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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### 2015 GCSE results - DfE performance tables

You may have read the recent *Salisbury Journal* article on the performance of secondary schools in south Wiltshire. The headline figure shown for The Stonehenge School was different to the record breaking 61% we reported last summer as having gained the benchmark five or more GCSE passes at grade C or above, including mathematics and English. This was probably the case for most of the schools named in the article. The discrepancy is due to a change in the data used by the DfE to compile their league tables. These tables now exclude any re-sits even if the student achieves a higher grade. It has never been the policy of this school to use early entry and re-sits to a large extent, cost being one factor. However some students who achieve a D in a key subject like English Language can often improve at their second attempt and this was the case in 2015. Confusingly, the league tables do not report the improved grade - only the original one.

## SKIING NEWS

### ... and they're off!

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February sees the departure of the annual ski trip. Students from Years 10 and 11, along with staff journey through Europe to spend the week in Schladming, Austria. A busy week is planned; skiing for four hours every day, enjoying après ski activities in the evening and not forgetting the experiences of enjoying a new culture, fantastic scenery, different surroundings, foreign languages, etc. Après Ski events could include, swimming, ice skating, spectating a Ski Show, disco, tobogganing etc. Best wishes and good luck to all our travellers!



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**School Business Manager**

Mrs. C. Busby B.A. (Hons), ADSBM

Dear Parent/Carer

As a parent/carers of a student who is eligible for Free School meals, we thought we would let you know that your child's daily allocated amount has just been increased from £2.30 a day to £2.50.

Please find below some examples of the delicious food available to your child with this money, and please encourage your child to use this to purchase a healthy meal and drink every day. Remember, the money can be used at different times of the day- so your child may purchase breakfast and still have some money left for a snack later on!

If you have any questions regarding this allocation or the food available, please do not hesitate to contact either of us on [edmundsr@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:edmundsr@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk) or [busbyc@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:busbyc@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk)

Kind regards

Mrs R Edmunds

Mrs C Busby

**Example Breakfast**Bacon roll and drink (fruit juice) **£1.50****Example Break time**

Pizza	£1.00
Cake	£0.80
Aqua Splash flavoured water	£0.60
	<b>£2.40</b>

**Example Lunch**

Hot meal - (see menu)	£2.00
Fruit Juice	£0.50
	<b>£2.50</b>

**Lunchtime menu**

	£1.50 -
Assorted sandwiches	£1.80
Assorted baguettes	£2.00
Cold pasta pots	
Tuna/Chicken	£1.00
Main meal (eg Cottage Pie, Curry and Rice, roast, Spaghetti Bolognese, Jacket Potatoes...)	£2.00
Pasta King with cheese	£2.30
Pasta King with garlic bread	£2.30
Pasta King with cheese and garlic bread	£2.50
	£0.50 -
Assorted cakes	£1.00
Fruit pots	£0.50
Fruit yoghurt	£0.50

**Breakfast menu**

Bacon roll	£1.00
Cereals and milk	£0.50
Mini muffin	£0.50

**Drinks menu**

Fruit juice	£0.50
Milk shake	£0.50
Bottled water	£0.50
Aqua Splash flavoured water	£0.60
Drench	£1.10
Fruit Burst	£1.10
Bottled water 500mls	£0.70

**Break time menu**

Pizza	£1.00
Cheese & Onion pasty	£1.00
Sausage roll	£1.00
Chicken burger	£1.50
Beef burger	£1.50
Chilli wrap	£1.50
Chicken fajita wrap	£1.50
Chicken popcorn	£1.00
Bacon baguette	£2.00
Sausage in a bap	£1.00

**BELGIUM TRIP**

Unfortunately, the Belgium Trip scheduled for January had to be postponed at the last minute due to the uncertainty about our safety in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks. We have rescheduled the Trip for April 28-29<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Correspondence on this has been sent home this week,  
Miss Harris and Mrs Jackson





## Year 7 News

As promised in the last Newsletter I am including a report on the Longleat trip that happened at the end of last term. The day was thoroughly enjoyable and the children's behaviour was fantastic. Paige Scott from 7S has kindly written her account of the day:

Mrs Staker

Lead Practitioner

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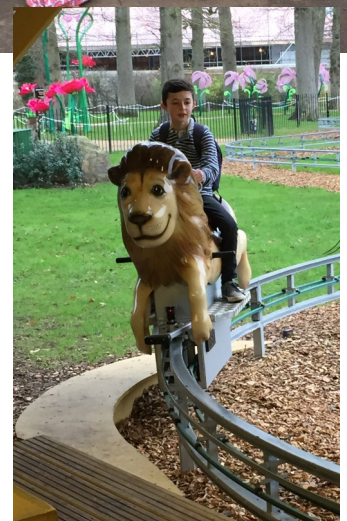
# Longleat

We started school in the canteen, we had registration and then Mrs Staker talked us through a couple things. We were then put in groups to go on the bus mostly in tutor groups but with some others. When we got there we got off the bus we went out in groups of around 4-8 and went on some of the rides...

Some of the groups met up for lunch and ate together and some ate on their own after lunch we all went on some more rides and played some more games, some of us even went on the boat to see the seals and gorillas!

Later on it was time to meet up with the teachers and after a day of fun and games got back on the bus... But we didn't go back to school, we got onto the buses and they took us around the safari! We saw lots of animals including: Lions, Tigers, Flamingos, Hippopotamuses and much more.

After that we headed off home.



## YEAR 8 NEWS

### Options

Thank you for an excellent turn out on February 4<sup>th</sup> where parents and pupils had a chance to discuss option choices with staff. There seem to be two trains of thought about this evening, it either solidified the choices pupil's had already made or it encouraged them to try something else, so both positive outcomes. I have had most of the initial option choice forms back, the option blocks can be put together based upon these choices - at this stage you can still change your mind and I would encourage any pupil who is still unsure to discuss this with the tutor or relevant subject teacher.

### Attendance

Well done to the following pupils who have 100% attendance so far this year...



Jonny Manning	Portae Kumpafaeng	Jack Batstone
Jaimie Rowell	Casey-Marie Camilleri	Sinead McAlees
Jack Stewart	Phoenix Macbeth	Jessica Turner
David Willcocks	Chloe-Ann Poultney	Charlie Williams
Andrew Foord	Oliver Marriott	
Harvey Freeman	Chloe Thrower	

If your child is absent from school for any reason please ring the attendance line or provide a note so we can authorise the absence. Many Thanks

### E-Safety

There have been some incidents of very unsafe behaviour online and via text involving a few pupils in year 8, I would be grateful if you could police your child's use of sites like Instagram and Facebook to ensure they are not putting themselves or others in danger.

Mrs Jackson

Year 8 Progress Leader

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## YEAR 9 NEWS



### Academic

Year 9 are continuing to work hard at their GCSES. More and more teachers are beginning to praise the efforts of the majority of year 9. It was also positive to see so many year 9s take responsibility for their own learning.

A couple of us still need to master this but we will get there!

### Attendance

A gentle reminder that the educational welfare service consider anyone below 90% as persistently absent and we have a duty to follow this up. It is also worth noting that studies have shown

that 95% attendance is required to fulfil academic potential.

### Wellbeing

Students have been following a programme of study on Self-esteem this term. If you do have any concerns about your son/daughter please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Staker

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## YEAR 10 NEWS

A reminder to Year 10 students that your Science ISA will be on Wednesday 2nd March, and the Maths exam on Friday 4th March

It won't be long before the thoughts of a new Prefect Team will be upon us so if anyone is considering applying be aware that attendance and your position on the Attitude to Learning League table plays a big part in the appointments.

Good luck to all our skiers as they head off to Schladming in Austria, fingers crossed for lots of snow for you!

Miss Harris

Year 10 Progress Leader

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## YEAR 11 NEWS

Firstly I would like to start by congratulating Year 11 on the fantastic English results which were the best in the school's history, it was just reward for all of your hard work.

Your final written school report has been sent home this week. Please take time to read it and take on board the teachers comments. Now is the time to make those changes and develop your skills within your subjects. If you are still unsure about what you need to do then please talk to your class teacher directly.

You all have had your mock exam timetables. I know that not all subjects are on the timetable but they will be holding mocks at some point during lesson time. If you have not already done so then you must start revising. Revision is the key to obtaining a good grade in your exams and the earlier that you start the better it will be for you. It will also take a little pressure off you, as the nearer that we get to the exams the busier you will become. You should also be aware that there will be revision classes during the Easter holidays and you will be required to attend.

Finally, Year 11 parents evening is on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and appointments can be booked in the usual way, either via Insight or by telephoning reception. I would hope and expect that all of you will take this final opportunity to speak to your class teachers with your parents.

Mr Briggs

Year 11 Progress Leader

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Well done to ALL of Key Stage 3, who took part in the NSPCC Number Day Challenge on Friday 5 February. Lesson by lesson, teachers revealed to students different stages of a multi-step calculation. By the time we got to Lesson 5 it was hard to keep up!

Year 7 - what is 75 divided by 5?

Year 8 - what is 2.4 times 4?

Year 9 - what does "cube it" mean?

Well done again, and thanks to all the staff and students who took part

Mr Cornelius



## DRAMA NEWS

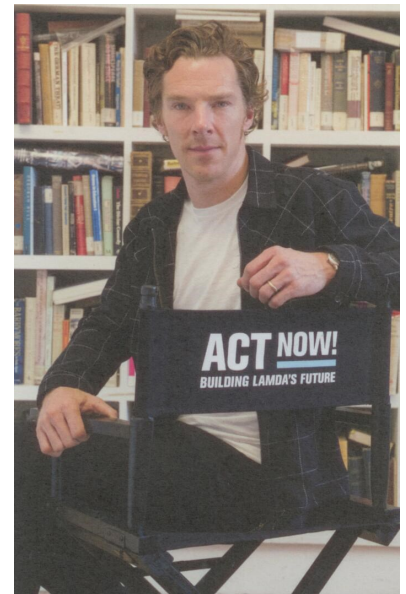


Rehearsals for our next production, set again in the much feared St Trinians, are well under way now. Performances will be in May, and we can promise loads of fun and chaos, as Fraser Adams reprises his role as Headmistress, Miss Fritton. The plot revolves precariously around the kidnapping of a racehorse, a mysterious Arab princess, and a couple of undercover police officers spying on the infamous school. This year the cast will include members of staff as special guests.

**LAMDA Club** is currently preparing students for next Winter's Acting examinations (October 2016). If you'd like to take an Acting exam, just see Mr Jamieson and he'll give you the information and a form to take home. There is still space for more budding professional performers. There's no writing involved in the exams. A couple of duologues, or monologues, followed by a few questions from the examiner is all that's involved. LAMDA Club helps you prepare thoroughly.

A few years ago, **Benedict Cumberbatch**, himself an ex LAMDA student, sent some advice and encouragement to our LAMDA students. There's a copy of this on the information board in the Drama corridor.

Mr Jamieson



### Draw

If you would like to join please visit our website -<http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/news/100-club>

January draw

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs G Clarke £10.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs C Gray £5.25

3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs V Kelly £1.75

**100**  
CLUB





Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
BBC School Report

Dates for the diary.

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# STONEHENGE SPORT



## FOOTBALL RESULTS 2015/16

### Year 7

Date	Opposition and competition	Score	Goal scorers
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Kingdown (National Cup)	<b>Lost 2-3</b>	O'Connor, Mears
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Wellington (League)	<b>Lost 1-2</b>	Reed
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Sheldon (County Cup)	<b>Lost 13-1</b>	Reed
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	John Hanson (League)	<b>Lost 4-1</b>	Robinson

### Year 8

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Avon Valley (National Cup)	<b>Won 1-2</b>	Earnshaw x2
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Somervale School (National Cup)	<b>Won 1-4</b>	Earnshaw, Marriot, Drake, Bowley
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Avon Valley (League)	<b>Lost 2-0</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Chipping Sodbury (national cup)	<b>Lost 4-0</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 16	John Hanson (League)	<b>Lost 6-0</b>	

### Year 9

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Avon Valley (National Cup) Home	<b>Won 4-0</b>	Haslam x3, OG
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Wellington (League) Away	<b>Lost 4-1</b>	Haslam
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Langtree School (3 <sup>rd</sup> rd ESFA) Home	<b>Won 2-1</b>	Haslam, McCarthy K
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Carisbrooke College (4 <sup>th</sup> rd ESFA)	<b>Lost 0-2</b>	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	John Hanson (League)	<b>Lost 0-1</b>	

### Year 10

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Avon Valley (National Cup)	<b>Won 0-4</b>	Kruger, Stapely, Allen, Berry
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Orchard School (National Cup)	<b>Won 1-1</b>	<b>(5-4 Pens)</b> Kruger
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School (Slough) (national cup)	<b>Lost 3-1</b>	Will Haslam
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Wellington (League)	<b>Lost 4-3</b>	Kruger x 2, Worley

### Year 11

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Sarum Academy (National Cup)	<b>Drew 3-3</b> Lost on pens	Lost on pens
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Highworth (County Cup)	<b>Lost 0-1 AET</b>	





# STONEHENGE SPORT



## FOOTBALL FIXTURES 2015/16

### Year 7

Date	Opposition & competition	Venue
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Pewsey (League)	Home
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Avon Valley (league)	Away

### Year 8

Date	Opposition & competition	Venue
	Wellington (League)	Home
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Pewsey (League)	Home

### Year 9

Date	Opposition & competition	Venue
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Avon Valley (League)	Home
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Sheldon (County cup)	Home
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Pewsey (League)	Away

### Year 10

Date	Opposition & competition	Venue
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Pewsey (League)	Away
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	John Hanson (League)	Away
	Avon Valley (league)	Home

### Year 11

Date	Opposition and competition	Venue
To be played by ASAP	BWS (Salisbury Cup)	Home

All fixtures without a date are still to be arranged.



## FOUR REPRESENT SALISBURY AT WILTSHIRE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Byron Lloyd Gilmour, Will Haslam, Monty Podger and Finley Lloyd Gilmour represented Salisbury in the Wiltshire schools cross country championships.

The event had to be postponed a week earlier due to the course being flooded, however on the day of the event the course was in good condition and the weather was ideal.

The first of our runners to race was Byron Lloyd Gilmour in the Minor Boys (year 7) race. Byron had run well in the four Salisbury races finishing in the top ten every race, however this was his toughest test so far racing against the best runners in Wiltshire. Byron finished a fantastic 10<sup>th</sup> place in a time of 10:04.



Well done to Byron who will now represent Wiltshire schools in the Southwest Championships to be held at Pittville Park in Cheltenham on 06/02/16.



The next representative was Will Haslam in the Junior Boys (year 8/9) race. Will has been fantastic throughout the season with consistent top 5 finishes, like Byron it was time to test himself against the best in Wiltshire. Will ran a good race but just ran out of steam in the final kilometre, having been well placed, others finished really strongly leaving Will with a respectable 29<sup>th</sup> place finish in a time of 16:36.

The last race of the day was the Intermediate boys. We had Finley Lloyd Gilmour and Monty Podger battling for a top ten finish. Going into the race Monty had never beaten Finley, but both runners were consistently in Salisbury's top ten in the local competition.

The race was a long and gruelling affair on a course that had cut up as the day progressed. The boys battled through a tough field and ended up finishing 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in a close finish, surprisingly

Monty finished 14<sup>th</sup> in a time of 21:47 and Finley 17<sup>th</sup> in a time of 21:50. Both just missed out on County selection, but need recognition of their efforts this year.

Well done to all our runners who again are helping to put the name of The Stonehenge School on the National map. We would also like to wish Byron the very best of luck on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr Hershbein



## CRICKET STARTS EARLY FOR STONEHENGE

Mr Hershbein



As the wind and rain continue outside it seems a little crazy writing a cricket report. However the indoor season is underway with both our u'13's boys and girls having played their first tournaments.

The girls kicked things off with a three team tournament against Trafalgar, and South Wilts.

The PE department were offered the chance to have a cricket coach attend our after school training on a Thursday, so the girls had had a bit of practice in the run up to the match. However this for most of them was their first experience of competitive action.

The girls played well although a little nervous. They batted first against Trafalgar and set 31 as a target, with Lucy Ferguson playing a superb innings staying in until the last ball.

Our bowlers bowled well considering some of them only learnt how to bowl a few weeks earlier. Unfortunately Trafalgar hit four runs off the last ball which meant they won by four runs.



Year 7/8 girls Team

Megan, Kelsey, Lucy, Rhiana, Chloe  
Lauren, Hannah, Zoe

The team then took on a very good South Wilts side. They were made up of mostly year 8 players who played in the same tournament last year, and their experience showed. They managed to score 78 off their 8 overs, whereas we struggled and could only score 38.



The girls gained valuable match experience to go with their training sessions every Thursday, and we hope to get them some more fixtures in the near future.

The Boys took part in their qualifying tournament on Friday 5th February. The tournament was supposed to be a three team round robin, however due to Bishops not being able to make the dates set it was a straight knockout match against Trafalgar.

Stonehenge won the toss and decided to field first. The boys who had a mixture of year 7 and 8 boys, got off to a good start. With Alex Alcock the pick of the bowlers.

But then the Trafalgar batsmen found their form and started to hit the back wall gaining a few sixes in consecutive deliveries. Trafalgar set a large target of 81 which we knew was going to be difficult to chase, but openers Owen Earnshaw and Chester Willman battled well. Then four wickets fell in one over a collapse that saw the innings brought to an abrupt end on just 31 runs. We have to give credit to all of the Trafalgar bowlers who were fantastic, and by far the best our team have ever faced.

Both teams will now keep up their training on a Thursday after school and have a few more indoor matches before the outdoor season begins after Easter.

Well done to all involved.

Mr Hershbein





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Medical appointments should be made out of school hours where possible. In the case that an urgent appointment has to be attended, the appointment letter/card needs to be handed into the school office to enable the absence to be authorised.

Miss Wrighton  
Attendance Officer

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Wishing everyone a relaxing half term holiday.  
School returns on Monday 22nd February on a Week 2.