



Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday - Funeral, in honour of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Friday 23rd September - Years 7 and Year 10 pupil photographs, plus other new starters and staff.

Wednesday 28th September - Duke of Edinburgh's Award information evening for Year 9 parents and students starting at 5.30 pm

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

At the end of our first full week back in school it is clear that we are beginning to settle into the different changes that have already been implemented in school.

In the first week, we explored our vision and values with the pupils. It is really important that the whole community shares and understands our key mission statement so that we can all work together to make it a reality for the children.

VISION, MISSION, ETHOS AND VALUES

Our pupils are empowered to 'think big'

Potential is unlocked with diverse and challenging pathways

Creating passion for lifelong learning and global citizenship

The Stonehenge School Mission

Our mission at The Stonehenge School is to provide the environment, tools and support to empower pupils to think big, regardless of self-perceptions and remove any barriers to achievement. Pupils are provided with diverse opportunities to achieve a good depth and breadth of knowledge and skills. We create good citizens who thrive and flourish in the 21st Century, ready to contribute to the global society.

Our 3 key visions are to ensure that pupils are able to ask big questions during their lessons in order to understand the world they are in more, and also 'think big' about their aspirations and futures. Our curriculum is wide and full of breadth so allows for a range of talents to be unlocked. This can also be found as part of our growing extra-curricular provision, and unique options process. And finally in terms of the individuals we aim to help form, being part of a community is key, and good citizens are friendly and kind - another key theme from my assemblies last week.

The Local Authority conducted a review of our plans at the start of this week, and fed back a range of positives on the work of the new Senior team and a range of staff across the school. Key quotes that are a pleasure to share with you are:

- "Staff spoken to share the leadership team's vision for the school"
- "The behaviour within lessons was positive"
- "The newly formed SLT is united in its drive to embed and sustain the changes introduced this term".
- "There is a clear vision....and a drive that school improvement will be delivered consistently and thoroughly"
- This has come as a great start to the work we are aiming to achieve in school, and highlights the clarity of the path that we are on.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.
Mrs Dean



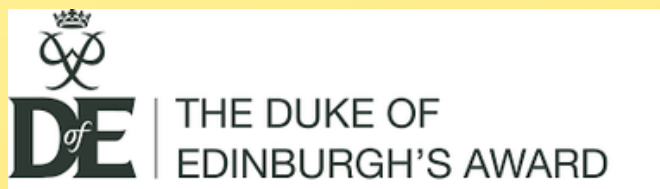
News articles

Site Safety at Holder's Road Entrance

Thank you to all of the parents who have started to drop their children at B&M and Tesco's at the start of the day, or collect them from there at the end of the day. The Senior Team have been trying to ensure the safety of all of the children during these busy times, particularly at the Holder's Road entrance. However, there have still been instances where children have almost been run over by some parents who are still dropping/collecting their children. We now have over 1000 pupils, so the school is the largest it has ever been and we all need to ensure that we act in a way that keeps everybody safe.

Extra Curricular Activities

Details of the school extra curricular activities can be found on our website via the following link
<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2022/09/Extra-curricular-programme-Terms-1-and-2-003.pdf>



We are also delighted to announce that the school will be taking part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and that Mrs Devlin will be the Lead Organiser.

Year 9 have been informed in assembly about the project and if parents want to find out more there will be an information evening on Wednesday 28th September at 5:30PM. More information to follow.

GOV.UK update - HMRC help with childcare costs

Please share with your families:

As children return to school after summer holidays, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is reminding families who may be missing out on Tax-Free Childcare to register.

Families receive up to £500 every three months (£2,000 a year) per child, or £1,000 (£4,000 a year) if their child is disabled, helping towards the cost of before and after-school clubs, childminders and nurseries, holiday clubs and other approved childcare schemes.

More than one million families in the UK are entitled to some form of government childcare support and the government is encouraging those eligible to not miss out on their entitlements.

Read the full HMRC help with childcare costs article on GOV.UK

GOV.UK update - Military families to benefit from £3,000 of childcare support

Serving personnel across the UK will be entitled to free wraparound childcare from this month.

The Wraparound Childcare (WAC) scheme will provide up to 20 hours per week of free childcare before and after school during term time for eligible military parents with children aged 4 to 11 years.

Read the full article on GOV.UK



Any students who have parents who own/work for a scaffolding company could they go and see Mr Wood in room 37 at 12:55 on Tuesday 20th September, it will only take five minutes of their time

Blood Brothers Rehearsal Schedule

Date	Scene	Who's needed	Times
Monday 12 th September	Run Through	Cast 2 (BLUE)	3pm – 5pm
Friday 16 th September	Page 13 – 16 Page 59 – 60	Narrators Finance man Catalogue man Mrs Johnstone Mrs Lyons	3pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday 21 st September	Run Through + Costumes	Whole Cast	3pm – 5pm
Thursday 22 nd September	Run Through	Cast 3 (Red)	3pm – 5pm
Monday 26 th September	Run Through	Cast 1 (Yellow)	3pm – 5pm
Wednesday 28 th September	Page 27 – 29 Page 35 – 36	Mrs Lyons Mr Lyons Eddie Narrator	3pm – 5pm
Thursday 29 th September	Page 30 – 34 Page 36 – 38	Children Chorus Sammy Linda Mickey Eddie Police Officer 1 Mr Lyons	3pm – 5pm
Saturday 1 st October	Dress Rehearsal	Whole Cast	9am – 4pm
Monday 3 rd October	Page 39 – 41	Eddie Mrs Johnstone Mrs Lyons Mr Lyons Woman	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday 5 th October	Page 48 – 52	Mrs Johnstone Mickey Linda Sammy Bus Conductor Teacher Edward Chorus/Perkins	3pm – 5pm
Thursday 6 th October	Page 19 – 20 Page 21 – 27	Narrators Mickey Eddie Linda Mrs Johnstone	3pm – 5pm

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Saturday 8 th October	Dress and Tech Rehearsal	Whole Cast	9am – 3pm
Monday 10 th October	Dress and tech	Whole Cast	3pm – 5pm

STONEHENGE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Book of the week

Junior

The Colour of Hope

Ross MacKenzie

'Why am I different?'
'I don't know, lassie. I wish I did.
And I wish you didn't have tae hide it.'

The Dominion is cursed. Years ago, the Emperor and his Necromancer stole all the colour from the world. Now they keep it for themselves, enjoying its life-giving power while everyone else must exist in cold shades of grey.

That is until a miracle baby is born - a little girl who lives in brilliant colour.



Senior

The Girl with No Soul

Morgan Owen

Iris lives in a world ruled by The Order. Inspectors police the population by keeping careful watch over people's souls. If they shine their lanterns on you, your soul is projected for the world to see... and judge. But Iris has a deadly secret ... she is a hollow, a person with no soul.

She must hide from the Order at all costs, scraping a living in the shadows. But when she's sent to steal a ring from a lady of nobility, she is reunited with her Spark - one of the five parts that make up her own missing soul.



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE, EXCEEDING

**FIVE GREAT REASONS
TO MAKE THE
STONEHENGE SCHOOL
YOUR 1ST CHOICE**

**OPEN EVENING
MONDAY 3RD
OCTOBER
4.30—6.30 pm**

STOP PRESS — Building will commence on a further new block accommodating music, Drama, PE, special educational needs and an assembly hall late summer 2022.

To visit us or arrange a tour please contact us.

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- High quality teaching from subject specialist staff who care about your child.
- High standards of discipline, behaviour and care.
- A traditional curriculum and a strong reputation for results.
- A safe and friendly school where your child will be known by name.
- Easy to reach from all parts of Wiltshire with good links to public transport.



Ofsted 2017 ...

- "The school continues to be good."
- "Pupils are great ambassadors for the school."
- "Students make strong progress in English and Maths."
- "Students behave extremely well in lessons and contribute to the school's ambitious and aspirational culture."
- "Pupils are very well cared for. Ensuring that pupils are safe and well looked after is at the heart of everything the school does."
- "The school has a clear sense of direction and ambition."



For the attention of all parents

**Will your child be transferring
to a secondary school in
September 2023?**

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or
complete an application form, available at
all Wiltshire Council offices.

**The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 31 October 2022**

All forms must be returned to the school admissions
team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide
to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.