



## Weekly Newsletter

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### UPCOMING DATES JANUARY

Wednesday 25th lunch -  
girls' compulsory DofE  
expedition training in  
room 79.

Thursday 26th lunch -  
boys' compulsory DofE  
expedition training in  
room 79.

Tuesday 24th  
Year 10 attending Careers  
event at Salisbury 6th  
Form College

Friday 27th  
Tate Modern Trip

Monday 30th  
Year 11 Health & Social  
Care Group  
Retake exam

Monday 30th  
Year 10 Poetry Live Trip  
(Bath)

**FEBRUARY**  
**Friday 10th**  
**END OF TERM**

### Headteacher's message ....

It was reported in the news earlier this week that the National Education Union (NEU) will be striking on a range of dates across the country. The dates that impact The Stonehenge School are:

- 1st February 2023
- 2nd March 2023
- 15th March 2023
- 16th March 2023

The union is well represented within our school so it is highly likely that we will have a number of teachers on strike throughout those different dates. The Department for Education expects headteacher's to make every reasonable step to keep the school open during industrial action for as many pupils as possible, whilst also ensuring that staff and pupils are not exposed to risks to their health and safety.

We will be writing to you as soon as possible to update you on this situation and will attempt to limit impact on pupil's education. If it emerges that it is necessary to limit access to any year groups we will follow the Department of Education advice to support vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers, as well as pupils who are due to take public examinations and other formal assessments.



## YEAR 11 EXAMS UPDATE

The exam season is now fast approaching. I have delivered an assembly to Year 11 recently encouraging them to think about specific areas of revision they should be focusing on, initially in the run up to their next round of mock exams, but also thinking ahead further to the Summer. We will endeavour to keep you updated each week regarding upcoming exams and coursework deadlines. You will find the timetable for the Mock Exams which start on Friday 24th February on the school website by clicking [here](#). Within this timetable you will also notice that some qualifications have final exams which will be taking place over the coming weeks. You will also find below some tips and advice for supporting your child at home with their revision.

### Tip 1: Create the right environment

It might sound obvious but there are many distractions at home. Even a student committed to school may sometimes struggle with focusing on revision if they don't have their own desk to work on or space to concentrate. By creating the perfect study space for your child, you can help them get their revision done. We also provide study rooms at the end of each day if students would prefer to stay onsite to revise. We will be providing structured and directed revision sessions for individual subject areas after half term- more information to follow.

### Tip 2: Enforcing The 'Pomodoro Technique'

The Pomodoro Technique is one of the most popular and effective time management methods out there, and many people use it every day to make sure that they manage their time well when they are working or studying. The Pomodoro Technique focuses on organising your time into intervals. It involves using a timer to structure a study session. The traditional way is to work for 25 minutes before taking a short break of around 5 minutes. Then you work for another 25 minutes before taking another break. Each 25-minute work session is usually referred to as one Pomodoro. When you have completed 4 Pomodoros, it's recommended to take a longer break of between 15 and 30 minutes. It is a simple but very effective time management tool that many people find very helpful.

### Tip 3: Using Flashcards as one method of revision

Flashcards are one method of revising. They are small, double-sided cards that emphasise key information. They usually mention the topic/question on one side and important details, keywords, mnemonics, etc., on the other. This helps the brain make better connections between those two pieces of information. These cards can be altered in a number of different ways in order to make them unique and memorable. Most people who use flashcards try to fit in too much information on them. A revision card is supposed to be a bite-sized fact that your child's brain can digest and remember with ease. After you are done creating the cards, sit with your child to review the information on them.

Once they are done testing, you can separate the topics (cards) into three piles to help direct their next revision session in that subject area:

Confident

Need more practice

Need a lot of practice

### Tip 4: The Best Online Revision Sites

GCSE Pod- This is something we subscribe to as a school that all students in Year 9-11 have access to. Your child can login using their Office 365 login. Here they will have access to short Pods for some if not all of their subject areas. They can take quizzes to check their understanding.

Tassomai- Students will be very familiar with this and create great bite sized revision that takes into account their ongoing progress.

Seneca

Linguascope- for languages

Dr Frost- students can get their logins for this from their Maths teacher.

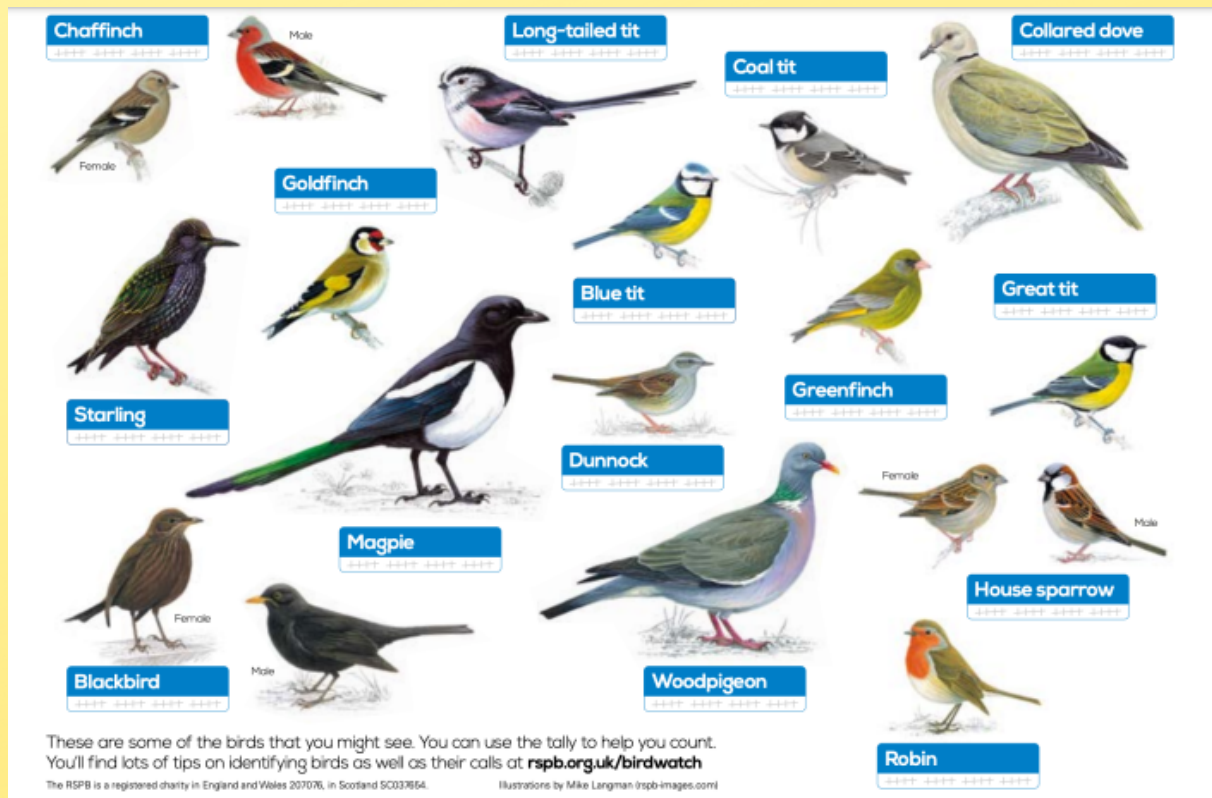
Hope you find this information useful. If you would like any further information regarding exams please contact our exams officer, Mrs Cotterell ([cotterellje@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:cotterellje@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk))





# BIRD WATCH 2023

We will be making bird feeders this week so we can attract birds and take part in the RSPB National Survey. Please sign up by room 49.



## COST OF LIVING INFORMATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS.

We have been sent information through from Wiltshire Council regarding sources of support from both local and national organisations.

You can find further information about these agencies by clicking [here](#)



Progress update on Phase 2 where the concrete pouring has commenced

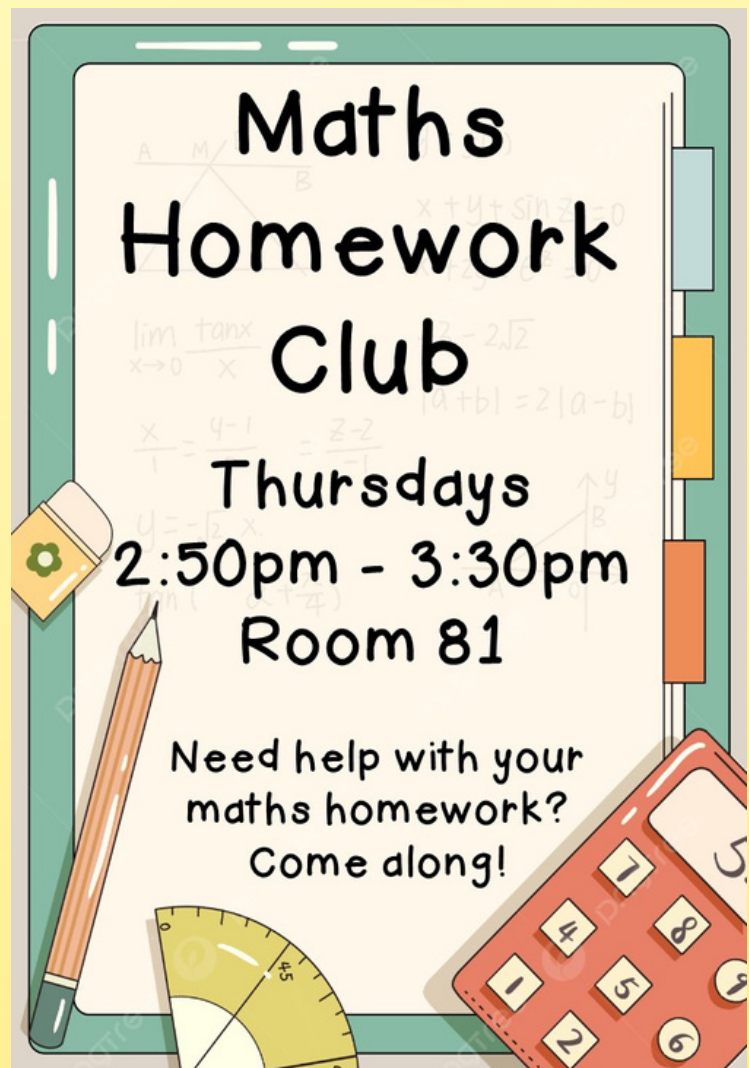




## WATER

We are finding lots of students are still coming in without water. We have water fountains around school where bottles can be refilled during break and lunch time. We also have a large number of water bottles in our lost property some of which look quite expensive. If your child has lost theirs in the past ask them to go to reception and ask if they can check the lost property it could be there.

Thank you for your support in this.



## 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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## IF YOU ARE A YOUNGSTER IN A MILITARY 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 military** 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.

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