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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

GCSE Exam Success - another Record Breaking Year !

Summer 2013 brought record breaking GCSE results. Students completing Year 11 broke the previous record set in 2011 with some outstanding achievements.

Overall almost 80% of students achieved 5 or more GCSE qualifications at grade C or better, the highest total achieved in the history of the school.

The proportion who achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade C or better, including English and maths rose sharply to 57%; again the highest total achieved in the history of the school.

Students in both mathematics and English made better progress than the national average. In English three quarters of students made the expected '3 levels of progress' or better, and in mathematics the proportion was 72%.

Able, Gifted and Talented students achieved some outstanding individual performances and a quarter of students achieved at least 3 A* and A grades. Top student Jorge Carter achieved 9A* and 2 A grades, including an A* with distinction in Further Mathematics - the highest qualification possible at GCSE. Joshua Yates achieved 9 A grades, Lewis Whitehead and Amelia Capp 1A* and 7A grades each, Ben Whelan 4A* and 5A grades, Head Girl Charlotte Rowe scooped 2A* and 6A grades, Sophie Richardson 1A* and 6A grades, Joshua Price 2A* and 8A grades, Katie Newham 4A* and 6A grades and Douglas Bloom achieved 5A* and 5A grades.

Most subject areas celebrated an increase in pass rates and many also succeeded in achieving their achievement targets, including English Language, Mathematics, Art & Design, Business Studies, Catering, Classical Civilisation, Drama, Geography, German, Health & Social care, History, Information Technology, PE, Philosophy & Ethics, Spanish and Textiles.



The co-operative membership
Community Fund

Charity Walk raises over £1,000 for Air Ambulance

Staff and students alike enjoyed a wonderful 10 mile walk through spectacular Wiltshire countryside on Friday 20 September in the annual charity walk. This year's worthy cause was the Wiltshire Air Ambulance who will be receiving a donation of more than £1,000 thanks to the generosity and good will of staff, students and parents. In very pleasant autumn sunshine a procession of staff and students set off to complete the 10 mile round trip, taking in parts of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site, ancient bridle-paths and byways and beautiful Woodford Valley scenery. The walk is an established annual whole school event and has become a hugely popular activity, having recently been moved from July to September in response to many requests from Year 11 students who wanted the opportunity to take part in it.



Mr Roper

MATHS REMINDERS

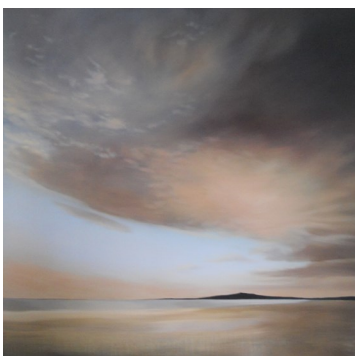
Building on the success of last year's early entry GCSE maths exam, we would like to remind parents that year 11 have their GCSE maths exam on 6th November (Non-Calculator paper) and on the 8th November (Calculator paper).

It is vital, students take advantage of MYMaths and Mathswatch for revision (which should start NOW). Each student will have a login etc.. already allocated to them.

Two revision sessions will be held during school time: Monday 4th November (Non calculator GCSE questions) and Thursday 7th November (Calculator GCSE questions). The department has an open door policy so if a child is stuck on a topic, then he/she can ask any member of the maths team for help.

Finally, please ensure your child has a geometry set and a working Casio scientific calculator, well before the exam so that he/she is confident in using them.

Mr Cornelius
Head of Maths



SOMETHING TO DO ...

Ever wondered how good Mrs Hillier really is at Art? Why not go along to the Salisbury Arts Trail which is running from Saturday 5th - Sunday 13th October where she will be exhibiting at Bird and Carter's Farm Shop on the Warminster Road.



Are you a parent?

Have you heard of Parent View?

Parent View is an online questionnaire for you to give your views about this school at any time of the year.

At the time of an Ofsted inspection, parents are also invited to give inspectors their views using **Parent View**.



It's easy. It's quick. It's time to log on.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

YEAR 7 NEWS

Well, it only seems like yesterday that I was visiting the children at their respective primary schools. We have been really impressed with the start that they have made and they seem to be settling into life at Stonehenge very well. As you are probably aware there are a lot of changes when the children start secondary school. When you consider the uniform requirements, the additional walking between lessons, the greater demands on personal organisation and the mass of new faces it really shows how resilient our youngsters are.

I have been particularly impressed with the way the students have integrated with the older years and their positive attitude around the school site. Of course, there are going to be some tensions as new friendships blossom and old ones dwindle. Our tutor team are very well experienced in dealing with these situations and I am confident that we can provide the students with an open and honest environment where problems are discussed and suitable solutions found.

My son has just started at primary school so I am acutely aware just how protective one gets when your little son/daughter speaks of even the most minor disagreement at school. Please feel free to contact your child's tutor if you feel at all concerned with the changing dynamics of friendship groups.

It has been very encouraging to see a large amount of commendations awarded to the year 7s so far this year. They have shown a keenness to impress their respective subject teachers. Commendations are placed on the school system by teaching staff to record positive behaviour in all aspects of school life. Those with the most commendations will receive a prize during our end of term assembly. I hope to hand out lots of prizes.

Mr Edmunds
Progress Leader Year 7
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YEAR 8 NEWS

Charity Walk

The turnout for Year 8 at the Charity Walk was excellent. Over 95% of the members of Year 8 walked, and every student completed their own challenge. Ellie Ingram missed about 1 mile after being stung by a wasp but apart from that it was a fab effort. We were lucky with the weather and the pace was very good. Well done to everyone.

Collapsed Day—October 3rd

We will be going to Trowbridge to participate in some outdoor skills and pursuits. We have secured some funding for this so the cost is only £5 per head.

Students will need wellies, waterproof coats, packed lunch, water and warm clothes depending on the weather.

I would like to see as many students as possible on the day—please contact me if you are struggling with the costs.

PARS/Praise

Some new initiatives for 2013/2014. Top listed students will be placed into a draw to win big prizes. This means that excellent behaviour, good work and excellent homework will be rewarded.

Also the first Year 8 to 90 points will win a big box of chocolates. Top 5 students up to 24th September are -

- ⇒ Rebecca Oddie
- ⇒ Cydney Wilson Harris
- ⇒ Sala Matanatabu
- ⇒ Rebecca Lewis
- ⇒ Lucy Gales
- ⇒ Emily Hibbs
- ⇒ Owen Newman
- ⇒ Threem Waseem

**Year 8**

A number of teachers have commented to me about how nice Year 8 are. Quite a few staff do not teach Year 7 so are encountering Year 8 for the first time. A good first impression goes a long way—Well done!

Postcards

I will continue to send out postcards. The 'Class of 2017' refers to the year they will leave at Stonehenge School.

Miss Harris

Progress Leader Year 8

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August winners 100 Club

1st Ms K Boyce - £12.30

2nd Mrs J Sommerton - £6.15

3rd Mrs N Browning - £2.05

Come and join the 100 club an application form is on the last page of the Newsletter

YEAR 11 NEWS

Firstly I would like to introduce myself to you as the new Year 11 progress leader. Many of you will already know me from my roles as geography teacher and head of business studies.

This summer saw the greatest results in the schools' history of which we are justifiably proud. My job as progress leader for the current year 11 is to ensure that we repeat these results and hopefully surpass them. I have set year 11 the challenge of becoming the greatest year in the school's history and I am hopeful that they will achieve this.

With this in mind I have some very important dates for your diary:

Mock exams

English - 9th October

Maths- 9th October (non calculator)

Maths- 10th October (calculator)

Real exams

English 5th November (unit 1 understanding & producing non fictions) Maths 6th November (non calculator) Maths 8th November (calculator)

Year 11 ISA (science) - Thursday 3rd October

Year 11 parents evening - Thursday 10th October

Preparation is the key to success. Now is the time for all students to develop a robust revision programme in order to fully prepare themselves for the forthcoming exams.

If you ever have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

Mr Briggs

Progress Leader Year 11

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Brayborne Cleaning Services are seeking experienced cleaner to become part of the Stonehenge cleaning team.

Monday to Friday; 3:00pm-6:00pm

Duties include; cleaning, vacuuming, emptying bins, cleaning toilets and any other related tasks as required.

All successful applicants will be required to undergo a DBS check.

For further information please contact our head office on 01189 789428.

LOST PRPOERTY

We currently have numerous items in the lost property which are listed below.

If you think any of these items may be yours please go to reception to check.

Black quilted "Tammy" jacket age 16
Black HH waterproof jacket size S
BHS green/black waterproof jacket size L
Jane Norman dress - blue with black sparkly pattern size Small
Black scarf
Striped college type scarf
Slazenger age 11-12 black PE shorts
Black and white polka dot waterproof jacket size L
PE kit with blue sweatshirt and a pair of green and purple Dunlop trainers Size 6
Empty Black Pheonix handbag
Age 11 black hooded jacket
Size 12 Navy blue belted jacket
Empty sky blue sports bag
Age 13 Navy blue Diadora rain coat
Large Black Feraud bomber jacket
Camouflage hoodie aged 10
Pair of blue Macron PE shorts size S
S & 2 black ladies cardigan



Old and unwanted mobiles?????

We are currently running a fund raising scheme with the company below whereby you can donate your old or unwanted mobile phones to us and help us raise funds for the school. Whatever age or condition your phone is it is worth something.

A collection box is situated in the reception for anyone who wishes to contribute.

Mrs Busby

School Business manager

 **forgottenmobile.com** 
Raising funding for worthwhile causes

MATHS CHALLENGE 16

*Start of term***MATHS CHALLENGE**

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

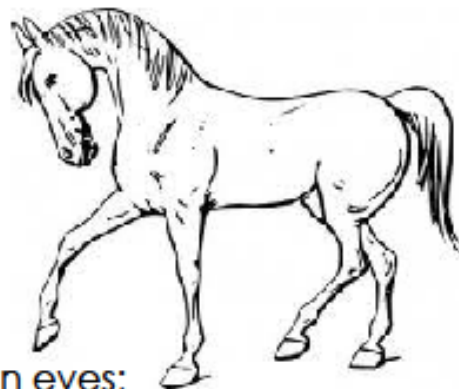
Include your full name and tutor group.

The Horse Challenge

On a local Amesbury farm:

each horse has a blonde tail or brown eyes;
 $\frac{1}{4}$ of the horses with a blonde tail have brown eyes;
 and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the horses with brown eyes have a blonde tail.

What fraction of the horses in total have brown eyes?



Competition open to pupils, parents and staff too!

Closest Answers:

1st Place: Adam Keating 10JPC said $\frac{22}{48}$

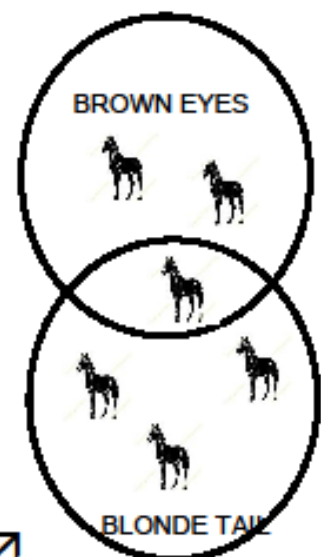
2nd Place: Donna Large 10ELB said $\frac{1}{3}$

3rd Place: Josh Perry 10CSL said $\frac{3}{4}$

Each winner has won 2 PARS points

1st Place also wins a bag of sweets

Actual Answer = $\frac{1}{2}$ see the Venn Diagram ➔



MATHS CHALLENGE 17

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.



9...

18...

27...

36...

Find
the
smallest
multiple
of
nine
containing
only
even
digits.



Competition open to pupils, parents and staff too!

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered The Stonehenge School gets £900 this year.

With this money we could provide One to One tuition. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with costs of school trips, a free school blazer and tie.

Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves. **Come and talk to us if you're not sure.**



Duke of Edinburgh **AWARD**

Anyone aged **14+** by January 31st 2014
can start their **BRONZE** award this year.

First Meeting Wednesday

9th October 7PM – 9PM

Amesbury Sports Centre (Upstairs)

Sign up in the Library

SILVER Awardees—Last Wednesday of every
month

Do you want to help this school continue to improve for the benefit of all its pupils?

BECOME INVOLVED as a member of our GOVERNING BODY

We currently have parent governor vacancies.

Our governors work together to:

- ✓ work strategically to help raise standards
- ✓ monitor and evaluate progress toward the school priorities and targets
- ✓ support the head and staff as well as challenging the expectation
- ✓ accounting to all stakeholders for the school's overall performance and for the decisions they have made

Our governing body is responsible for planning the school's future direction and makes decisions on the school's budget and staffing. It meets at least once a term. Small groups of governors meet more often to discuss particular aspects of the school.

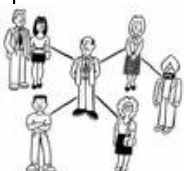
We are committed to supporting new governors who join us.

As a new governor you will:

- ✓ be supported by an experienced fellow governor
- ✓ receive induction training at no cost to yourself
- ✓ have your contribution valued

Please contact the clerk to our governing body for more information:

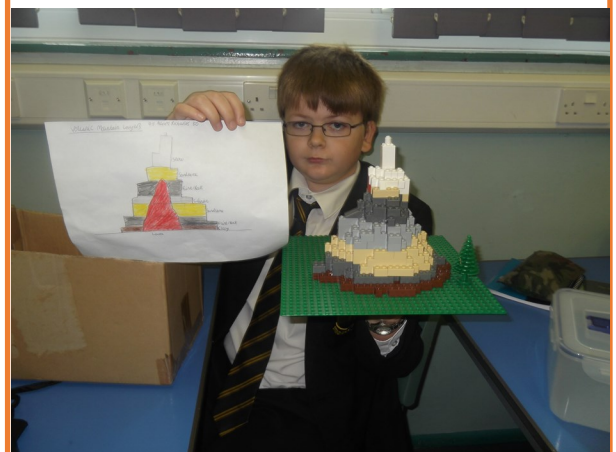
Mrs Elizabeth England, lizengland@hotmail.co.uk telephone 01722 503901



Model Making in Geography

In Mr Langley's lesson we had to hand in homework, we had to do a hill, mountain or volcano and to show their contours. We have been learning this for a couple of lessons. We had some great models in class including cake, Lego, jelly and potato and there still more to come!! We took lots of pictures and after we saw all of the models we had to vote. People got quite a lot of votes, but at the end of the lesson we are going to eat the cake!!

Jeorgia Marchant (Year 8)



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 Busby, School Business Manager



PLEASE SEND THIS FORM DIRECT TO YOUR BANK

100 Club Account details:- A/C No 47498860 A/C Stonehenge School Fund
Sort Code 30-97-41 Bank Lloyds TSB, Salisbury



Please pay to the above account immediately and annually thereafter on 1st April 2013 until further notice £12 / £24 / £36 (delete as appropriate).

A/C Name: A/C No Sort Code

Beneficiary Reference (your child's name)

Bank Name/ Address

..... 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

Please delete as appropriate:

I have forwarded a standing order form to my bank for £12 / £24 / £36

I have paid via ParentPay for £12 / £24 / £36

A receipt and your membership number will be issued.

