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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Year 9 London visit on Wednesday

75 students from Year 9 spent a busy day in Westminster this week, ending with a tour of the House of Commons. We also saw the Prime Minister's motorcade leaving Downing Street, the changing of the guard at Horseguards Parade and shared lunch with the pelicans in St James' Park after a walk to see Buckingham Palace. A few of us even managed a glimpse of HRH The Prince of Wales as he strolled through the park himself. The trip was organised by Mrs Staker and Mrs Jackson in collaboration with the educational team at the Palace of Westminster.



### **£6.5 million new building - latest news.**

Local residents, parents and governors attended a public consultation meeting in school at the end of November to discuss the LA proposals for a new school building. The design for Phase 1, and a smaller Phase 2 annex, will be submitted to Wiltshire Council planners in February 2017. The preferred site is the field between the sports centre and Holders Road. If plans are approved construction should commence in June 2017 with the new building opening in September 2018. The 2-storey extension will accommodate between 20 to 23 teaching rooms, including 4 ICT suites, a new (relocated) Reception area, offices and staff work areas. Several subject areas will move completely into the new extension - probably mathematics, ICT, languages and humanities.



## YEAR 7 NEWS

The end of term 2 is a time when we celebrate student's achievement with our first rewards assembly.

Firstly I would like to congratulate the following students who all received certificates for 100% attendance;

Scarlett Allen, Layla Andrews, Libby Ash, Jordan Bingham, Niamh Byrne, Isabella Clark, Finlay Davies, Amelia Desroches, Emma Down, Katalena Dymond, Joe Gough, Samuel Grant, Joshua Hibberd, Jake Hill, Samuel Jackson, Xavier Joseph, Amos Koroitamana, Kita Kumpafaeng, Charley Laybourne, Archie Maple,



Leo Montgomery, Troy Morin, Harvey Mortimore, Elliot Pennells, Lauren Perryman, Jessica Rogers, Sedef Sen, Shayla Smith, Thomas Stewart, Lauren Taylor, Mackenzie Terry, Harvey Tune, William Vent, Millee Walters, Rubi Ward, Chloe Waslin, Jack Weeks, Michael Wells, Saffron Willcocks, Harvey Wilman,



Subject awards were given in recognition of hard work or work of a particularly high standard so a huge well done to;

Tamsin Bennett (maths), Jessica Soulsby (English), Jamie Sanders (languages), Harry Arthur (art), Andrew Connelly (textiles),







Olly Drodge (resistant materials), Kara-Olivia Anderson (creative design), Luke Conley (boys PE), Hypatia Macbeth (girls PE), Nereo Vulawa (geography), Harvey Tune (history), Shaina Lucas (music) and Lauren Taylor (culture and issues).

In the run up to the rewards assembly the teachers of Y7 had been handing out cards for the Christmas draw for those who had particularly impressed during a certain lesson. Mr Cotterell drew the winning ticket which belonged to Samuel Heaseman who won a Kindle Fire. Well done Samuel.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, you have all earned it.

Mr J Briggs

Year 7 Progress Leader

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## Christmas Concert

A big 'well done' to those pupils who took part in the Christmas concert on Wednesday 14th December. Fabulous performances all around. Thanks also go to SMT, lighting and sound crew, prefects and music Peri staff who helped to produce a wonderful evening of Music. Well done.

Mr Rogers

Head of Music



## YEAR 8 NEWS

### 100% Attendance

Adams, Isabella	8RCH
Allen, Lewis	8CSL
Blair, Cameron	8WJH
Buttress, Jessica	8AJV
Cotty, Abigail	8AJV
Deveney, Kayleigh	8WJH
Foord, Archie	8CSL
Foster, Toby	8WJH
Gurung, Christina	8CSL
Henderson, Ellie	8CSL
Hudson, Nathan	8AJV
Ivemy, Emily	8RCH
Jeeves, Erin	8WJH
Kennedy, Chloe	8RCH
Kenny, Lucy	8DGR
King, Chantel	8RCH
Matanatabu, Bulou	8RCH
McCormick, Jack	8AJV
Mears, Harvey	8WJH
Muir, Cameron	8RCH
Narruhn, Michael	8AJV
Plummer, Abbie	8CSL
Price, Edward	8RCH
Rumble, Morgan	8DGR
Scott, Paige	8AJV
Thapa, Bibek	8WJH
Thomas, Taryn	8AJV
Willis, Caitlin	8CSL
Yeoman, Kyra	8RCH

#### 8CSL

Best Uniform Lewis Allen  
Most Organised Lucy Ferguson  
Best Planner Rosie Parker



#### 8AJV

Best Uniform: Katie Hillier  
Most Organised: Paige Scott  
Best Planner: Teagan Worrall

#### 8RCH

Best Uniform: Bailey Smith  
Most Organised: Cameron Muir  
Best Planner: Isabella Adams

#### 8DGR

Best Uniform = Thomas Bowhill  
Most Organised = Lucy Kenny  
Best Planner = Zakaria Redouane



#### 8WJH

Best Uniform = Toby Foster  
Most Organised = Tegan Foxley  
Best Planner = Sian Penn

The winner of the Christmas draw for Amazon fire was Paige Scott.

A massive well done to all.

Mrs Roberts

Progress Leader/Assistant Headteacher

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## Hope hits four as Stonehenge Football Team storm into the last 16!

Despite the difficult conditions, our Year 9 Boys were able to seal a comfortable win over Gloucestershire based Dean Academy. Playing with the wind behind, we were able to take a 4-0 lead into half time. Goals coming from Fin Jenkins and Mikey Hope, who smashed a 16 minute Hat trick on debut - a super effort! Although confidence was sky high at the break, the boys knew playing into the wind was going to be a challenge in the second half. However, we were able to grind out a 5-1 win with Hope adding to his first half goals. There were also notable performances from Taylor Cope who pulled off a string of saves in the swirling winds! Calum Bowley also ran tirelessly, hitting the post twice!

We now await the draw for the Last 16 ties!

The Stonehenge School PE Department



### Job Vacancy

**Part -Time School Cleaning Operatives required in the Amesbury area, Salisbury.**

**£7.20 per hour, paid 4 weekly.**

**2 hour shifts available, between 3:30pm and 7.30pm; Monday to Friday.**

General cleaning duties including:

- § Mopping hard floors
- § Cleaning toilets
- § Vacuuming carpeted areas
- § Damp wiping all furniture, fixtures and fittings
- § Emptying bins

For more information please contact Samantha Bristow on 07784 587803. Alternatively, email your CV to [sam.bristow@brayborne.co.uk](mailto:sam.bristow@brayborne.co.uk).

## YEAR 9 NEWS

This term has been very busy for year 9. They successfully completed their KS3 Science exam and impressed Mr Roper with their calm attitude preparing for this.

Both the football and netball teams have had (some) success. Congratulations to them for their hard work and training paying off.

### REWARDS ASSEMBLY

Well done to all students nominated for awards by their tutors, particularly to those improving organisation and home work.

Congratulations to Jess Turner and David Willcocks—top boy and girl on league table too.

9JLP led an excellent assembly on individuality, they were very brave and good sports when sharing their own stories.

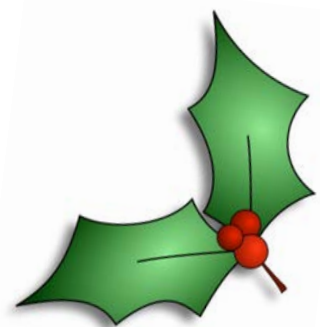
Homework is improving—please use SMHW or ask .

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday 4th January which is a Week 1. A full report on our exciting trip to London will be in the next Newsletter

Mrs Jackson

Year 9 Progress Leader

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### PARENTPAY

A reminder that Parentpay accounts may need to be topped up over the Christmas break in time for students returning in January.

Mrs Thompson

## YEAR 10 NEWS

With Christmas finally upon us it is time for year 10 to take a well-earned break. The past term has been busy once again, with students getting a sense of what the end of year 11 will be like, by sitting Mock exams. Can I just once again pass on the positive feedback from the exams team who were impressed by the way that year 10 conducted themselves in the exams. Well Done Year 10!

On the subject of Congratulations, the following students had their efforts recognised In the rewards assembly:

Subject Awards		100% Attendance
MATHS	Haydn Waters	Archie Forden
ENGLISH	Parisa Wheeler	Danny Foster
LANGUAGES	Taylor Alman	Jayden Hunt
ART	Sam Woods Stoneman	Ellie Mearns
RESISTANT MATERIALS	Katie Scott	Holli Mortimer
BUSINESS STUDIES	Noah Main	Jac Randle
BOYS PE	Josh Sarfas	Max Randle
GEOGRAPHY	Ellie Mearns	Oliver Rasey
HISTORY	Katie Scott	Georgia Mae Sommerton
PHYSICS	Ellie Mearns	Daniel Willis
GCSE COMPUTING	Joshua Riggs	Benjamin Wilton
MATHS	Haydn Waters	Jonathan Crosbee
ENGLISH	Parisa Wheeler	Paige Manchester

### Top Attitude to Learning

Natalia Bennet

### School Reports and Parents Evening

Parents should have received the latest tracking data. Can I also remind you that the Year 10 Parents evening is in the first week back after the Christmas break. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### Work Experience

Students have been using their tutor PSHE mornings to prepare themselves for the world of work. They should also be well under way in their search for a suitable work experience placement for the summer.

### Merry Xmas

Can I just take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs Staker

### Tutor Awards

	AJP	PMJ	DMA	EVS	SVC
Growth Mindset	Noah Main	Amy Peachment	Natalia Benet	Josh Riggs	Abi Churcher
Uniform	Katie Scott	Ewan Lyons	Oliver Binns	Andrew Smith	Haydn Walters
Most Helpful	Tyler Penny	Lewis Winson Coss	Chloe Eldridge	Sophie Gillett	Emily Coombes



## YEAR 11 NEWS

In preparation for their mock exams, Year 11 worked with the 'Live-N-Learn' team to explore the best ways to prepare themselves for their exams this year, and to challenge their ways of thinking about their own ability to gain the success they deserve. A strong message exists within the session, that if you want to succeed in life, you need to take personal responsibility, and make things happen for yourself. Based on the research by Professor Carol Dweck the presentation explores the idea that your intelligence, abilities, talents and personality are not simply fixed traits that cannot be altered. On the contrary, they advocate that all our qualities and skills can be developed through hard graft, effort and practice.

Now is the time for Year 11 to start to take this message on board. They will have been informed of their mock exam results by most of their teachers now, and you will have received all of the grades home. These results show what they would achieve if they had taken the real GCSEs during that Mock period. If they are not happy with how they did in any of their subjects, they now have 6 months to do something about it!

Recently you will have received a letter from Mrs Dean about the online science programme Tassomai, which will support the GCSE grades gained in Triple sciences, Additional Science, and for Core Science retakes. Regular use is the key to this: 10 minutes a day is enough to ensure that they are increasing their chances of achieving the higher grades.

The number of revision programmes that are on offer after school from our departments is impressive. Please encourage your child to attend:

- Monday - Geography, Spanish, IT with DPW
- Tuesday - none (staff in meetings but some may be invited to stay)
- Wednesday - Computing, PE, Geography, French, German, Philosophy + Ethics, Science,
- Thursday - Health + Social Care, Maths from November, Textiles, English, Computing, Art, Music, History, Science (some weeks)
- Friday - IT with JLP, Business Studies
- HW club is Monday to Thursday too.

It is also worth visiting the new Year 11 section on our website where you can find ideas on how to make a revision timetable, ways of revising, and ways to deal with the pressures of exams: <http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/our-school/year-11-information>

I would like to finish by wishing all of Year 11 a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Enjoy the break and recharge your batteries. Your remaining time at the Stonehenge school will pass by rapidly and before you know it you will be sitting your GCSE exams, by which point you will be fully prepared and ready to succeed and achieve your goals.

I look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th January 2017

Miss G Harris  
Year 11 progress Leader  
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## Terri Gough is England Number 1!!

Terri has had a busy start to Year 9, she has completed in several competitions in both the UK and Europe.



At the start of October Terri completed in the Borsa International Judo Competition in Bosnia. There were 27 countries and over 1300 competitors at the competition. In the Semi-Final Terri faced the under 18 Polish champion, unfortunately although she fought very hard she was beaten by the stronger opponent. Overall she finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 52kg weight category. This was a good achievement for Terri as she was fighting against opponents that were about a year older than her.



October finished by Terri completing at the Flanders International Judo Championships in Lommel, Belgium. Although Terri is only just 13 she competed in the under 15 and under 52kg category. Once again Terri made it to the semi-finals, where unfortunately she was beaten by a Dutch opponent. Although she didn't win this fight Terri was happy with the way she fought and was then able to attend a 2 day training camp in Lommel to improve on the aspects she needed to from the fight.



Terri's busy year continued into November when she competed at The Den Haag International Judo Tournament, Holland with 1200 competitors from across Europe. Once again despite her younger age Terri fought in the under 15 , under 52kg weight category with 25 other competitors. She finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place, having won 5 fights and losing 2 to the smallest of margins. Terri left the competition and subsequent training camp in a positive mood, having been able to work on things that

didn't go as well as hoped in the competition.

These 3 competitions, training camps and those from earlier in 2016 meant Terri entered her last competition on the year with a good positive attitudes. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 Terri competed at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield at the British Championships. All the hard work that Terri has put in throughout the year really paid off when she won all of her fights.

All Terri's efforts throughout the year juggling training, competitions, and school work have really paid off as she has ended the year as under 52kg British Champion 2016.

Congratulations to Terri.

### Creative Forces Day. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs. Staker had received an invitation from Bath Spa University for 10 year 7 pupils to attend a Creative Forces day at the Bath Spa University. The option was put to Service Families' pupils at the school, and the requests to go reached the point where names were put into a hat and the first lucky 10 drawn from it.

A bit of an early start to the day didn't dent the pupils enthusiasm at all, and by the time the university was reached at 09:15 hrs they were looking forward to the day ahead. It was quickly realised that the event was being organised and run by people who had themselves come from a military family background and shared many of the thoughts and experiences of the year 7 pupils. Three other school took part, and they were all split into groups of 5 pupils, each being assisted with an "Ambassador" (a student at the university in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year).



The ice-breaker start to the day was a game of true or false, with all the questions being Further Education related.

One of the Ambassadors was George who was studying for a Degree in Religion and Creational Writing, but who was also the President of the local Harry Potter Fan Club. The pupils then went on to talk about university jargon and life, with many asking very relevant questions such as how much the accommodation cost per week.

The pupils were then taken into another room and spent an hour with Mimi Thebo (author of children's books and lecturer at Bath Spa and Cardiff Universities) enthralled by her views on life, and delving into the story behind one of the books she has written.

She was a great representative of the literary world, emphasising the benefits of both reading and writing, leading the pupils towards their own creative writing.

The pupils were then split into their individual school groups and taken on a tour of the University grounds, experiencing everything from the learning facilities, the Students' Union, the gymnasium, and accommodation through to the beautiful scenery the University is in.

After this tour of the camp, the pupils returned to the initial site for a buffet lunch, and then spent the rest of time preparing - in groups - a poster describing extra facilities they might like in their school to cater for the fact that they come from a military family, whilst still wanting to remain



very much a part of the wider school community.

The day was designed to plant a seed in young pupil's minds about all the possibilities and roads that lay ahead for them, and their total desire to suddenly have this future life in Further Education laid out before them was a joy to behold. Perhaps one of the pupils that said "I want to come here!", will have their dream come true.

Mr Faulkner



## GCSE grades are changing

GCSEs in England are being reformed and will be graded with a new scale from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade. English literature, English language and maths will be the first subjects to be graded in this way from August 2017. The subjects with the highest numbers of candidates (e.g. arts, humanities, languages) will follow in 2018 and most others in 2019. This is happening as GCSEs are being reformed to make them more challenging, to keep pace with employers' and universities demands.

In the first year each new GCSE subject is introduced, students who would have got a grade C or better will get a grade 4 or better. Students who would have got a Grade A or better will get a 7 or better in the first year. Grade 9 will be more difficult to achieve than a grade A\*. The extra top grade will also make it easier for employers and universities to distinguish between the most able students

To see how the numbered grades compare to the current A\* to G system, Google "ofqual 9 to 1 postcard". More information about when subjects will switch to the new grades is available on the Ofqual website





Our Children In Need day raised  
an amazing £827.

Congratulations to everyone for  
all their hard work.

## Draw

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

### October

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs K Lawrence £11.10

2<sup>nd</sup> Ms A Long £5.55

3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs S Pike £1.85

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs S Hare £10.20

2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs S Jackson £5.10

3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs S Pike £1.70

### December

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs S Jackson £10.20

2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs K Lawrence £5.10

3<sup>rs</sup> Mrs Z Doherty £1.70

**100**  
**CLUB**

### Tesco's Bags of Help Initiative - PLEASE VOTE FOR US

We are delighted that our project 'Forest School Development Programme' has been selected for a customer vote in the following Tesco Stores during December:

Amesbury, Salisbury, Durrington, Warminster, Verwood, Ringwood

You will be given a token every time you purchase anything, **please vote for us.**

The Forest School will give our students the opportunity to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through the building of positive relationships and hands on learning experiences in a woodland environment.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help initiative across England and Wales. The scheme sees three community groups and projects in each of around 200 Tesco regions awarded grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 - all raised from the 5p bag charge.

Bags of Help offers community groups and projects across the UK a share of revenue generated from the 5p charge levied on single-use carrier bags. The public will now vote in store from 1 to 31 December on who should receive the £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 awards.

Mrs Busby

School Business Manager

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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



## THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

### URGENT, PLEASE HELP US TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM FUNDING FOR THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

Pupil premium funding is calculated on the basis of pupils who qualify for Free School Meals or who come from service families. It is also available for pupils that are adopted from care and those who left care under a Special Guardianship order (SGO), Residence Order (RO) or Child Arrangement Order (CAO) regardless of the date this took place.

For every child who is registered for Free School Meals the school receives an additional £935.00, for every Service child an additional £300.00 and for every child adopted from care £1,900 provided that the parents self-declare their child's status to the school.

The school's funding is facing a real cut so it is essential that we hold accurate data so that our budget is calculated correctly and we receive the appropriate funding to enable us to provide the best education and resources for your child.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**If you believe you may qualify for free school meals please register even if you do not wish to take up the free meal every day.** If your child is registered for Free School Meals you could also be eligible for support in meeting other costs such as music lessons and school trips which form an important part of the curriculum. Please register now to make sure your child does not miss out. You do not need to provide any proof of benefit as Wiltshire Council will check that you are eligible.

Free school meals are available for pupils where the parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based, not contribution based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related, not contribution based)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (NASS)
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

### ARMED FORCES

Every year we are required to supply information to the Department for Information (DfE) of those students whose parents serve or have served in the Armed Forces (Army, Navy and RAF). If you are a serving member of the armed forces, or have served in the last six years, please tick one of the boxes and return the form by the date shown.

### CHILDREN ADOPTED FROM CARE

If your child was adopted from care or left care under a SGO/RO/CAO, and you have not already made a self-declaration, please tick any of the boxes that apply. Please note that supporting evidence should also be provided.

**Please complete the attached form and return it to Mrs Houlst, in the school office by the date shown.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Busby, School Business Manager

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### **School Business Manager**

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





## THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

### Pupil Premium Information

Student name(s): ..... Tutor Group(s): .....

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

You may collect an application form from school reception or we can put one in the post to you.

Confidential help in filling in the application form is available in school. Please ask for Mrs Hoult on 01980 676652 or email: [hoults@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:hoults@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk)

Please forward an application form for Free School Meals

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### **ARMED FORCES**

Please indicate by ticking **one** of the boxes below

I can confirm that we are a current Armed Forces Family

☐

I can confirm that we have served in the Armed Forces in the last six years

☐

Dates of service From: ..... To: .....

### **ADOPTED FROM CARE**

If your child was adopted from care or left care under a SGO/RO/CAO, and you have not already made a self-declaration, please tick any of the boxes below that apply. Please note that supporting evidence should also be provided.

Please clearly state the name of the child the care order refers to.

My child was adopted from care	Child: .....	My child left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO)	Child: .....
My child left care under a Residence Order (RO)	Child: .....	My child left care under a Child Arrangement Order (CAO)	Child: .....

.....  
**Please complete this section in full, without this information we cannot collect the funding.**

Parent/Carer Name: .....

Relationship to student (s).....

Signature: .....Date.....

**The staff and governors wish  
you all a relaxing Christmas  
and a happy New Year.**

