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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### The Stonehenge School rebuild / extension project - update.

Understandably the Local Authority's plans for the future of secondary education in Amesbury are of interest to the community. I'm aware there has been a good deal of speculation about the project, so the position so far is as follows :

**Where will it be?** No decision yet, as three sites - all in Amesbury - are under consideration. Two are owned by Wiltshire Council and the third owned by the MoD. Once a preferred site is identified planning permission will need to be sought via the normal channels. Naturally the local community will be able to contribute to this in the same manner as with all other planning applications.

**How large is the budget ?** Currently £6  $\frac{1}{2}$  to £7 million. The Local Authority may be able to increase this sum by selling some land and adding the revenue to the funding already allocated.

**Extension or a total rebuild ?** In the long term a total rebuild is intended. Depending upon funding this may take place on a phased basis, so that an extension is built first as Phase 1 of a rebuild, with Phase 2 planned later.

**When does it start ?** A project manager, quantity surveyors and architect team are already in post. Construction work is most likely to start in May 2017 to enable the new build to be ready for the start of term in September 2018.

A number of meetings are planned to resolve these issues and to make decisions on the future direction of the project. I will keep everyone informed via the Newsletter.

### Senior Prefects Team

After interviewing an extremely strong field of candidates with Mrs Gillian Clarke (Governor) and Mrs Dean (Deputy Headteacher) we are delighted to announce the new Senior Prefect Team for 2016—2017 -

Head Boy	Joe Mussell	Head Girl	Morgan Ringwood
Deputy Head Boys	Jacob Berry	Stefan Ingram	
Deputy Head Girls	Bethany Dunford	Seona Mauchline	Dione Mitchell

## Our trip to Plas Pencelli



On our trip to Plas Pencelli, we stayed for five nights and did two activities each day. We were split up into two teams, the blue team and the green team (dream team). Every day we had breakfast, made our lunch for the activity and then came back for dinner, also we had hot chocolate before bed. The activities were around six hours, including the journey. The day was full of active work, which was a lot of exercise and we had to co-operate with our team, which was good because we met lots of new people. It was good to get away from home and technology, and to experience new things.

### Climbing

We went climbing on Monday, some people were excited and some people were worried, but it was very funny and we all co-operated and helped each other. First we had to get on the right clothes, which consisted of two layers on the bottom, four layers on top because it was very windy and cold, helmet, walking boots, harness and attached to a long rope. First Cat and Becks showed us how to climb and hold the ropes, and then we started climbing. Two people held the rope at the bottom. When we wanted to come down, we had to lean back and slowly walk down the rocks, it was very scary and hard, but everyone did it and tried their best. Once we had climbed for a few hours, we stopped to have lunch, and then moved onto some harder and higher rocks. Everyone tried the harder rocks, which was good. We were impressed and proud that we did it and didn't give up.



### Caving

We went caving on Tuesday, Parisa was very scared but Natalia wasn't. We had to wear three bottom layers and three top layers, as well as caving suit, wellies, a helmet with a light on, gloves, knee pads and a belt. When we got there, we had to walk down some steps to get to the cave entrance, which was a big arch shape. When we went into the cave it was dark, as we went deeper and deeper it got darker and darker, so we needed lights on. Also when we walked on rocks, it was really slippery and very wet, so we had to be careful. At first it was quite easy but later was difficult. A lot of people were scared but we also thought that was good fun. We went in some tight spaces but also spaces where we could stand up straight. Most of the time we had to crawl on all fours, that was good fun. By the end, everyone was very muddy and dirty. In one place in the cave we could go swimming but I thought that the water was too cold to swim. Two things which I liked were the slide and the tight spaces which we had to crawl and someone had to help you. I think that everyone who went into the cave with worried face, came out very impressed and happy. It taught us to work as a team.

### Canoeing

On Wednesday we went canoeing at the River Wye, it was our favourite activity as it included team work and it was fun. We had to wear three layers on the bottom and top with waterproof, helmet, buoyancy aids and wellies. On the canoe we were in teams of three, we each had a paddle and had to row in order to move the canoe.



We stopped for lunch and had a water fight which was really fun. We canoed over rapids and they were really fast. None of us fell in but some people jumped in.

### Mountain Walk

On Thursday we went Mountain Walking, it was a very windy and cold day. We wore a couple of layers and



walking boots and we also brought waterproofs and a spare jumper in our rucksack, in case we got cold. Our instructor Joe told us a story

about a little boy named Tommy Jones who got lost on the Mountain. When we reached the top, we saw Tommy Jones' plaque, it was very interesting. The Mountain was very steep and high up. It was a good accomplishment, and we felt very proud once we were done.

### Gorge Walk

The Gorge walk was the last activity we did before leaving. We had to wear many layers as well as waterproofs, helmets, belt and wellies as we were going to get very wet. First, we had to walk through a pitch black tunnel, holding onto the person in front of us. It was a scary experience. There was many lakes, and waterfalls that we went through and we even ate some edible plants that Joe showed us. The waterfall was very slippery and the bottom was a deep hole full of water. It was very fun, and we are happy we did it. Then we came back to the house and got changed, ready for our journey back to England.

### Evening Activities

We did problem solving (we worked in three groups, with around seven people), orienteering (we had maps and had to find things), swimming (at a leisure centre, it had waterslides and vending machines), Walk (we did this on the first night so we could get to know the place better), and Dingle decent (this was our favourite, we were all blind-folded and attached to each other, we had to walk through a river



holding on to the rope, it was very fun and some of us slipped over).



Thank you to all the staff that looked after us and organised a really good week for us.

By Parisa Wheeler and Natalia Benet.



## Museum Takeover Day 2016

6 members of Year 8 attended Stonehenge on Monday morning for the launch of Museum Takeover Day 2016. The boys met the press and showed off their knowledge of the site by guiding tourists around the stones and the Neolithic houses. Museum Takeover Day 2016 takes place on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2016, we will be visiting Stonehenge again with a new team so watch this space.

Miss Harris

Head of History



**Moving to a new school/area soon?**

Please let the school office know the last date your child will be attending with us and details of their new school. We can then arrange for their records and information to be forwarded to the right place.

Miss Wrighton

Attendance Officer

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**OPEN EVENING**

to be held on

**MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2016**

**5.45 - 7.45 pm**

## YEAR 8 NEWS

Options have now been completed, I would like to say thank you to Mrs Dean, Mr Webb, all year 8 tutors and pupils for being sensible and patient whilst options were finalised. It is important that pupils maintain focus in all lessons until the end of the year and do not 'check out' early. Year 9 will be an exciting time and I hope that pupils are looking forward to starting their GCSE subjects in September.

Thank you to all who made appointments at Year 8 Parents evening, attendance was good and there were lots of positive comments about pupils.

Homework has been an issue for some pupils this term, please encourage pupils to use Show my Homework and ask teachers for help and clarification if needed. This will avoid minus points and detentions due to incomplete homework.

Many students use the lower school playground at break and lunchtime leading to them being late for lessons 3 and 5. Please remind pupils that they need to be on time in the morning and get to all lessons on time.

Enjoy half term and hopefully we will have a sunny final term in year 8.

Mrs Jackson

Year 8 Progress Leader

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### Draw

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

February 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Mrs McGrail £10.80
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mrs London £5.40
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mrs K Lawrence £1.80
March 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Mrs N Browning £10.80
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mrs P Shipsey £5.40
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mrs P Marriott £1.80
April 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Mrs D Hewitt £6.60
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mrs S Hare £3.30
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mrs P Marriott £1.10
May 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Mrs G Clarke £6.90
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mrs T Roberts £3.45
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev D A'Court £1.15



The logo features the number '100' in a large, bold, blue font with a yellow outline. Below the '100', the word 'CLUB' is written in a smaller, bold, black font.

## YEAR 10 NEWS

### Parents Evening June 2016

We have decided to schedule an additional Parents Evening this term. It is hoped as many parents as possible can attend. In KS4 Parents Evenings can have a real impact, and lots of staff have different concerns about different individuals. Your attendance could make a real difference.

### GCSE Exams

Year 10 have done very well to complete 50% of their final science grade, results will be published in August, dates and info to follow.

### Prefect Team

Congratulations to the newly appointed Prefect Team in the Class of 2017. We had a long list and a long meeting to decide the final 30, no decision was taken lightly and I would like to personally congratulate those who made the grade. I have the opportunity to appoint another 10 prefects in September so please do not be despondent if you were unsuccessful this term, you might still make it.

### Senior Prefect Team

Congratulations to the team appointed on Monday. Mr Roper, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Dean have all commented upon how likable all interviewees were. They greatly enjoyed the day and I would like to congratulate those who were successful

Enjoy half term,

Miss Harris

Year 10 Progress Leader

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### Josh Bills

2016 was a good year for Josh. He has joined the Salisbury Stingray Squad and has undergone extreme regime for the last six months doing 14-16 hours a week of training. His dedication and commitment has paid off when he qualified in six events for the county and managed to beat all his personal bests and became 5th in the county for his 100 and 50 Metre Breaststroke.

He was one of the youngest to qualify for Regionals in his age groups 14/15 yrs.

Regional this year was held in Plymouth and there were 106 squad team to enter around the South West Region.

Joshua managed to beat his personal bests by one second on his 50M Breaststroke ranking him 23rd in the Region and 27th on his 100M.

He still continues to work and train hard hoping to qualify for Nationals by next year.



Mr Protheroe





### UKMT Intermediate Challenge

Mrs Edmunds presented the UKMT Intermediate Challenge awards to year 9 today. UKMT Mathematical Challenge was sat by top set Y10 and Y9 recently. We are very pleased to congratulate the following pupils on their excellent results especially considering only the top 40% of pupils receive awards. Amelia Wyles and Tyler Mealing shared Best in school, Best in year and Silver  
Josh Bills, Max Randle, Ryan Magill, Ben Collet and Ben Wilton Bronze  
Amelia and Tyler have also been invited to a Mathematics Masterclass at Bath University.



The results are also in from the Junior challenge:

Year7 and exceptional performance by Samuel Hunter with Best in school , best in year and silver award.

Paige Scott silver, Harry New and Nathan Evans bronze.

Year8 Jordan Markham and Ali Webb shared best in year and silver.

Jodie Carter and Harvey Stock silver.

David Willcocks, Joshua Clark and Amber Wesley bronze.

Please congratulate all these pupils for their excellent results.

Mrs C S Levey

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Attendance Reminder - Please notify the school immediately if your child is absent from school via the absence line on 01980 676650 or email [admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk)

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

Dear Parents,

### School uniform suppliers from September 2016.

To ensure greater consistency in the quality of the school's uniform and after consulting with parents, pupils and the Governing Body it has been agreed to formalise the choice of styles for skirts and trousers.

No change to the uniform itself is proposed. The blazer, tie and PE kit will continue to be available from school or online via Akuma, PMG or Kids Klobber (shop) . There is no change to the policy on shoes (formal, black shoes only) nor to the requirement for the shirt / blouse to be white, with a formal collar.

However a wide range of different **skirts and trousers** are available from high street stores and far too many styles are not suitable for school. We have encountered trousers which are too tight, as well as skirts which are either too tight, too short or both. From September only specific styles of skirts or trousers will be acceptable and these will only be available via our above suppliers. **No other styles will be acceptable.**

We are grateful to parents for their continuing support in ensuring a consistently high standard of school uniform.

Further details will be sent out later in the term.

Mrs K Godwin  
Chair of Governors

Mr N D Roper  
Head Teacher.

## Phoenix Motorcycle Training



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Victoria Cornwell

Olivia Davis

Mara Eagle

Sarah Falconer

Marcus Gales

Lucy Griffen

Emily Hibbs

Georgia Howitt

Tom Jones

Jennifer Kennedy

Lewis Kenny

Caitlin Lopich

Natalie Manning

Jemma McKnight

Ellie McNickle

Owen Newman

Christopher Oddie

Rebecca Oddie

Jack Rayfield

William Sanger

Hayley Speck

Emily-May Spencer

Laura Stapleton

Sophia Wilkie



# CLASS OF 2016 PROM 1ST JULY 2016 ANTROBUS HOUSE



Calling Year 11 students don't forget your tickets for the Prom on 1st July. Tickets can be purchased via Parentpay for £20. Further details from Miss Bowie.

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We pride ourselves here on the fact that bags and possessions are safe here. Many visitors comment on the bags left outside classes, the hall for exams and so on as it really is not the case in most schools.

- We are asking students if something does go missing they need to tell an adult immediately.
- That students use the facility in PE that they hand all their valuables over to the member of staff.

If there is an instance where a phone goes missing there is an app on most phones that can track the missing phone. This of course has to be enabled on the actual phone itself. The "Find my iPhone" app is free but while students have dozens of social media apps they did not have this one. Other makes have their own versions.

As parents, please encourage those with phones to put a tracker app on it immediately.

Mrs Fletcher

Assistant Headteacher

**Wishing everyone a restful  
half term holiday and a  
reminder that students don't  
return until Tuesday 7th  
June as Monday 6th is a TD  
Day.**

