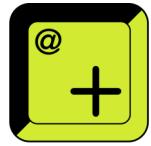


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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Busy start to new school year

I was very pleased to welcome 120 new members of Year 7 into school at the start of September, and as ever it was pleasing to see children from such a wide range of junior schools. The parents' meeting with Year 7 tutors was very well attended this week and I was grateful for the excellent feedback in the questionnaires. It is clear that the vast majority of parents and new pupils are very happy, and where parents have made comments or suggestions we will aim to respond and act upon them. Staff contact details are in your child's planner, and it is useful to remind parents to check these details (page 11 & page 24) so that your queries are directed to the most appropriate person. Increasingly more and more parents prefer e-mail and this is very helpful to the school; an e-mail enquiry can very quickly be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

### Sponsored walk

For the first time ever all five year groups were able to complete the sponsored walk. It was moved into September to avoid the dreadful summer weather, to enable Year 7 to get to know each other and their tutors, and to allow Year 11 to participate. We raised over £1500, half of which will fund, in part, the new minibus. Our School Business Manager, Mrs Broom, had already secured £10,000 of Awards for All funding and £2,000 from the Co-operative Community Fund and the new 17 seater Peugeot will be in school next week. The old red minibus is to be sold (to a museum, apparently).

### Top students break more records

GCSE results this summer brought us the highest number of A\*, A and BTEC Distinction grades ever achieved – over 300 in total. Well over a quarter (28% in fact) of students leaving Year 11 achieved the benchmark figure of 3 or more A\* and A passes. BTEC courses produced 100% pass rates in Business Studies, Physical Education, Health & Social Care and ICT with a record number at Distinction, the highest grade possible. Outstanding individual performances included Ashley Chan - 9 A\* grades; Kathryn Shaw - 5A\* and 6A grades; Ieuan Phillips - 5A\* and 5A grades. Amy Potts, Jacob Rubega, Victoria Green, Matt Trenchard and Ben Bramley were also on the list of high fliers achieving a combined total of 10 A\* and 33 A grades. Overall 73% of the year group achieved 5 or more good GCSE passes, the second highest in the school's 55 year history and only exceeded by the record breaking 2011 cohort. In common with most other schools students in our middle sets suffered unfairly from the GCSE English fiasco. Without any notice, and only after the exams were complete, the exam board increased the pass mark by 16 points. Fortunately FE colleges and sixth forms have been very understanding and the great majority of our students successfully gained post 16 places at their chosen institutions.



The co-operative membership  
Community Fund



### Gio Downie Exceeds Expectations in National Multi Events at Bedford

Gio took part in the Intermediate (under 17) Boys National Octathlon Championships at Bedford International Arena on the weekend of 15th and 16th September. As a first year Intermediate and in only his second Octathlon Gio was set the target of a top 30 finish ( 43 athletes taking part) and a points score of over 3,900 points ( previous attempt scored 3,754 points).

In the eight events over the two days Gio attained seven Personal Best Performances and tallied 4,048 points to finish 22nd in the competition, way beyond our set target.

Gio has another year in the same age group so it was a tremendous achievement. To finish in the top 5 and to earn an International vest Gio would need to score 4,800 points, averaging 600 points per event.

His individual event scores were :

Day One; Long Jump 5.06m, 394pts. Discus 22.47 ( P.B.), 319 pts. Javelin 32.32m ( P.B. by over 5.00m.), 332 pts. 400m. 54.28s.(P.B.), 638 pts.

Day Two; 100m. Hurdles 15.66s. ( P.B. by 0.8s), 623 pts. High Jump 1.71m ( P.B. by 8cm.), 652pts. Shot Putt 8.56m. ( P.B.), 400 pts. 1500m 4.21.55s. ( P.B. by over 7 seconds), 801 pts.

Gio's time in the 1,500 was the fastest by any athlete at the event, with the next best time being a full 10 seconds slower.

Mr Monk

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### New minibus is on its way!

We have been successful in obtaining two grants towards the purchase of a brand new minibus. The Co-operative Community Fund have given us £2,000 and Awards for All £10,000. These two grants, together with fundraising from mufti days, Charity walk, FOSSWAY have enabled us to place an order for a brand new minibus. This will be delivered in the next two weeks. Many thanks to all the students, parents and friends of Stonehenge School who have helped us raise this money.

Mrs Broom

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**LOTTERY FUNDED**

## YEAR 7 SUMMARY



### A great start made ....

It has been an absolute pleasure to start this year looking after Year 7. They have made a great start to their time at Stonehenge School and every single class and tutor group are making excellent progress. Numerous teachers and members of the school staff have said to me what a lovely year group, and senior management have certainly noticed the smooth start that has been made.

### PARS

PARS is our new school behaviour management system which has only been in place since September 3rd. This system allows students to receive points for good behaviour and also for staff to record any negative events or problems.

The system has been a great success so far and Year 7's are all acquiring points for good behaviour, good homework and generally being helpful around the school. On Monday in assembly we announced the first student to pass 80 points was Alexa Pearce from 7JMG. Alexa took home a massive box of Haribo. Runners up on 79 points were—Threem Waseem 7EVJ and Sarah Falconer 7JMG.

### Being organised ....

Students in Year 7 need to be very organised. They are getting used to a fortnightly timetable for the first time and need to check their timetable the night before to make sure they have the right books, PE kit, cooking ingredients for Food Tech etc. Parents can help by checking that students are getting into this habit. Students should also always carry a pen, pencil, ruler and reading book.

### Charity Walk ....

Well done to every student who attended on Friday 21st September. Every Year 7 who came to school walked over 10 miles. The weather was perfect for walking and everyone had a great time. Next time we do the walk we'll be in Year 8—hopefully we will get around a bit quicker!

Keep up the excellent attitude - a great start has been achieved.

Miss Harris

Year 7 Progress Leader

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## YEAR 8 SUMMARY

Year 8 have made a great start to the new school year. We have a new praise system in school where pupils can gain or lose points for various aspects of behaviour; good work/ homework, representing the school and being helpful.

Top points scorers are :

Ethan McFarlane	76
Tiffany Mundy	76
Emily Ratcliffe	76
Sophie Williams	75
Liam Pardoe	73
Bradley Pearey	72
Abigail Wyles	72
Grace Conway	71
Sam Hall	69
Linda Reed	69
Olivia Worrall	69
Fraser Adams	68

<u>Attendance</u>	
Week 2	Week 3
8MJE 100.0%	8JAR 98.3%
8PMJ 98.6%	8PMJ 98.2%
8JAR 96.5%	8MJE 97.2%
8JCB 95.6%	8JCB 96.3%
8CLM 93.6%	8CLM 92.7%

### Sponsored Walk

When I arrived in school I saw lots of people wearing different things from tracksuits to smart clothes. This made the atmosphere even better.

The sponsored walk was really fun and many people enjoyed it because you got to walk miles chatting to your friends as well as knowing you are helping a charity.

We walked across lots of different terrains and conditions like mud, fields, hills and roads. There were stops along the way as well as lunch. This was good because you could have a rest and regain your energy.

After 11 miles of walking almost everyone was exhausted, and lots of people's feet were hurting. We had finally finished the walk and it was a great day out.



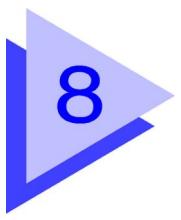
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Miss Reeves

Year 8 Progress Leader

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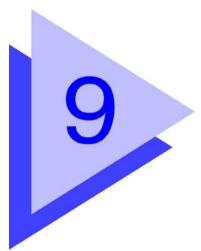


**YEAR 9 SUMMARY****Peer Mentoring**

We have paired up 12 Year 9 students with 12 Year 7 'mentees'

I am very proud of the responsible and mature attitude the Peer Mentors have adopted, and am certain that the Peer Mentoring programme will benefit both the Year 7s, and the Year 9 Peer Mentors, many of whom aspire to be Prefects in the future.

We have a new 'Points' system and...



**The students with the most points on the new PARS system are currently:**

Position	Name	Commendations Points	Discipline Points	Total Points	Year to Date Points
1	Maple, Ellie	5	0	5	71
2	Beck, Emily	3	0	3	69
2	Downie, Claudia	3	0	3	69
4	Gillett, Emily	2	0	2	68
4	Sherburne, Holly	3	0	3	68
6	Ballard, Sarah	5	0	5	67
6	Birks, Montana	5	0	5	67
6	Hammond, Gemma	5	0	5	67
6	Smith, Holly	4	0	4	67
10	Bills, Nicole	2	0	2	66
10	Coffey, Kaitlyn	3	0	3	66
10	Johnston, Benjamin	2	0	2	66
10	Muir, Adrian	6	0	6	66
14	Begley, Corrina	4	0	4	65
14	Cubley, Drew	3	0	3	65
14	Phillips, Cerys	2	0	2	65
14	Richards, Rosemary	3	0	3	65

Congratulations to these students!!

**There will be a prize for the first three students to reach 100 points !!!**

**The top 5 Improvers** this term so far are:

Quinn, Keely
Walker, Tyler
Macgregor, Jay
Weldin, Ewan
Davies, Callum

### **Focus for Year 9**

Year 9 is when students choose their options.

#### **Top Tips:**

- ◆ Think about which subjects you want to choose and to get ahead in them, so you will start in the class which challenges you to achieve the best possible results in that subject.
- ◆ Make sure you really impress the teachers whose options you will choose, in case they can't take everyone who applies for that option.
- ◆ Complete all your classwork and homework to the best of your ability.
- ◆ Join a club or do an after-school activity to ensure you get a fully-rounded education and life skills.

Mrs R Eveling

Year 9 Progress Leader

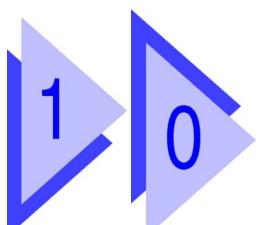
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### **YEAR 10 SUMMARY**

Year 10 students have begun the new academic year well and, in the vast majority of cases, are settling in to their GCSE courses with enthusiasm and endeavour. Most will have started the courses towards the end of the summer term, but we have also had a number of students joining us in September who are doing well. A number of students have also begun vocational courses based at Salisbury College and at Riverbourne Community Farm. One difference that students may have noticed with the change from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4 is that they will now be asked to do more homework for many of their subjects, as the content of the courses needs to be completed in preparation for coursework or exams. Most have stepped up to this challenge well, but there are a number of students who have yet to make the transition and are failing to keep on top of their workloads. This is an area in which support from home is invaluable in helping the young people to succeed at school.



As the nights draw in and the leaves turn yellow and brown, it seems an age ago since the school trip to Italy in July. 26 students, mostly from Year 10, joined Mr Langley, Mrs Blyth and myself for an educational visit to southern Italy. We stayed in the beautiful town of Sorrento and visited a range of Humanities-based locations, including the ancient towns of Herculaneum and Pompeii, the Solfatara (a volcanic basin) and the volcano of Vesuvius, along with a tour down the Amalfi coast, visiting Ravello and Amalfi itself. The



weather was fantastic, if a bit hot, and the different locations were a rich source of information and experience. The students were extremely well-behaved through-out and thoroughly engaged in the many activities organised. Indeed the manager of the hotel we were staying at commented on what a considerate and charming group of student they were. High praise indeed.

Mr Thomas

Year 10 Progress Leader

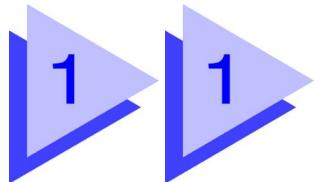
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## YEAR 11 SUMMARY

### Welcome Back

I hope everyone has had a restful break and welcome back to your final year at Stonehenge School. Many of the year 11s received some excellent GCSE results in summer and I would like to use this opportunity to congratulate them. However, there is still a lot of work to do and I will continue to nag everyone about just how important these final months are. There will be an opportunity to discuss progress at the upcoming Parents Evening (11<sup>th</sup> of October) and GCSE predictions are currently being updated.



### PARS

The school has introduced a new praise system called PARS. Already some students are impressing with the amount of points they are collecting through their positive attitude to learning. Top students after 3 weeks are: Sophie Richardson, Amelia Capp, Holly Holstead, Chloe Long, Katie Newham, Amy Curtis, Daniel Rhodes, Jessica Seagrave, and Courtney Sim.

### Prefects

Visitors to the school often compliment us on our prefects and they have certainly settled brilliantly into their often challenging role. On Wednesday the final prefects were announced and I am sure they will be asset to the team: Lewis Whitehead, Matt Hawkings, Jess Hills, Mercedes Ebejer, Owain Fitzgerald, Jess Traynor, Jess Andrews, Shawn Austin, Tommy Colwill, Courtney Sim and Chloe Mcgeown.

### Preparing for GCSES

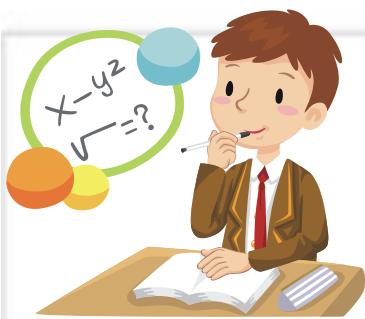
Students should be revising on a regular basis at this stage and if you need any support in helping your child at home, an information booklet produced by Wiltshire Council will be available at a small cost at parents evening. There are Maths and English Revision classes on a Wednesday evening and year 11 should be attending these on a regular basis. Beyond this we will be looking at making a revision facility available to Year 11's which will replace the old 100 hours system.

As always I am available at school if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress.

Mrs Staker

Year 11 Progress Leader

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# Year 11 Maths Revision

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

### *W band: Week 1*

Sets 1 & 2: Room 55      Sets 3 & 4:  
Room 54



### *Z band: Week 2*

Sets 5: Room 56      Sets 6-8: Room 53

There are only 17 teaching weeks until all Year 11 sit their first GCSE Maths exam on 27<sup>th</sup> February - revision is COMPULSORY for all students, above and beyond the regular homework being set.

## VOLCANOES

Mr Langley's Year 9 Geography group were taking part in some explosive lessons making model volcanoes this week. There was a fantastic display of models which we then took outside to form a 'Ring of fire'! Secret ingredients were added to the belly of these destructive wonder which when vinegar was added produced replica lava!

Well done to all the students who put many hours of work at home in particular to Shemar Messam and Callum Davies whose model was voted one of the best (see picture right)

A selection of these models can be found for viewing in Mr Langley's Room

Mrs Griffith



"With great prizes up for grabs, the Stonehenge Mathematics Challenge is back.

Each fortnight a mathematical challenge will be posted on the wall opposite room 54.

The competition is open to all pupils, parents and staff!

We have already had one winner: **congratulations to Adam Keating (9RCL)** for providing the simplest correct solution to the first challenge -

a large bar of chocolate is on its way. The second challenge is already on display, so get out your thinking hats and be the first to give your best answers to Mr Greeves."

Mr Greeves

## MATHS CHALLENGE 1

There is a prize for the first person to bring the correct answer to Mr Greeves in room 54



When the hour and minute hands are at equal distance from the 6 hour, what time will it be exactly?

Do you want to win?  
**MATHS CHALLENGE 2**

For your chance to win a prize bring your written answer to Mr Greeves in room 54.

**.4.5.6.7.8.9.0.**

**The challenge:**

Show how to arrange the above seven digits and eight "dots" in such a way that they add up to **82**.

The closest answer wins a large bar of chocolate and 2 tutor points.



## THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

**FREE—Foundation Maths GCSE course starting on Thursday 4th October 2012 at The Stonehenge School.**

Small group studying on Thursday morning from 9.00 am until 10.45 am (times may change after Christmas). It will be in a supportive environment leading to the Foundation Exam in June 2013, (examination fees will be required however possible allowance for jobseekers).

If you are thinking about Higher Education, you will probably need GCSE Maths and most employers require a Maths qualification.

The Stonehenge School has organised GCSE Maths classes designed to help you achieve your potential.

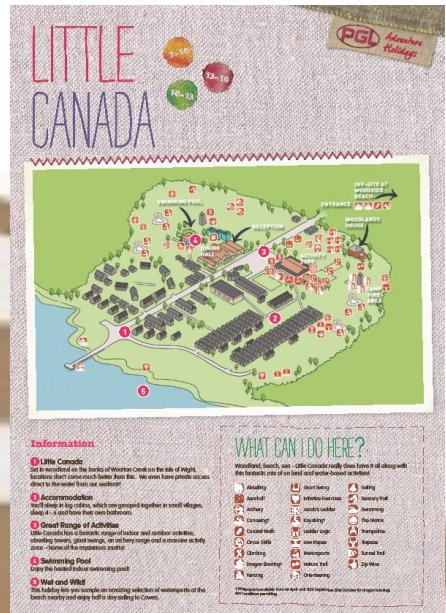
For further information contact Claire Martin on  
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## ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP REVIEW

At the end of the Summer Term a group of Year 8's (including me) went on a trip to the PGL Centre on the Isle of Wight. The camp we stayed at was called Little Canada.

It was about 9.00 am when the 2 mini buses arrived to take us, but before that all the mums and dads were trying to give their kids a kiss and a cuddle, especially B??? Mum. We all said goodbye and started to load our bags onto the mini buses. All the girls were on one bus, with a few other boys. So on the other bus there were only boys. We had Mr Hershbein in with us luckily, but it would not have been bad if we had Mr Briggs either.

We finally arrived in Southampton and got on the ferry. After nagging and nagging, Mr Briggs finally decided to let us out on the deck. We were taken in groups of 4 or 5. It was windy at the front of the boat, if you jumped you would land a metre behind you.



We went back to our house it was the best accommodation there. We had our own private house with the boys upstairs and the girls downstairs. We finally set off and we were split into 2 groups to do our activities. Mr Briggs and Mrs Martin in one and Mr Hershbein in the other. We did some of the activities all together.

The next day we were off to do our first activity. But of course we couldn't miss out on breakfast. Every morning we could have cereal, bacon, eggs, sausage, hash browns, you name it. It definitely filled us up.

All the activities were amazing! But the best ones are the ones you can remember. They were the tunnel trail, climbing, kayaking, canoeing and archery.

Kayaking and canoeing were definitely the best. The only bad bit was the walk to the beach and back. Some people were good at it and some weren't so good. We all had a laugh, especially when people fell in!! Kayaking was better than canoeing. At the end, all the teachers were chasing us and some were caught! Me and Jake luckily escaped!!

Alex Butler

**BioStore – Biometric Identity Technology**

The school is using the above technology to record the loan and return of the books in the school's Resource Centre. BioStore does not store any images of fingers. The recorded templates comprise a set of numbers to represent each person. This set of numbers will be unique within populations of hundreds, or a few thousand, people. However, in the wider population the system is not accurate enough for the templates to be usable for forensic matching with any degree of certainty. A court of law would never be able to use this information as evidence.

The database is protected by a licence key, which means that the database and any backup of its contents can only be accessed on licensed hardware. The licensed hardware is stored in the school's own secure facility, so that the encrypted data is only available to the registered licensee. Even if a school's security were to be compromised and a backup of the database stolen, the encrypted data would still be unreadable, even by another school.

## TRUSSELL TRUST HARVEST FOODBANK APPEAL

<http://www.trusselltrust.org/>

The Stonehenge School is delighted to support the Trussell Trust Food bank which supports local families in time of need.

We are asking every student to supply a food item that can be given to the food bank.

Acceptable items would include -

Any dried or tinned foods such as rice, pasta, tuna, beans, soup etc

UHT milk

## Packets of biscuits

Tea , coffee or sugar

Soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc

Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support. All items should be placed on the Harvest table we are setting up in Room 1 (Mrs Staker's room). This will be overseen by the Prefects.

**Donations by FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER please.**

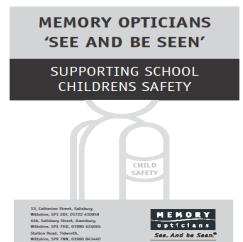
Mrs Fletcher

## 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.

Please contact Mrs Lester if you need any further information.



## Salisbury Netball Development Programme for U14 Players



As part of the Salisbury League Netball Development programme opportunities are being offered to young Netball players within SALISBURY who have been recommended by their Club or School coach/teacher as a player with talent potential and who wants to learn more about Netball

**A NETBALL COME AND TRY session** will be taking place at

**Godolphin Sports Hall from 6.15 to 7.45pm**  
On  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

### SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS will be given;

- ✓ coaching by experienced and qualified coaches in a fun and friendly environment
- ✓ sessions will contain skills development and game play
- ✓ opportunities to join local Junior Netball Clubs
- ✓ opportunities to join County Development programmes

### COSTS:

Come and try session - £4

Upon selection: Programme (of 6 sessions) - £25

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS :**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

For further information please contact Val Dolan

Tel: 01722-718855, 07890 090262

E-mail: [valdolan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:valdolan@hotmail.co.uk)

Application forms are available in school from Mrs Ruscoe

**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 Clare King, [stonehengeclerk@talktalk.net](mailto:stonehengeclerk@talktalk.net) telephone 01722 416128





# Microsoft Office Specialist Qualifications

OPEN TO PARENTS AND RELATIVES OF  
STONEHENGE SCHOOL PUPILS



sessions, as well as time to practice. You will obviously get the chance to take the 1 hour tests after Christmas

*“This is a genuine work related qualification for which you will get an official certificate on passing. It also brings greater employment prospects”*

These are qualifications aimed at people who are already users of Microsoft Office who want to become 'Specialists'. The first session will be 28th November. You can express an interest via the e-mail below. The website below has more information and a list of FAQ's. This is a great offer as the RRP of the tests alone is well over £150.

- Word 2010
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