

# THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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## Weekly Newsletter

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#### UPCOMING DATES NOVEMBER

Friday 4th Remembrance Assembly

Fri 4th - Fri 18th Year 11 Mock Exams

Thursday 17th 'Dream Girls' Trip - Mayflower Theatre

Friday 18th Children In Need - Mufti Day

Wednesday 23rd GCSE Certificate Collection afternoon 3.15 - 5.00 pm

Wednesday 23rd 'Othello' Trip - Mayflower Theatre

#### Chair of Governor's message ....

The governing body would like to publicly thank all members of staff for their continued hard work and dedication to The Stonehenge School. The last few years have seen more than a little turbulence and the start to this academic year was fast and furious! Staff coped admirably and never wavered in their determination to provide the best for our students. Staff, pupils and parents should all be proud of this well-deserved recognition from Ofsted.

The Governing Body passes on its congratulations.

This now places our school in a strong position for the future. We have a clear direction of travel that shows where we want to be, and the plans in place to get us there. There are a range of areas commented within the report that show that we not only prioritise the education and progress of the children at The Stonehenge School, but also their safety and development, whilst maintaining high standard and our sense of community.

If you haven't managed to read the report, please follow this link https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2022/11/Ofsted-Report-2022.pdf or refer to Mrs Dean's letter earlier in the week. Feedback from parents has already been lovely and we look forward to sharing the news with the wider local community too.

Thank you all, Kelly Godwin, Chair of Governors (on behalf of the Governing Body)





STUDENTS: GRAB A FREE CUP OF HOT CHOCOLATE BEFORE SCHOOL. FREE TOAST AND CEREAL ALSO AVAILABLE. \*8.00 AM - 8.20 AM

## **News articles**



A huge thank you to the Heads of House and Mr. Carter for organising the awesome Halloween Disco, there were scary costumes, apple bobbing and some very scary dance moves! Lots of certificates were awarded on the night and I know the pupils had a fantastic time.

The Best Costume: Amelia Tabor

Runner-up: Kiara Turner

Best Female Dancer: Elexie Gentle

Best Male Dancer: Jamie Gillies

Special mention to Raphael Potts for his awesome dance moves!

Fastest Apple Bobber: Ben Lush

Tutor Group Dance Off won by 7CRR

House Dance Off won by SARUM



# Stay safe and have a fantastic 5th November.





## Things To Do .....









### Book of the week



Noor-un-Nissa Inayat Khan Sufiya Ahmed

#### The thrilling story of British-Indian World War Two heroine, Noor-un-Nissa Inayat Khan

It's 1940 and hundreds of families are being forced to flee Nazi-occupied France. Noor refuses to stand by while Nazi forces invade her home and terrorise her people, so she travels to England and signs up to join the war efforts despite her mother's wishes.

It isn't long before her talents are noticed and she is chosen by Winston Churchill to sneak back into France as an undercover agent. Noor returns home but this time, as a secret agent.

## Senior

They Both Die at the End Adam Silvera



On September 5th, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: they're going to die today.

Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but for different reasons, they're both looking for a new friend on their End Day.

The good news: there's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure- to live a lifetime in a single day.





# SCIENCE CLUB



This week we will be making snowflakes, and investigating melting When: Wednesday 9th November

Where : Room 49

S When: 3.00-4.00pm- please sign up









## Catch up on site progress....



PARENT FACTSHEET Cost-of-living support

Find out what help and support is available to you and your family as the costof-living crisis continues to bite.

#### Get in touch with us to let us know if you're struggling with your finances

We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter.

Please contact either our School Business Manager, Mrs Wakeham wakehami@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk or Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Blake blakeh@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

#### Contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau or Family Hub Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)

You don't have to be a UK citizen to get support from your local CAB, you just need to be a resident of the local area. The CAB can help you with:

> Getting benefits or other financial support organised

> Accessing support for essential costs (food, bills, rent)

Visit the Citizens Advice's website or contact your local branch to book an appointment:

REDWORTH HOUSE, FLOWER LANE, Amesbury, Wiltshire England, SP4 7HE 01980 622696

#### Family Hub

Contact your local Family Hub to get help accessing all the support you might need as a family.

The closest Hub to Amesbury is:

Lower Ashley rd, New Milton Hampshire, BH25 5AA

#### s.dibben@ashley-inf.hants.sch.uk

01425611321

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#### Check you're paying the right amount of tax

Make sure you're on the right tax code. If you aren't you might be due a refund. Use the Money Saving Expert's free tax code calculator to find out.

#### Claim any benefits you're entitled to

Use 1 of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits you could be claiming:

#### > Turn2us

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#### > Policy in Practice

Support for migrant families - use this calculator if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds

You may be able to get benefits paid early if you're already feeling the squeeze - this is known as 'a short-term benefit advance' - you will need to contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) office that's dealing with your claim.

Your local DWP office:

Salisbury Job Centre

Summerlock House, Summerlock Approach, Salisbury SP2 7RW

0800 169 0190

#### Check you've received all the government's cost of living payments

The government's cost of living payment is available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these - if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account.

If you think you're due a payment, but haven't received one - report a missing payment to the government here

Be aware of scams! If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost of living payment, do not talk to them or send a reply. Get more information on cost of living scams on the Money Saving Expert's website

#### Find out what help you can get with your energy bills

Take a look at these resources from Simple Energy Advice, the British Gas Energy Trust and the Money Saving Expert website.

#### Let us know if your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for free school meals (FSM) you need to get them registered. This will allow them to get a free meal at school, and we'll get extra funding to support your child's learning. Please complete this application form if you are eligible:

https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/free-school-meals

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#### See what other support you can get from your local authority

Local authorities have lots of different schemes that you might be eligible for, including:

- > The <u>holiday activities and food programme</u> access to food and activities over the school holidays
- > Help with transport to school
- > Help with the cost of uniform

Please visit: https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/benefits

#### Get free or low-cost food

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support.

- Free breakfast is provided every morning for every child, from 8:00 until 8:20, in The Stonehenge School canteen. Toast/cereal and hot chocolate is available.
- If you have a child under 4, and meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to <u>healthy</u> start food vouchers
- > Find a local foodbank with these websites: <u>Bankuet</u>, <u>The Independent Food Aid Network</u>, the <u>Trussell Trust</u>, or your local <u>community fridae</u>
- > Amesbury foodbank information:
- > Amesbury Foodbank Centre

Community & Visitor Centre 9 Flower Lane, Amesbury, Wiltshire SP4 7JE 01722 580173

Use food waste apps and websites like <u>Olio</u> (for free food and household items from your local community), <u>Too Good To Go</u> (for low cost food from local restaurants), or <u>Low Price</u> <u>Foods</u> (food that has passed its best before date, but is still safe to consume)

#### **Further information**

- > Contact StepChange, if you're struggling with debt
- > Contact Shelter if you're having issues related to housing
- > Get free household goods on Freecycle
- > Contact the Salvation Army for emergency assistance
- > See if you're eligible for grants from Turn2us
- > Single parents can get support from Gingerbread

# could you foster?



#### November Mocks 23 Timetable

Assemble in the Lower School Dining Hall 15 minutes before your exam. Leave your bags in the dining hall. Equipment- Black pen, pencils, eraser, ruler, and sharpener in clear pencil case. For maths Paper 2, business, geography and all science exams you need a CALCULATOR

Register with your tutor before assembling for 9am assessments On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November you will have your lunch break during the second half with Year 8 and 10. Anybody not in exams will go to tutor at 12:55 on these days.

DAY/ DATE	Exam Start time	SUBJECT students	LENGTH	Rooms Used
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.55	English Literature Paper 1 Walking Talking Mock Year 11 except for 11/EN7	1 hr 45	Hall, room 7
		and EN6		
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Maths Paper 1	1 hr 30 mins	Hall, changing rooms, room 7, room 4, VCR
week 1		Year 11		
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	English Language Paper 1 Year 11	1 hour 45 mins	Hall, changing rooms, room 7, room 4, VCR
Wed 9th	11:10	Biology Paper 1 Year 11	Biology 3-1 hr 45 mins Combined – 1 hr 15	Hall, changing rooms, room 7, room 4, VCR
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Option Block B Hospitality Drama Child Development	1hr 30 1 hr 45 1hr15	Hall, room 7

		Business 11B/Ho 11B/Dr 11B/Cd 11B/Bs	1 hr45	
Fri 11th	09:00	Chemistry Paper 1 Year 11	Chemistry3– 1 hr 45 Combined – 1 hr 15	Hall, changing rooms, room 7, room 4, VCR
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Week 2	09:00	Option block A German Reading French Reading Spanish Reading History Geography Business 11A/Ge 11A/Fr 11A/Sp 11A/Hi 11A/Gg 11A/Bs	) 45 mins ) ) 1 hr 45 1hr 15 1hr 45	Hall, changing rooms, room 7, room 4, VCR
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	13:35 start	English Literature Paper 2 Year 11 except for 11/EN7 and EN6	1 hr	Hall. Changing rooms, room 7 room 4
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Option Block C • Spanish Reading • History • Child Development • Hospitality 11C/Sp 11C/Hi 11C/Cd 11C/Ho	45 mins 1hr45 1hr15 1hr 30	Hall, changing rooms, room 7
Wed 16th	09:00	Maths Paper 2 Year 11	1 hr 30	Hall, changing rooms, room 7, room 4, VCR

Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Physics Paper 1 Year 11	Physics 3-1 hr 45 Combined – 1 hr 15	Hall, changing rooms, room 7, room 4, VCR
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Option block D Philosophy Geography History Business 11D/Ph 11D/Gg 11D/Hi 11D/Bs	1hr 45 1 hr 15 1hr 45 1hr 45	Hall, changing rooms, room 7
Mon 21st	10.55	Computer Science 11A/Cp	2 hrs	Room 72
Thurs 24th	09.00	Engineering THIS IS A REAL EXAM	1hr30	Hall, changing rooms, room 7
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.55	Computer Science Paper 2 11D/Cp	2hrs	Room 70