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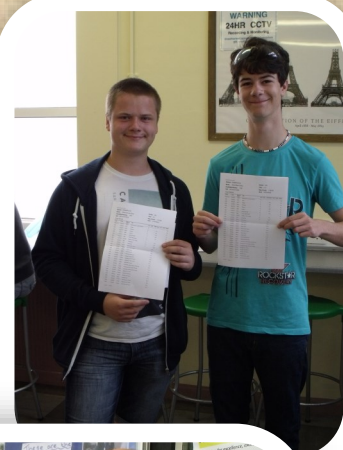
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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Record breaking GCSE results

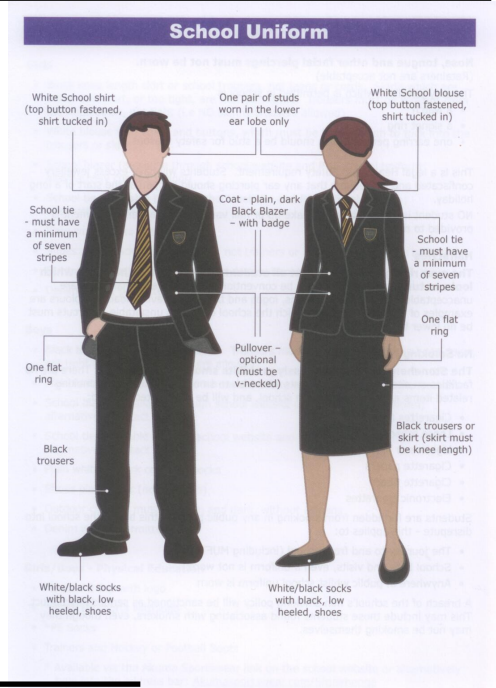
I am delighted to report that our 2015 GCSE results are the best ever achieved in the 58 year history of the school. The national benchmark of 5 or more GCSE passes at higher grades (A* to C), including English and Mathematics, was achieved by 61% of students. This surpasses the previous record set in 2013. Our progress measures in English and Mathematics exceed the national average, with three quarters making three levels of progress and more than a third of students in both subjects making four. The majority of subjects met, or exceeded, their challenging targets for GCSE achievement and 10 students achieved A* and A grades in almost all their subjects. Particularly outstanding individual performances included Euan Mauchline with 6 A* and 4 A grades, Corrina Begley (5 A* and 5 A), Annabel Fewing and Holly Sherburne (each with 4 A* and 5 A), Montana Birks (3 A* and 5 A), Gemma Hammond and Steven Hawkins (each 3 A* and 5 A), Lauren Peachment (3 A* and 4 A) and Dan Collins and Aaron Markham (each with 2 A* and 6 A). Many congratulations to the students of 2015 and to the hard working and dedicated teachers whose excellent teaching enabled our students to reach their potential.



UNIFORM CONSULTATION

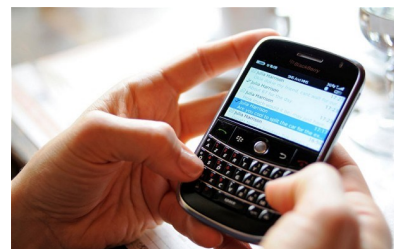
On Tuesday 17th November from 12.00 until 2.00 pm parents are invited to come into school to be part of the discussions regarding the possible change of supplier of the school uniform. We will have 4 suppliers in school to demonstrate their uniform and what they have available. Times will be agreed at a later date.

If you are interested you must please contact the Head's PA Mrs Harker either by email on admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk or alternatively call to let her know you will be attending.



TRUANCY CALL

As from Monday 2nd November the school has a new automated absence call system called 'Truancy Call'. If you have failed to inform school about a student's absence then you will automatically receive a call /text message from this system. The calls will continue until the school receives confirmation for the reason that the student is absent.



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

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

IMPORTANT – PLEASE RETURN YOUR BIOMETRIC CONSENT FORM TO MRS HOULT IN THE OFFICE

A form is attached and can also be found via the following link

http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/uploads/Bometric_consent_form_Oct_2015.pdf

Registration for Biometrics took place on Thursday 15th October, catch-up sessions will be held at the end of lunchtimes week commencing 2nd November

The Live date for the new Cashless System is 9th November

Further to our announcement last term, we are pleased to inform you that the school will be installing a cashless catering system which will be going live on Monday 9th November.

You have been sent a form to complete and sign confirming whether you wish your child to utilise the Biometric cashless system and information about the system. Children with consent were registered on Thursday 15th October. We will be holding catch-up sessions at the end of lunch times the week commencing 2nd November. It is essential that we have your written authority. We cannot register your child without consent.

This system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need for pupils to carry cash throughout the day thus reducing the risk of bullying. We will commence operating the system on 9th November and as such no cash will be accepted at the till points from this date.

Money can be paid into a pupil's account via ParentPay or Paypoint and any money spent on food and drink will be deducted on a daily basis. You can add between £3 and £50 to your ParentPay school meal account. We will have a daily spend limit of £5 programmed into the system.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Busby, busbyc@stonehehenge.wilts.sch.uk

If you have any questions regarding ParentPay please contact Mrs Thompson thompsonr@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

YEAR 7 NEWS

A very big welcome to the Stonehenge school and your first newsletter! The end of summer seems like a very long time ago now, but I do want to thank those Year 7 parents who joined us for our very wet and windy BBQ. Since then we have had an incredibly busy 7 weeks, with circus skills, a visit from the PCSO, parents evening and of course adapting and settling into the academic life at The Stonehenge School.

I have to say that I am exceptionally impressed with how well Year 7 have managed this transition. Generally speaking students are organised, ready to learn and apart from minor squabbles, seem to genuinely get on with each other.

Long may it continue!



Please don't forget that in the event that you do have any concerns. Mr. Stanford and I can always be contacted on the email addresses below:

Mrs Staker

stakerf@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Mr Stanford

stanfordp@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

YEAR 8 NEWS

Homework

Year 8 has started well for most pupils, I know there has been a lot more homework but it appears that they are getting used to Show my Homework and becoming more organised which is positive. As the year continues I would be grateful if parents could support pupils in doing their homework and getting it handed in on time to avoid sanctions for incomplete work.

Punctuality

Unfortunately a trend has developed in year 8 where some pupils are arriving late to school with no valid excuse, the school has a legal responsibility to register pupils and tutors are very busy so stopping to find out why a pupil is late disrupts the entire session. Please could parents remind pupils of this as if it continues pupils will be made to make up missed time after school.

Attendance

Well done to these pupils who have 100% attendance and are in the top 30 of the attitude to learning league table:

Jonny Manning, Claudia McFarlane, Jaimie Rowell, Kiara Byron, Casey-Marie Camilleri, Ryan Jones, Amy Adlam, Charlotte Crew, Jazmin Watson, Jess Turner, David Willcocks, Andrew Foord and Jordan Markham.

Halloween

PCSO's Wendy and Levi came in last week to discuss being safe over half term, particularly at Halloween and on Bonfire Night, I hope that everyone has a lovely holiday and remembers the message given out about being safe and social in their behaviour.

Mrs Jackson

Year 8 Progress Leader

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YEAR 9 NEWS

After a well deserved summer break, Year 9 have clearly come back with a mature and positive approach to school.

Firstly I would like to thank my Year 9 mentors who helped the Year 7s settle in to life at Stonehenge. Your support with this was really appreciated.

Academically, students have really taken to the early start of the GCSE studies. I can honestly say that the feedback from teachers, especially in option subjects, has been overwhelmingly positive. Well Done Year 9!



Enjoy the half term break and keep up the good work in the coming term.

Mrs Staker

KS3 Lead Practitioner

VOICE IN A MILLION

Students who have signed up to the Voice in a Million event in 2016 are already getting ready for their appearance next year at the event to be held at the SSE Arena, Wembley.



Look out for further details coming in the future.

Mrs Roberts

YEAR 11 NEWS

The first term always set the scene for the academic year and I have been particularly impressed with how focused Year 11 have been and what a great start they have made to the year.

Year 11 is a short and intensive year and deadlines come thick and fast, before you know it, it will be leaver's day. It is therefore imperative that your attendance at school is the best that it can be.

To emphasise this point I would like to remind you that the English Language exam is on the 4th November, the Wednesday after we return from half term. It is vital that students are fully prepared for this exam and Mr Wooster, The Head of English has given some advice and guidance below;

Preparation for English Language

The majority of Year 11 students will be sitting their English Language exam on the 4th of November, two days after we return from the half-term holiday. As a result, it's vital that you do some work on your own over the holiday to keep the exam skills you have learnt fresh in your mind. Your teacher will provide exam questions for you, but you can also make your own resources:

Take a newspaper article and highlight the facts in it. Summarise those facts in your own words. Look for effective words and phrases in non-fiction texts; work out the effect they are having on the reader, and write it down.

Re-write a newspaper article from a different point of view; turn a report into an interview, or vice versa.

You should be reading a variety of non-fiction texts over the holiday, and whatever you read, think about the audience and the purpose.

I would like to remind students that they must be in the Lower School Dining Hall by 8.30 a.m. on the morning of exams, in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment. Students should also view the seating plan as they enter the LSDH so that they know where to line up.

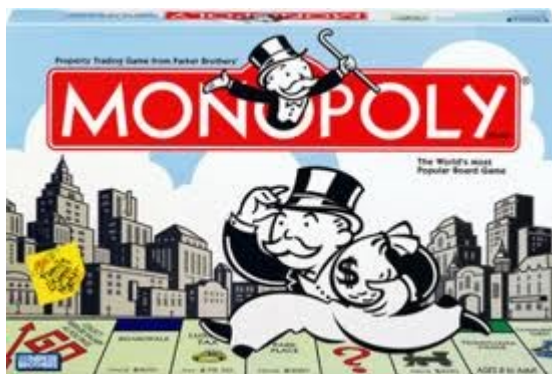
Very shortly you will start to apply for the next stage of your education and for the first time you will have major say in where you will go and what you will study. We have already had Wellington Academy and Wiltshire College into school to hold assemblies to advertise the course and facilities that they have to offer. Each provider is very different and I would encourage you to attend as many open days as possible. Only by visiting them will you get a true feeling of what they are like and whether you feel that you would fit in there.

Enjoy a relaxing break over half term but please take on board Mr Wooster's advice and make sure that you are fully prepared for the English exam on the 4th November.

Mr Briggs

Year 11 Progress Leader

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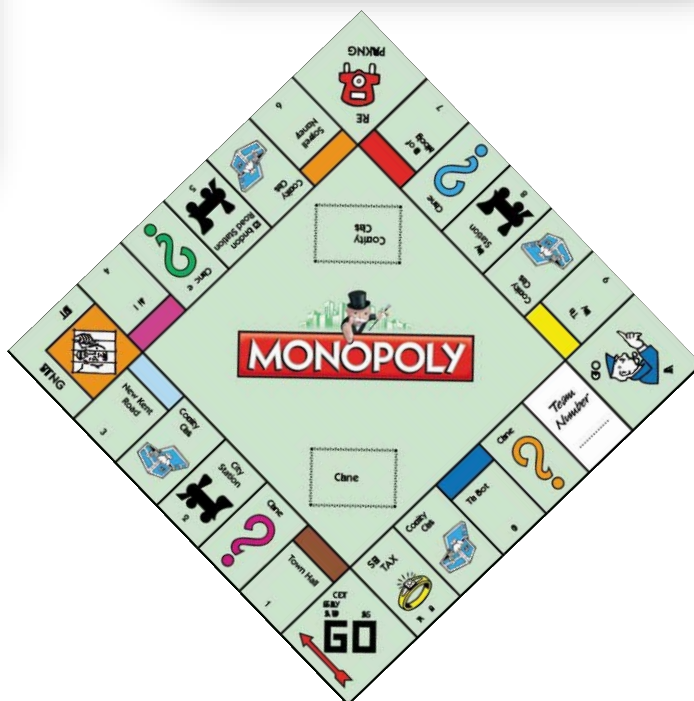
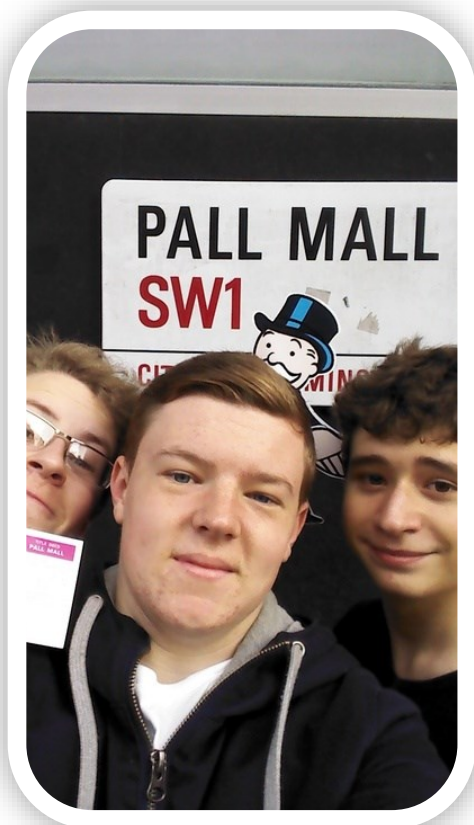
MONOPOLY CHALLENGE ...

Head boy Liam Pardoe, and Deputy Headboys Fraser Adams and Louis McGrail have walked the points on one of the most famous board games when they went to London to visit the sites.

Their aim was to raise money for Cancer Research UK after a good family friend of Louis's passed away recently.

The route was planned to take in the well-known 'squares' including Mayfair, Old Kent Road, The Angel and Islington and of course Pall Mall.

The trio started off in Waterloo and the trek took them 10 hours, with the boys saying the hardest part was towards the end when their legs started to ache.



Draw

If you would like to join please visit our web-site -

<http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/news/100-club>

100
CLUB

August draw

1st prize £10.50 Mrs R Mullen

2nd prize £5.25 Mr B Dymond

3rd prize £1.75 Mrs P Shipsey

September draw

1st prize Dr M Mauchline £10.50

2nd prize Mrs V Kelly £4.50

3rd prize Mrs L Foster £1.50

October draw

1st prize Mrs H Arnold £7.80

2nd prize Mrs C Newton £3.90

3rd prize Mrs S Terry £1.30

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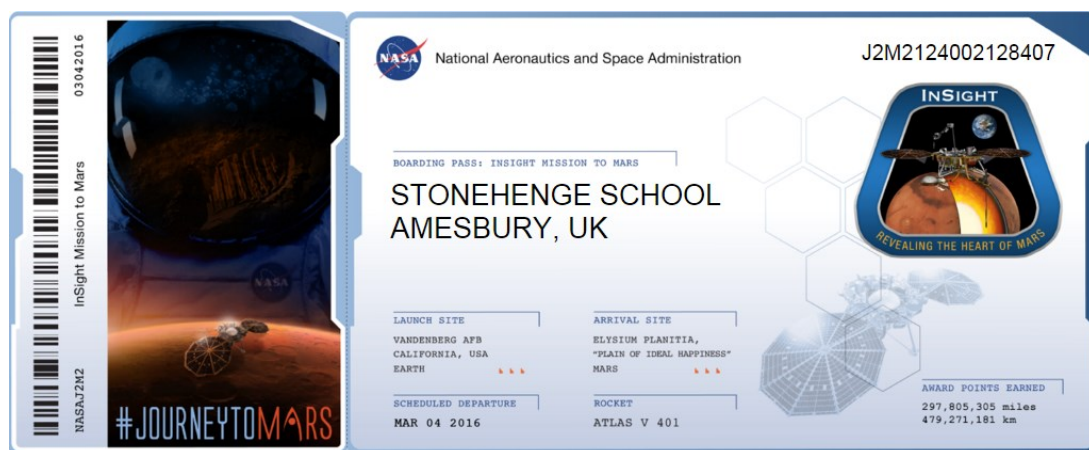


HMS Heroes is a national pupil gathering to raise the profile of pupils with a Service life background, and with 22% Of The Stonehenge School's pupils being from a Service families background we have joined this organisation. We are going to meet regularly throughout

the year and can look to organise events and activities, engaging in local and community projects and, most importantly, to support one another. All pupils with a Service life connection - and those without - are welcome to attend.

Mr Faulkner

ASTRONOMY CLUB for Year 8 & Year 9



The Stonehenge School has a ticket to go to Mars! Be part of the adventure!

When the InSight probe leaves for Mars in March 2016, there will be a chip on board containing the names of 800,000 individuals and organisations 'hitching a ride' to the surface of the red planet - Stonehenge School's name will be going along for the 300 million mile ride!

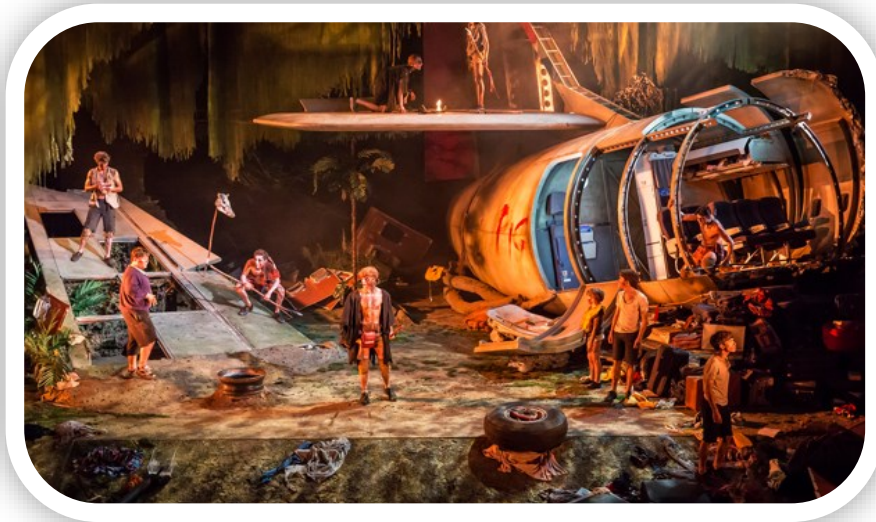
We are pleased to be starting an Astronomy Club here at The Stonehenge School where pupils can learn to find their way around the night sky, find out about the planets, stars & galaxies, know when to look for meteor showers, use a telescope, investigate & handle space rocks and much more!

Astronomy Club will meet in Room 53, led by Mr Selwood, every Thursday between 3.00pm - 4.00pm, starting on 5th November 2016. All interested Yr8s & Yr9s are welcome.

Mr Selwood



Lord of the Flies, the Mayflower theatre, Southampton, September 30th



Having enriched my students' lives with *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller in Year 8; I thought they needed a gentler introduction to humanity in Year 9, so, this year we have been slowly descending in barbarity with William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*. As an encouragement to engage fully with the novel's dark themes, I offered the students a chance to see The West End production of *The Lord of the Flies* at the Mayflower theatre, Southampton.

The photograph above demonstrates the ingenious staging; the wrecked plane with its torn off wing, its naked fuselage, the tail fins and strewn luggage were all used by the actors to represent different parts of the island; fire even sprung from the broken wing with the help of Piggy's glasses!

The acting was exceptional; in particular the actor who played Jack, the twitchy, insecure, would-be dictator, was magnetic and frightening in his embrace of violence and power. The use of slow-motion and strobe lighting to represent Simon's epilepsy and a sense of prediction of the terrible events to come; was remarked upon as effective by my students.

Lights up and the students came out, excited and transformed by the power of theatre; they have a taste for it now; their main question - What will you take us to next, Sir?

Mr Cotterell

ABLE, GIFTED & TALENTED

Our Able, gifted and talented students recently had a visit from Janet Hull, OBE, who lead an aspirational talk about her life experiences and her roles and challenges. Janet owns and runs a fantastic company called Creative Pioneers IPA. This is a company that helps to get young people apprentices that can lead onto real well paid jobs in the digital media market.

Our students learnt a lot from hearing Janet talk, and it certainly opened our eyes to career paths we may not otherwise have considered.



French Trip July 2015 (As promised from the last Newsletter!)



On July 17th at 4am (yes really!) we were ready to roll on our outward journey to France. Everyone arrived on time (except Mr Young) but we were held up by Operation Stack and various diversions, our driver Hugh did his best to keep us on track and we got on the 10.15am ferry to Calais and were through Paris traffic, arriving in Lesigny at 4.30pm. The students unpacked and enjoyed their first PGL meal and an evening of dancing and fashion shows with Aidan Kruger stealing the show with a

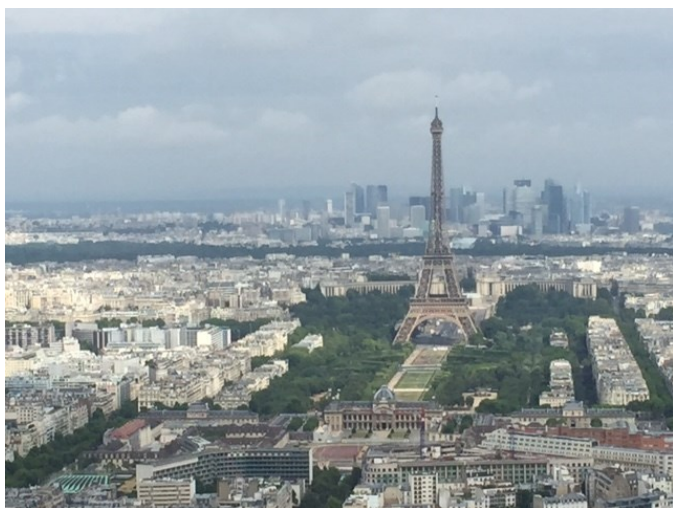
beautiful little black dress and bow - 'straight in my basket!'

On our first full day in France we visited Provins and were treated to scorching 30 degree temperatures as well as a spectacular bird show. The pupils practiced their French in the local market with Mr Grainger helping out when everyone got confused and Brooke, our PGL rep, showed us the sites as we wandered through the streets of the traditional medieval town. The evening entertainment involved a trip to a snail farm, where we learned all about how snails are bred and cared for.

On Sunday we travelled into central Paris, past the pea and cloud factories, and scaled the heights of



Montmartre with panoramic views of the city. We made a quick stop at Notre Dame Cathedral and Brooke did a great job as our tour guide and we stopped for lunch at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. The afternoon involved a boat trip and walk up to Sacre Coeur, the sun only shone for about 20 minutes that day, but it was the 20 minutes we were making our way up the stairs so there were a few water and sun tan lotion stops. In the evening pupils were able to sample snails with mixed results, some loved them, others didn't quite manage it!



On our final day - DISNEYLAND! Miss Pavey and Mr Young led the excitement stakes on Monday, we arrived at around 10am and made our way through the Mickey Mouse gardens into Disneyland, pupils were given maps and a lunch slot to check in with staff and off they went, sadly Thunder Mountain was closed but everything else was open and the first few hours in the park were queue free. Most pupils had returned to the staff check in point by 5pm for the parade, there were more mouse ears and ice cream than I have ever seen before. We left Disneyland after a long 10 hours, we had to get our money's worth, and

began the drive to Calais. The midnight ferry home woke us up briefly, although once we were back on home soil the pupils were catching up on some well-earned sleep.



The pupils represented the school brilliantly and many staff members at the PGL centre commented on how well behaved and polite they were. The staff were very proud of them and their efforts to master the French language whilst we were away. I hope they all enjoyed themselves, a huge thank you to Mr Grainger, Mrs Moore, Miss Pavey and Mr Young for their support whilst we were away. Mrs Roberts and Mrs Harker were in charge of the daily texts home to parents and the early morning one when we arrived back at 5am so thank you to them. Mr Vickery and Ms Hockley supported us with their language booklets and lessons before we left and obviously a 'hats off' to Miss Roberts for organising the trip in the first place. And lastly thanks to you the parents for your time and support in putting the trip together, I hope you got a decent souvenir as a thank you!

Mrs Jackson

MATHS REVISION

A reminder to all students and parents that the school subscribes to two excellent maths revision sites. www.mymaths.co.uk is a site for online practice and lessons, and also www.mathswatchvle.com has videos and clips as well as worksheets to help you practise your learning (both of these have a link on the Stonehenge school website). Every student has their own unique log on to both of these sites, which they should know. If you have forgotten your logon, please see your Maths teacher!

All students should be using these as an additional revision tool, and GCSE students should use these resources as well as revision guides to help consolidate the learning they are doing in lessons and revise throughout their GCSE course.



MyMaths.co.uk



Mr Cornelius



Chester Wilman from Year 8 had the privilege of being the mascot at the England—Uruguay match which took place at the Manchester City Stadium. This is Chester's account of the day.

"The whole experience was so overwhelming. When I first found out I was going to be a mascot I was so excited! I was absolutely buzzing when I was waiting in the tunnel for the two squads to come out. I was Uruguay's mascot and although it would have been nice to see them score a try, the whole night was great. To meet all of the players afterwards was fantastic and to receive kit off Mike Brown, Richard Wigglesworth, Nick Easter and James Haskell was amazing! I also got a match program signed by all the players. I was able to meet all the players in the changing room which was fantastic. The whole weekend was brilliant.

Chester Wilman."

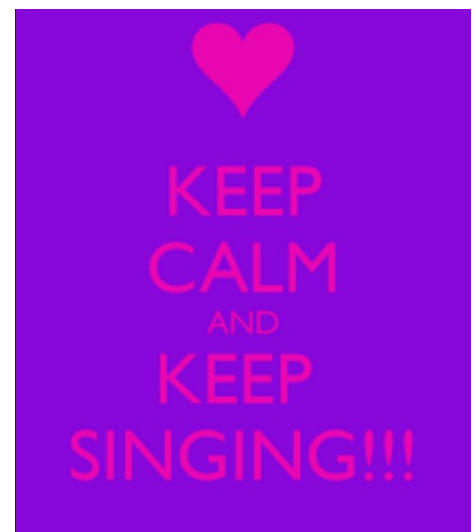


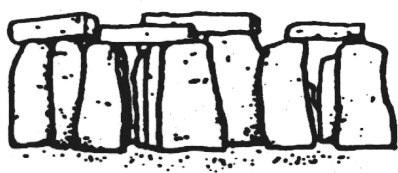
SPIRE FM VISIT

Spire FM DJ Pat Sissons came in today to record "Small Talk" with 6 year 7 students. The show is to be aired in the mornings week beginning 2nd November.



Anyone interested in singing lessons please see Mr Rogers for more information.



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13 September 2015

Biometric Consent Form

By signing and returning this form you are agreeing to the terms of the use of Biometric information as set out in The Stonehenge School Biometric Information Policy

Please sign one of the two options

I hereby give permission to The Stonehenge School that:

Child's Name Tutor Group

can be enrolled into the identity system provided by Nationwide Retail Systems

or

I do not authorise The Stonehenge School to enrol into the identity system provided by Nationwide Retail Systems.

Full name of parent/carers

Signature of parent/carers

Please return this form by 30th September 2015 to Mrs S Hoults, Office Manager via reception or tutor

The Stonehenge School Fund 100 Club



The 100 club is a 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 approximately £335 for the school each month 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!

Sharon Hoult, Office 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 Sept 2015 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

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL for the attention of Sharon Hoult, 100 Club

Member's Name and address:

..... Tel No (for contact about winnings)

Signature Date

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A receipt and your membership number will be issued.