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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW!!

Our new Senior Prefect Team (front row) with last years team who have now handed over the reins and wished them good luck



Head Girl Head Boy Deputy Head Girl Deputy Head Boy

Gemma Hammond Drew Cubley Jodie Hill, Hannah Bridewell, Holly Sherburne Sam Hills, Oliver Ivemy

Wishing everyone a relaxing break, although a reminder to all Year 11 students that it is never too late to revise and to use the holiday time wisely in preparation for their remaining GCSE exams.

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- Holders Road playing field A number of pupils have expressed concerns about dogs being taken onto the school playing field at Holders Road. This is strictly prohibited and dog owners behaving in this way are committing an offence. The field is private property and not a public open space, although pupils do have a right of access across the field if it forms part of the journey to or from school.
- Punctuality in the mornings The vast majority of pupils do observe our 8.35am start time consistently. I have had to challenge a few latecomers recently on account of their unacceptable reasons for lateness. The first group were late as they had stopped off on their way to buy food for lunch from the shops. This is not a legitimate reason for lateness. A second group arrived 10 minutes late after walking their younger brother or sister to primary school. I fully understand the need to ensure younger children get to school safely, but if they are accompanied by a sibling of secondary school age it is unlawful for the older child to be late to registration as a consequence.

Mr Roper

Centre Manager: Off Site Education Provision

37 hrs/wk Monday to Friday

41 working weeks i.e. term time plus two weeks in the holidays

Grade J 31-34 = £26,539 - £28,922 (pro rata)

The Wessex Partnership is looking to appoint an outstanding manager for a new alternative provision centre, based in Durrington, from September 2014.

The successful candidate will be responsible for co-ordinating the learning provision for some of our more challenging students, supporting their learning in our off-site provision. You will be caring, resilient and understanding of young people in order to work proactively to provide the appropriate support. This post will commence as soon as possible.

Further details and application forms for these posts can be found on our website <u>www.avonvalleycollege.com</u> . Closing date: 9am on Friday 6th June 2014.

Applications, including names and contact details of references should be sent by email to -<u>lredgrave@avonvalleycollege.com</u>. If you require further details about this post, please contact Adrian Hart, Partnership Director on 01980 652467 or <u>ahart@avonvalleycollege.com</u>.

The Wessex Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a criminal record check

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UKMT Maths Challenge

Well done to those students in Year 7 and Year 8 who took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge recently.

In Year 8, Charlie Risdale won a Gold award, and best in school, with Jacob Berry achieving the Silver award . Jordan Aldridge, Cian Quayle, Tome Jones, Thomas Hancock, Sean West and Finley Lloyd -Gilmour all won Bronze.

In Year 7, Hugh Tims won Silver, with Ellie Mears, Holli Mortimer, Ben Wilton, Lauren Saunders and Kaitlyn Bullard all winning Bronze.

A big congratulations to those above, and well done to all those who took part!

Mr Cornelius

Details of the latest information on the Salisbury Plain Master Plan can be found on http://www.army.mod.uk/structure/34026.aspx



THEATRE TRIP

The music department are going on a trip to see Stomp on Thursday 24th June.

Tickets are available on a first come first serve basis from Mr Rogers at a price of ± 33 per head.

Mr Rogers

WORK EXPERIENCE

Parents who still need to pay the £20 for work experience can do this via Parentpay.

Miss Bowie

Refurbishment of Science laboratory

Miss Ellis's Science room has recently been refurbished. Please see below for our before and after pictures. Students and Miss Ellis are really excited to be working in their new environment



Student thoughts on their new lab -

- \Rightarrow Stools don't wobble!
- \Rightarrow Desks are smoother to write on
- \Rightarrow Taps don't drip
- \Rightarrow Bags are tidier on the hooks at the back rather than untidy on the side
- \Rightarrow Bigger is better and also brighter
- \Rightarrow Desks don't wobble because the floor is level!





YEAR 11 NEWS

Year 11 had an enjoyable leavers day and hopefully they will have left with some great memories. However the celebration was short lived as the students were soon back in school sitting exams. The exam season is now well under way for Year 11 and I have been impressed with how well prepared the students have been. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 21st August for results day and celebrating an excellent set of results!











Mr J Briggs Year 11 Progress Leader briggsj@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk





STONEHENGE SPORT

SPORTING EXTRAVAGANZA

I will go as far to say that this year's Area Athletics were a success. 12 medals in total where won from Team Stonehenge, with many more coming 4th, 5th or 6th.

The day started with the sprints and Harry Worley and Jake Ash got to the finals of the 300 metres. Year 8 Samuel Gilbert went on to the final of 100 metres sprint and won 1st place by a mile!

Meanwhile, Louis McGrail came 2nd in the long jump at a distance of 4.59m. A very good effort. Other field events included the shot-put, in which our Year 8 came 3rd.

There is a mention for Josh Sommerton. He came 8th in the 1500 metres alongside Year 8, Finley Lloyd Gilmour who finished 4th. A very well done to both of them. Finley also came 2nd in the 800 metres race.

Jess Hall and Morgan Ringwood had to face tough competition in the high jump. Morgan did really well and finished 2nd, with the whole of Team Stonehenge cheering from the bank getting behind her.

Our Relay teams were also cast into the spotlight. The year 8 and 9 boys led by Harry Worley and finishing with Sam Gilbert came 2nd.

It was a similar story for the Year 8 and 9 girls, led by Morgan. They finished with a 2nd place with a very close end to the race with Katie George just edged out.

The Year 7 boys also worked really hard to achieve 3rd place in their relay. Taylor Alman, Year 7 was 'over the moon' with his achievement. When he and the other 7's where awarded the medals.

Logan Reed and Harry Worley also performed well in the High Jump. Two St Joseph's boys, were their main rivals as they managed a height of 1.58 Metres.

County Trials

From Year 8, Samuel Gilbert has been selected to run the 100 meters representing Salisbury. He has also been entered in the shot put and relay. Morgan Ringwood has been selected as our high jumper and Finley Lloyd Gilmour will be running the 800m and 1500m.

In Year 9, Louis McGrail has been entered into the long jump, with Harry Worley doing the 300 metres and long jump.

From Year 10, Claudia Downie will be representing the school in the 800 metres sprint and Jay McGregor is our reserve high jumper.

Well done to all athletes who took part. Once again the performance was superb and keeps our school in the limelight where sport is concerned.

Sam Gallacher



Tickets by invitation only and can be paid for via Parentpay at a cost of £20.

Further information can be had from Miss Bowie



office to enable the absence to be authorised.

Miss Wrighton

Attendance Officer

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 <u>www.SimplyStuck.com</u> For all your labelling needs and the school receives a donation for each order.



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

Ever thought of playing an instrument or having a go at Singing?

The music department still has vacancies for the following lessons -

Saxophone, Brass, Guitar, Drums and Singing.

How much? The fees are paid termly or you can pay Monthly by direct debit.

Strings, Brass - £15.75 for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr individual or £8.00 for $\frac{1}{2}$ shared/ 15mins individual.

Drums, Piano, Guitar, Singing, Clarinet/Saxophone - £10 for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr individual or £6 for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr shared / individual.

Please see Mr Rogers in Music Department for more information or to collect a form.

Monday 3-4pm

School band all instrumentalists welcome

Mr Rogers

Shadowing the Carnegie Children's Book Award

This term, a group of students from Years 7-11 have started reading the shortlisted titles for the Carnegie Children's Book Award. The CILIP Carnegie Medal is the UK's oldest and most prestigious children's book award, often described by authors as 'the one they want to win'. It is awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book for children and young people.

Our group has its own webpage where the students involved can post written or video reviews of the books they've read, post polls for the rest of the group to vote on, watch videos of the nominated authors talking about their books and blog about anything book-related. Charlie Risdale is on his third book already, so we're expecting some good reviews from him soon! Once the students have each written their first review, we aim to produce a magazine that will be available for the school community to read.

Once the students have read all of the 8 shortlisted titles, they will need to select the book that they believe should win based on the following criteria:

The plot:

Is it well-constructed?

Is the final resolution of the plot credible in relation to the rest of the book?

Characterisation:

Are the characters believable and convincing?

Are they well-rounded, and do they develop during the course of the book?

How effectively are the characters revealed through narration, dialogue, action,

inner dialogue and through the thoughts, reactions and responses of others?

Style:

How successfully has the author created mood, and how appropriate is it to the theme? Do dialogue and narrative work effectively together?

How effective is the author's use of literary techniques and conventions?

The official winner will be announced on Monday 23 June 2014 – will we agree with the judges' decision? Find out next month!

Mrs Clark





PGL Netball Residential

On Friday 9th May Mrs Jackson, 8 pupils and I went on a Netball residential at a PGL centre in Swindon.

Throughout the weekend the girls played Netball matches against various other schools. They played out of their year group and as a result had some extremely tough competition.

The first match resulted in a big loss, however it made the girls realise that they had to fight if they wanted to win and they stepped up their game. Mrs Jackson and I stood on the side-line cheering them on and the girls rose to the challenge and showed real determination and team spirit.

Amongst all the matches the girls had an opportunity to try out various outdoor adventure activities. They had a go on the giant swing, climbing, abseiling, zipwire, areoball and archery.

Mrs Jackson and I had a fantastic weekend and this was down to the 8 fantastic Netballers that we took with us. They were a credit to the school and we are incredibly proud of them.

Congratulations to the following pupils: Morgan Ringwood, Emily Hibbs, Ellie McNickle, Seona Mauchline, Millie Howdon, Rhiann Coffey, Victoria Godwin, Sarah Falconer.

Miss Reeves











