



Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES SEPTEMBER

Monday 26th/Tuesday 27th
Sports Days- CANCELLED

Wednesday 28th

Year 9 Field Trip to Portsmouth,
Gunwharf Quays

Wednesday 28th

Duke of Edinburgh's Award
information evening for Year 9
parents and students starting at
5.30 pm until 6.30 pm

Thursday 29th

'Splendid Theatre' Drama
Workshops in school.
Performing Arts students in
Years 9, 10 & 11

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week I had expected to give you a detailed update on the renovations and improvements that we had been making to our school site over the Summer holiday and update you on our Phase 2 building plans, but based on the 'visitors' that we received this week it seems more fitting to give you a flavour of the feedback we have received.

The final report from the Ofsted inspection goes through a rigorous Quality assurance process so for the next 30 days (approximately) we are not allowed to share the final outcome with you. As soon as it is officially released we will send you an official letter and a copy of the report from the Inspection team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for two things in particular. Firstly, and most significant, the inspection team were somewhat bowled over by the student body of The Stonehenge School. What shone through was the level to which your children took pride in their school and genuinely wanted their school to do well. They are an asset to yourselves where they displayed the politeness and kindness that are key features of our shared values. The Inspection team talked about the strong sense of mutual respect that they demonstrated, and their engaging, entertaining personalities.

Secondly, the survey results completed by parents and the comments made in the text sections was overwhelmingly positive. Hearing some of your thoughts on our school definitely helped us get through a tough couple of days, and we appreciate the time that you have taken to respond. Where we strive to be a continuously improving school we will be reflecting on any of the areas that have been highlighted in order to build in future improvements.

Next week, I'll go back to my expected focus and let you see all of the upgrading that has gone on around the school site, and fill you in on the next steps of improving our school facilities.

Mrs Dean



News articles



Fire Walking Headteacher & Assistant Headteacher!!

Adding to the various activities that The Stonehenge School has completed in support of local homeless charity Alabare, Mrs Dean and Mrs Blake completed a firewalk on Saturday 17th September. In order to support the charity's work in the north of the County, where they are opening new facilities to support homeless people and create additional mental health support, Mrs Dean and Mrs Blake bravely withstood temperatures up to 800 degrees. The event took place in Chippenham, and the pair managed to raise over £400. Before they set foot on the fire they received training that explored how to focus their minds in order to help them to overcome the fear of what lay before them. This follows last year's Spinnaker tower event where 12 staff members abseiled the 100m, and the annual participation in the charity's Big Sleep at Salisbury Cathedral.



SKY DIVING PREFECT!!!

On Saturday 17th September, Lillie in Year 11 took the plunge to skydive in order to raise over £700 for Parkinson's UK charity. The money raised will support the charity in conducting their ground-breaking research and life-changing services for people with Parkinson's. We are sure you will agree that this is an incredibly brave feat from one of our prefect team!



Charities to benefit.

Between these three amazing people they have raised well over £1,000 for their respective charities.

Mrs Dean and Mrs Blake for Alabare and Lillie for Parkinsons Uk. Well done and thank you to everyone who donated to these worthwhile causes.



Success on the race track

Congratulations to Year 11 student James Cleary on his fantastic run of success on the racing track culminating in him being this seasons overall 'Newcomer 500 Champion' and Runner Up Junior Supersport .

With only 3 years of racing behind him and 2 years on the big bikes this is an amazing achievement. James rides for the 'True Heroes Racing' team and is currently riding a Kawasaki Ninja 400cc motor bike which can reach speeds of up to 120 mph!

James is the youngest member of the True Heroes team which is also made up of injured ex veterans and races on circuits all over the country. Apart from his gloves and helmet, which are sponsored, James is having to fund all the rest of his kit.

Look out for James in the future as I am sure his success will continue .



STONEHENGE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Book of the week

In honour of Banned Books Week, the books chosen this week are just two of the many thousands of books that have been challenged over the last few years.

Most of these books are controversial only because they show a viewpoint that some groups either disapprove of or don't understand. As most of us know, the key to developing empathy in our students is for them to experience as many ideas as possible and reading is often an important part of this.

Junior

Melissa

Alex Gino

When people look at Melissa, they think they see a boy named George. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl.

Melissa thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. Melissa really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part... because she's a boy.

With the help of her best friend, Kelly, Melissa comes up with a plan. Not just so can be Charlotte - but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

MELISSA

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED AS GEORGE
ALEX GINO

Senior

Cinderella is Dead

Kalynn Bayron

It's 200 years since Cinderella found her prince, but the fairytale is over.



Sophia knows the story though, off by heart. Because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance. For the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball ... are forfeit.

But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen - and when Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life.



CENSORSHIP DIVIDES US

BOOKS UNITE US
Banned Books Week • September 18-24, 2022



ALA 1000 American Library Association

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Stonehenge Parliament students hosted assemblies to year 7, 8 and 9 this week. All students involved were very professional and impressive in their speeches to the assembled audience. Already a number of students have come forward enquiring about joining Stonehenge parliament.

Mr Langley

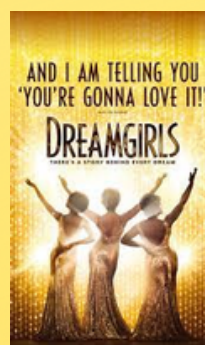
School Trips - Field Trips, Theatre Trips, Museums etc

To ensure fairness and accessibility for all students, we have decided that trips and visits will no longer be offered on a first come, first served basis. Instead, we will ask you to register your interest for a trip first to ascertain numbers, then we will randomly select students to go on the trip.

We will also try to give as much notice as possible and offer decreasing payments, so that these opportunities do not need to be paid in one lump sum. As always, if there are financial barriers which means it is difficult to afford the trips and visits we offer, please contact

Mrs J Wakeham (wakehamj@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk) or
Mrs H Blake (blakeh@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk)

for a confidential discussion. We will endeavour to support where we can.



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.