



Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES OCTOBER

**All of October is Black
History Month**

Monday 3rd
Open Evening 4.30 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 4th
**Year 9 Trip to see 'The Woman In
Black'**

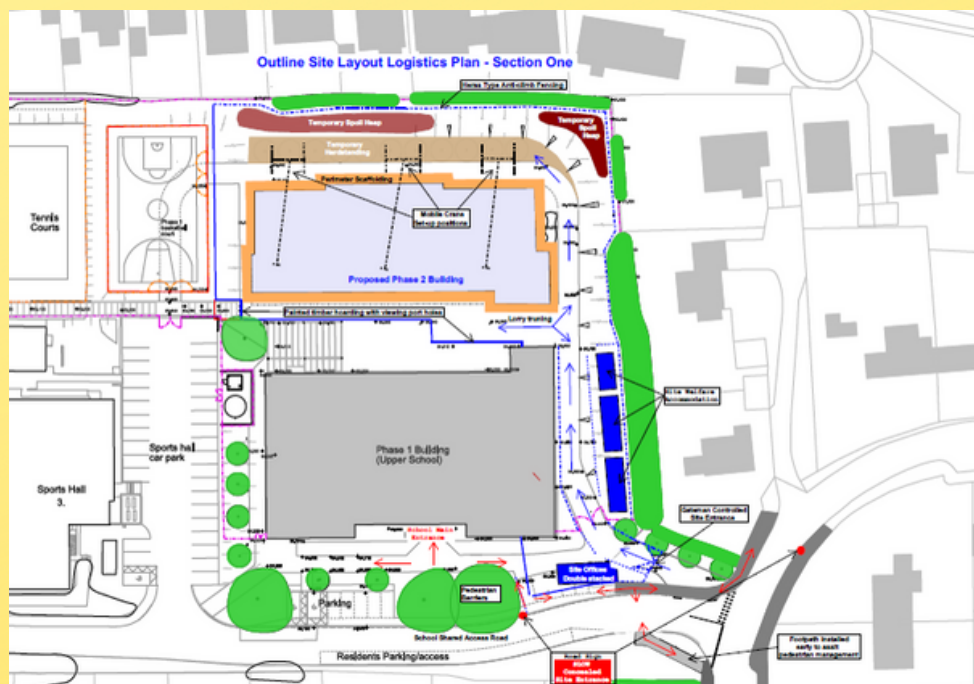
Monday 10th
Year 7 Tutor Evening

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Last week I promised an update on how we were updating and improving the school facilities. Over the summer extensive works went on in our middle school building meaning that we renovated an old IT room into a state-of-the-art physics room, and decorated a number of English classrooms and the corridors. We also purchased large amounts of brand new furniture so that the quality is at the same standard as our new block. In addition to this, we replaced almost all of the PCs in the school. So that was 288 new chairs, 144 new tables, 3 teachers desks, 7 teachers chairs, 274 new PCs, new TVs and interactive whiteboards!

Next week we see the commencement of the site work that will bring us Phase 2 of our new buildings in order to replace the 1950s block in Lower school. The pupils have been briefed about the safety issues that may emerge, and we will keep you updated as it develops

Mrs Dean



News articles

New look to the middle school

After the summer break students were welcomed back to their newly revitalised classrooms





Stonehenge School support Naomi House & Jacksplace

15th August 2022

Mixed secondary school, Stonehenge School in Amesbury chose Naomi House & Jacksplace as their charity to support this year.

Since the beginning of March 2022, students at the school have been fundraising to support our hospices. Within their school Houses, Archer, Sarum, Solstice and Barrow, students have been making donations towards Naomi House & Jacksplace. These donations evolved into a competition to see which House at Stonehenge could raise the most money! Archer won top of the leaderboard, who's donations exceeded a whopping £200! What's more, that amount was reached by only five students!

As a school, Stonehenge has raised a wonderful £426, which could cover 19 hours of nursing care at our hospice.

The students involved at the Stonehenge School should be immensely proud of their hard work and selflessness. They are a credit to the school to the community. Thank you Stonehenge!

For more information go to the website at <https://www.naomihouse.org.uk/>



The Stonehenge School Presents

An Amateur Performance of...

BLOOD BROTHERS: THE PLAY VERSION

*Tickets for the production are available via
ParentPay*



11th - 14th October 2022

7pm - 9pm

Tickets can be purchased via Parent Pay.

Refreshments available during the interval, cash only.

**Please enter via the lower school gates,
there will be minimal parking. Doors open
at 6:30pm.**



Tickets

£5 Under 18

£7 adults

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

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.

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

- Income Support
- Income-based, Job Seeker's Allowance (NOT contribution based JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (NOT contribution based ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 -National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - You must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HMRC) that does not exceed £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.
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

To register, please follow this link where you are able to download a paper application form. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Findley in the school office.

For further information and to see our school menus, please check out the website.



Year 9 Geography Trip to Gunwharf Quays

Year 9 geography pupils are investigating whether the re-urbanisation of Gunwharf Quays has been positive or negative on the surrounding areas. On Wednesday 28th September, pupils visited Portsmouth and practiced up to 3 data collection techniques (environmental quality survey, car survey and land use survey) at each of the 4 locations. In class they will present their data using a variety of graphs (radial diagram, line graphs and land use maps), analyse these to identify trends and draw conclusions. Finally, they will evaluate their investigation.

Our geographers worked hard, were brilliantly behaved and represented our school superbly. Their Burger King lunch was well deserved. We look forward to our next geography field trip with them.

Mrs Devlin



PAWPRINT CLUB



Come and earn the **Minute To Win It** certificate!

Monday 3rd October, room 65, 3-3:45pm

Maths Revision

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Year 11 Maths Revision Classes

Year 11 Maths Revision Classes start next week.

See your maths teacher for details.
Remember, the mock exams are soon!

STONEHENGE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Book of the week

Readathon

30TH SEPTEMBER - 31ST OCTOBER



Junior

Fight Back

A. M. Dassu

An empowering story about finding your identity and the courage to fight for it.

Aaliyah is an ordinary thirteen-year-old living in the Midlands. She's into books, shoes and her favourite K-pop boy band.

She has always felt at home where she lives ... until a terrorist attack at a concert in her area changes everything.

Senior

Ace of Spades

Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

Welcome to Niveus Private Academy, where money paves the hallways, and the students are never less than perfect. Until now. Because anonymous texter, Aces, is bringing two students' dark secrets to light.

Someone is out to get them both. Someone who holds all the aces. And they're planning much more than a high-school game...



READ TO RECHARGE

Reading is vital for wellbeing - offering entertainment, escape and a much-needed screen break!

READ TO CONNECT

Readathon is a great way to share experiences and reach goals, whether in school or at home.

READ TO KEEP UP

Research has shown that reading for pleasure helps you to be more successful.

READ TO HELP OTHERS

Reading and raising money to buy books for children in hospital feels great!



readforgood.org



Behaviour Graduated Response Evidence Audit

Category	Examples (not an exhaustive list)	Consequences	Possible Further Actions
Level 1	Chewing Gum, minor uniform breaches (jewellery hoodies etc.) Use of mobile phone Off task chat, shouting out, distracting others, lateness	Confiscation Confiscation (parental collection) First Warning	Conversation with student about expected behaviours. Student Moved seats in classroom Contact home
Level 2	Continued off task behavior and/or behaviour that has been addressed by a prior warning,	Final Warning	Break/Lunch detention Contact home Report Card
Level 3	Persistently disruptive behaviour despite warnings	Removed to Departmental Zone	Departmental Detention Head of Department to contact home Report Card
Level 4	Not arriving to Departmental Zone Non-attendance of Friday SLT Detention Serious breaches of uniform rules Truancy Severe Defiance/Extreme rudeness to members of staff Being sent out of more than 1 lesson in the day Possession of low risk banned items	On call to collect and place in isolation with Progress Leader or member of SLT	SMT Detention Progress Leader to contact home Report Card
Level 5	Students whose behaviour has not improved through the graduated approach or whose individual actions warrant a time out period to reflect on behaviours.	Reset Period at Redworth Centre	Meeting with parents and completion of behaviour support plan. Member of SLT to contact home
Level 6	Violence, Criminal Actions, Abusive and or threatening behaviour Possession of high risk banned items.	Exclusion	It is the Headteacher's decision to exclude. Progress Leader or Member of SLT to contact home. Formal reintegration meeting and reset period at Redworth centre.

New Behaviour Policy

As you will be aware we had a visit from Ofsted last week. Whilst we cannot share any specific outcomes until the official report is released, I did want to share with you what the inspectors said about the students. Inspectors were incredibly impressed by the behaviour around the school.

Your sons and daughters really are a credit to you and Inspectors commented on their lovely manners and positive attitudes to school.

This is not to say there is never any misbehaviour at Stonehenge! Before the summer holidays staff and students were consulted about behaviour in lessons as well as during social times. What they had to say directly influenced elements of our new behaviour policy which is being sent to you to familiarise yourselves with. It is worth reading in full but one major change is that the policy is far more explicit about what consequences students could expect for each action. This was a direct response from student feedback that highlighted that whilst they knew and understood the school rules, the same was not true for knowing and understanding what would happen if they broke them.

Our graduated response should help bring a sense of clarity to our behaviour system and the introduction of Class Charts should ease communication between home and school.

The full updated Behaviour policy can be found online at our website by following this link: <https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2022/09/Behaviour-Policy-2022.pdf>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

1. Rosa Parks, civil rights activist. https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/02/04/ro-sa-parks-famous-birthday-5-facts-you-should-know/4653590002/	2. Maya Angelou, poet and writer. https://www.biography.com/writer/maya-angelou	3. Mary Seacole, nurse. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07pvv3z	4. Juan Garrido, explorer. https://face2faceafrica.com/article/7-amazing-black-explorers-who-made-a-mark-in-history	5. Michelle Obama, former First Lady and campaigner. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wePNUGL7nDU	6. David Olusoga, Historian. <i>David was born in Gateshead and grew up there</i> https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/profiles/2pT94YQjVvGjUjpdYDrMn6t/david-olusoga	7. Billie Holliday, singer. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Web007r2SOI
8. Chris Ofili, Turner Prize winning artist. https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate	9. Dr Shirley Jackson, physicist. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKAgAdHajw0	10. Joseph Bologne, classical musician 'Black Mozart' https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/	11. Reasonable Blackman, Tudor silk weaver. https://www.historyextra.com/period/tudor/black-faces-of-tudor-england/	12. Barbara Walker, artist. https://artuk.org/discover/stories/celebrating-black-british-artists-in-public-collections	13. Matthew Henson, Polar Explorer. https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2016/02/160224-polar-explorer-matthew-henson-photos/	14. Jesse Owens, Olympic medallist. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quQopJmQry4
15. Toussaint L'Ouverture, leader of the Haitian Revolution https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/loverture-toussaint-1743-1803/	16. The first Black Briton, taken from Black and British. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4oiXLBoiOQ	17. Otis Boykin, inventor. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXqOoALq5fs	18. Charles Drew, scientist. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfddM7p2zH4	19. Florence Prince, classical musician. https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/black-composers-who-made-classical-music-history/	20. Bernadine Evaristo, writer. https://literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/bernadine-evaristo	21. Diane Abbott, politician. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/history-of-politics/the-first-black-parliamentarians-in-our-times/
22. Black Poppies, soldiers in WW1. <i>Year 9 History students reading extracts of this at the moment</i> https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/black-poppies-britains-black-community-great-war/	23. Dame Doreen Lawrence, campaigner https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/baroness-lawrence-theres-no-halo-just-say-hello/	24. Betty Campbell, Wales' first black headteacher. https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-58721710	25. Donald Rodney, artist. https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate	26. Chadwick Boseman, actor. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VSx2E7WE50	27. Saint Martin de Porres, Patron Saint of racial justice, harmony and mixed-race people. https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Martin-de-Porres	28. Private Arthur Roberts, WW1 soldier. https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/history/black-history/arthur-roberts/
29. The story of Windrush. https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/the-story-of-windrush/	30. Dr Anthony Roberts, QC. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/dr-john-anthony-roberts-qc/	31. James Peters, rugby player. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-firsts/james-peters-the-1st-black-rugby-player/	<p>Further resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamilton, theatre by an all black cast: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSCKfXpAGHc Black History Month website: https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/ African Kingdoms: https://africkingdoms.co.uk/ Painting Our Past: https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/painting-our-past/ Black and British, A Short Essential History by David Olusoga Black and British - BBC, https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0499smp National Archives, Black British History on Record, https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/black-history 			

Fiction Texts	Non-Fiction Texts	Poems	Popular Culture
Buffalo Soldier (13+) Tanya Landman Plantation slave Charley Smith is eleven when America blows itself apart, with Abraham Lincoln's decision to prohibit slavery. Charley thinks a slice of heaven is coming her way. But it's a taste of hell.	Black and British (13+) David Olusoga David Olusoga's latest edition of <i>Black and British</i> has been revised and rewritten especially for secondary school children, and explains and illustrates the much-overlooked history of Black peoples in Britain and beyond.	A Change is Gonna Come (12+) Featuring poems and stories from 12 black, Asian and minority ethnic authors – including four previously unpublished writers – this absorbing book offers refreshing perspectives and thought-provoking questions about the meaning of change that will hit home with everyone.	British Library – Windrush Stories In June 1948 the <i>Empire Windrush</i> arrived at Tilbury Docks, Essex carrying hundreds of people from the Caribbean. 70 years on, <i>Windrush Stories</i> invites us to consider a longer, more complicated and ongoing relationship between Britain and the Caribbean.
The Hate U Give (12+) Angie Thomas Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her best friend Khalil.	The Extraordinary Life of Series (10+) Published by Penguin, this series explores the extraordinary life of many influential people such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, Katherine Johnson and many more.	Still I Rise (11+) Maya Angelou <i>"You may write me down in history With your bitter, twisted lies, You may trod me in the very dirt But still, like dust, I'll rise."</i>	TV BBC Adaptation of Malorie Blackman's <i>Noughts and Crosses</i> . In a dystopian London, Sephy and Callum fall in love despite the odds. Can they breach the divide between the black elite and white underclass?
Crongton Knights (12+) Alex Wheatle McKay's life on the South Crongton Estate is rough. His Mum has died, his Dad works all hours of the day to keep away the Bailiffs, and his brother is always out looking for trouble. McKay never looks for trouble, but in one mad night everything changes.	This Book is Anti-Racist (10+) Tiffany Jewell Often using personal anecdotes about her own schooling, family and experiences as a young mixed race girl, Jewell's fascinating, friendly and hugely relatable guide is essential reading for kids with questions about racism, politics and history as well as the current #blacklivesmatter movement.	What Stephen Lawrence Taught Us (12+) Benjamin Zephaniah <i>"As we continue emptying our pockets on the pavements, And we continue to ask ourselves Why is it so official That black people are so often killed Without killers?"</i>	Podcast The Black Curriculum Podcast Available on Spotify and Apple Podcast, this podcast explores British Black history with short discussion on topics such as sound system culture and the Bristol bus boycott.
The Crossover (10+) Kwame Alexander Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins, but it's easy to tell them apart if you know how to look. As the boys build up the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them.	Grown: The Black Girls' Guide to Glowing Up Melissa Cummings-Quarry (14+) Being a teenager and trying to understand who you are and what you stand for is hard. But if you're a Black girl and don't always see yourself represented in the books you read, the films you watch, the adverts you see or the history you're taught, it can be even tougher.	Half Caste (12+) John Agard <i>"but you must come back tomorrow Wid de whole of yu eye And de whole of yu ear And de whole of yu mind."</i>	Film Black Panther T'Challa is the king of Wakanda, the secretive and highly advanced African nation, as well as the powerful warrior known as the Black Panther. This is the first Marvel film with a predominantly black cast.
How High The Moon (14+) Karyn Parsons In a small town in 1940s South Carolina, Ella has got some very exciting news. She'll be leaving her grandparents and cousin Henry behind, because her mother finally wants her to join her in the busy city of Boston. But can the reality ever live up to Ella's dreams?	Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies (9+) The lives and achievements of leading lights as diverse as Stormzy, basketball star LeBron James, poet and novelist Maya Angelou are chronicled in this excellent book that follows black history across many centuries to today's contemporary world.	waiting on the mayflower (14+) Eve Shockey "I. august 1619 <i>arrived in a boat, named and unnamed, twenty, pirated away from a portuguese slaver, traded for victuals."</i>	Art Kara Walker Kara Elizabeth Walker is an American contemporary painter, silhouettist, print-maker who explores races and identity in her work. She is best known in her room-size tableaux of black cut-paper silhouettes.

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TO MAKE THE
STONEHENGE SCHOOL
YOUR 1ST CHOICE**

**OPEN EVENING
MONDAY 3RD
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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.