudia Downie.

The PE department would like to say a thank you for your commitment and effort this year, and wish you all the best for the up and coming county trials in January.

Keep fit for the athletics season which will be here before you know it!

PE Department

MATHS CHALLENGE 20

(A Trick Question!)

Time to win **edible prizes** and **2 PARS points**: just bring your written answer to Mr Greeves in room 54.
Include your full name and tutor group.

If you walk to school at 4 km per hour
And dance home at 6 km per hour
What is your average speed?



Note: The answer is not 5 km per hour! Maybe you could explain why?

