



Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's message

Dear all,

During the last few years we have rapidly increased in our size, almost doubling the number of pupils that we have on roll since 2016 (520 pupils) in comparison to this year where we now have 1023 pupils. In September 2023 we are expecting to be oversubscribed in the new Year 7, and therefore the school will increase again and we will pretty much be at our full capacity of 1120 pupils.

In order to ensure that we are able to operate efficiently with a large number of pupils, we have created a new 'home-school communications policy' that helps us to outline the different methods that we already share information with you about your child, and also share the best contacts to use for particular issues. Teaching staff time needs to be protected where possible for their core purpose which is to provide a high-quality education to our pupils, and the amount of time spent in the classroom teaching, as opposed to being readily available throughout the day needs to be appreciated.

ClassCharts allows all parents to gain an overview of their child's attendance and behaviour, as well as being the main method that we use to send announcements out. Teaching staff are unlikely to be able to double up communication (eg. send emails separately as well as log issues via ClassCharts).

The 'home-school' policy helps to provide parents with realistic expectations relating to the times they should expect responses from teachers in particular, as well as the length of time that it may take to gain a response. Many teachers are in the classroom all day, and have very limited time to reply to emails or make phonecalls.

Unfortunately there are also occasions where the correspondence received does not match our Parent Code of Conduct, and the policy provides the link to that document so that all parents can be reminded about the types of communication that are not acceptable.

We hope that you find this clarification useful, and we will be updating some of the email addresses in use and the 'Contact us' page to help communications reach the correct people in the first instance.

Mrs C A Dean

UPCOMING DATES JANUARY

Wednesday 18th lunch -
girls' compulsory DofE
expedition training in
room 79.

Thursday 19th lunch -
boys' compulsory DofE
expedition training in
room 79.

Friday 27th
Tate Modern Trip

Monday 30th
Poetry Live Trip (Bath)

FEBRUARY
Friday 10th
END OF TERM



APPRENTICESHIPS AND CAREERS FAIR

24TH JANUARY 2023, 5-7PM

The Salisbury Education & Business Partnership, with support from the SWLEP Careers Hub, is holding an Apprenticeships and Careers Fair for all the Salisbury secondary schools and featuring local businesses that offer apprenticeships or take on graduate trainees.

The event takes place all day at Salisbury Sixth Form College (S6C) and Wiltshire College and University Centre, Salisbury. Parents and carers are invited to attend an early evening session from 5.00pm – 7.00pm. (Young people can also accompany their parents).

This is an chance to talk to local employers about the opportunities they offer and there will be a talk with a Q&A session about apprenticeships which will include information on Degree Apprenticeships as an alternative to university.

Employers at the event include: Dstl, QinetiQ, Chemring, Salisbury District Hospital, Wessex Archaeology, Trethowans, JAS Hair, Alabaré, Salisbury Reds, Wiltshire Council, Wessex Water and The Army.

Sign up for the event here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeship-and-careers-fair-tickets-478148163027>

For more information, scan the QR code below.



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& Wiltshire**
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in Salisbury**



SCIENCE CLUB



This week we will be looking at crystals and growing our own crystal garden.

When: Wednesday 18th January

Where : Room 49

Time : 3.00- 4pm

Please sign up outside room 49.



School trips



School trips and visits are an important part of our extra-curricular programme, providing important life experiences and learning outside of a regular classroom environment. They are an area of school-life where teachers go above and beyond their general role to provide cultural capital to the students, and can often be time-consuming projects to work on based on arrangements and risk assessments that may be needed. As part of our Improvement strategy to increase provision, quality and take-up of extra-curricular opportunities we are redeveloping our systems and also the fairness of how places are allocated.

The way we allocate places for trips has changed. In the past, we have always followed the 'first come, first served' policy. This meant that those parents who had money available to sign up straight away took the places quickly, meaning we were not equitably distributing these quality experiences to all of our students/families. We're living in a world where money is tight, and so this is something we could change in order to make the system more equitable.

For some very popular trips/experiences, we now have a 'register your interest' option first. This allows us to gauge how many children are interested. We then select places from this list, with 10% guaranteed to those from disadvantaged backgrounds. This means that, unfortunately, not everyone will be successful. We will then offer a decreasing payment option if there is enough time available before the actual event. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible about trips coming up. In some cases, it may be necessary to request a small deposit when registering your initial interest, to ensure that valuable time is not wasted chasing those who do not pay once selected.

As with any new system, we will continue to evaluate our processes this academic year. Thank you to those parents who have already provided feedback.

IF YOU ARE A YOUNGSTER IN AN ARMY FAMILY, THEN THE ANNINGTON CHALLENGE IS FOR YOU.

Further details about the amazing opportunity which is open to 10-19 year olds from families of **all** Army ranks.

Further details on how to apply can be found via the link below. Applications close on 31st January 2023 so don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.

<https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/the-annington-challenge>



Wiltshire Council are promoting the following walk in vaccine clinics for January.

We have the following clinics available

Tuesday 10th January 2023 Friary Community Centre 112 Carmelite Way, Salisbury SP1 2HW
09.00am -15.00pm Adults only 1st and 2nd COVID doses, Boosters, Flu for those who are eligible

Saturday 14th January 2023 Bemerton Heath Centre 58-60 Pinewood Way Salisbury SP2 9HU
9.30am -14.00pm Open to children 5-11years(for children who were 5 on or before 31st August 2022) 1st and 2nd COVID doses and all adults over 12 yr olds in yr8+. 1st & 2nd doses & boosters, Adults Flu vaccine also available. for those who are eligible.

Tuesday 17th January 2023 Friary Community Centre 112 Carmelite Way, Salisbury SP1 2HW
09.00am -15.00pm Adults only 1st and 2nd COVID doses, Boosters, Flu for those who are eligible

Saturday 21st January 2023 Bemerton Heath Centre 58-60 Pinewood Way Salisbury SP2 9HU
9.30am -14.00pm Open to children 5-11years(for children who were 5 on or before 31st August 2022) 1st and 2nd COVID doses and all adults over 12 yr olds in yr8+. 1st & 2nd doses & boosters, Adults Flu vaccine also available. for those who are eligible

Tuesday 24th January 2023 Friary Community Centre 112 Carmelite Way, Salisbury SP1 2HW
09.00am -15.00pm Adults only 1st and 2nd COVID doses, Boosters, Flu for those who are eligible

Saturday 28st January 2023 Bemerton Heath Centre 58-60 Pinewood Way Salisbury SP2 9HU
9.30am -14.00pm Open to children 5-11years(for children who were 5 on or before 31st August 2022) 1st and 2nd COVID doses and all adults over 12 yr olds in yr8+. 1st & 2nd doses & boosters, Adults Flu vaccine also available. for those who are eligible

Tuesday 31st January 2023 Friary Community Centre 112 Carmelite Way, Salisbury SP1 2HW
09.00am -15.00pm Adults only 1st and 2nd COVID doses, Boosters, Flu for those who are eligible

GIRLS FOOTBALL RESULTS

Our Year 8/9 girls football team were victorious against Wyvern St Edmunds on Thursday. After a tricky start to the game and coming in at half-time drawing 2-2 they eventually went on to win the game 9-3 remaining undefeated this year. Goals coming from Abi Richardson (7) & Lily Safe (2). Well done girls and keep it up.



Maths Homework Club

Thursdays
2:50pm - 3:30pm
Room 81

Need help with your
maths homework?
Come along!



SINGING LESSONS

Students interested in singing lessons.

There are currently vacancies and if you are interested you should go and see Mr Rogers for further information.



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