

THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES MARCH

Tues 21st & Wed 22nd Girls DofE training in Mr Vickery's room

Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th Boys DofE training in Mr Vickery's room

24th Feb - 23rd March Year 11 Mock Exams

HPV Catch up Session Yrs 8 and 9 Tuesday 28th March for those who missed their vaccination on 10th February

> Fri 31st March END OF TERM



Headteacher's message

Continuous plans are in place to update our school facilities and improve the environment for all of our pupils. Obviously we have the Phase 2 building progressing which is due to open in September 2023, and will bring us a new performing arts and Special Needs area.

On top of that we are investing heavily in improving our dining facilities, so plans are progressing for new dining furniture, fresh decoration of our canteen, and also the extension of our undercover areas so that we have more space for students during social time. The financial investment will be sizeable, at around £200,000, but will mean that we bring the whole school into line with the quality of our new buildings, and cope with the large numbers of pupils that we now have.

This means that we can start to move towards regaining one lunch time, instead of structuring the day around our facilities. We will update on plans for that as we approach next academic year, as there will also be other timetabling considerations being made.

Other developments include extending our Behaviour Support team, so that we have a permanent manager for our Redworth Focus Centre where some pupils receive an alternative curriculum, and we have appointed a new 'Reset Room coordinator' who will withdraw students from particular lessons where they need to experience a reset in terms of their behaviour.

Mrs Dean



FUEL is a free holiday activity and food project that offers participants the opportunity to take part in a range of fun activities during school holiday periods in 2023.

The FUEL programme a bespoke provision for school aged children from reception to year 11 who receive benefit related free school meals.

Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

- The FUEL programme is also available to children that meet any of the below:
- · Children that are refugees
- · Children that are currently in the care system
- · Children that are referred into the programme by a professional service (eg. Local authority, schools, social service)

Participants will be able to enjoy a variety of high quality activities when attending the a FUEL camp, including a range of enriching activities such as festive arts, football, dance, drumming workshops, team games and fun healthy eating workshops. All participants will also receive a nutritious meal on each day they attend the programme.

This page holds the link to the application portal, letters for parents, and all information for schools for the Easter 2023 programme.

#HAF2023

FUEL Easter 2023 Programme Application Website

- FUEL programme application portal
- FUEL SEND application portal

How Parents and Carers can communicate with the school

Parents and carers should use this list to find the correct contact details for the question they have. This will ensure the most efficient use of school resources and generate the most efficient response. Please be aware that we do ask that all communication meets our code of conduct policy.

	Email addresses	Examples of query
I have a general enquiry (non- urgent issue, eg. not relating to emergency or safeguarding/welfare)	Office email address: office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk Phone the school office on 01980 623407	 General enquiries Admissions enquiries Change of contact details – <u>we can only accept</u> <u>emails for change of details</u> Request for contact from specific staff member (in order of priority): Form Tutor Progress Leader Subject teacher/Leader Member of the Senior Team Pastoral support for the attention of relevant Pastoral Manager
I have an urgent issue, relating to a family emergency or a Safeguarding or Welfare issue	Phone the school office on 01980 623407	Family emergency Safeguarding/Welfare issues
I need to report an absence	 Report the absence via Class charts Report the absence via the absence line on 01980 676650 Report the absence via the <u>absence@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk</u> Please refer to our attendance section on our website for more information: <u>https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/attendance/</u> 	 Reporting a child's absence (on each day of the absence) Notification of medical appointments (in advance of the date/time)

I need to request a Leave of Absence	All requests should be submitted via the Leave of Absence request form as early as possible in advance. Please refer to our attendance section on our website for more information: <u>https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/attendance/</u>	 Leave of absence request for exceptional circumstances
Medical Concerns	Office Manager email address – office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk	 Recent injuries Recent diagnosis Updates to on-going medical issues Information relating to medication taken in school time
SEN	Contact the SEN department at <u>SEN@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk</u>	
I would like to speak to someone in the Safeguarding Team	Designated Safeguarding Team email address – safeguarding@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk	 Safeguarding concerns
I have a query regarding the curriculum	Please visit the relevant section for each subject on the curriculum tab on our website.	Each subject's information page contains: - The subject's intent - The 'I can' statements - The Learning sequence - Careers info relating to that subject - Extracurricular offers
I have a query about exams information:	Please visit the Exams section of our website: <u>https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/our-school/exam- information-results/</u> Exams officer email address – <u>exams@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk</u>	 Lost certificates Exam timetables Access arrangements Exceptional circumstances during exam period
I have a query about finance	Office Manager email address- office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk	 Free School Meals applications ParentPay queries Financial hardship

I have a complaint that I would like	Please refer to our Complaints Procedure which can be found	
to raise	here:	
	https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2021/01/	
	Complaints-Procedure-Sept-2020.pdf	





The BIG Sleep at Salisbury Cathedral

ON Friday 10th March, 11 staff members and 32 children joined Mrs Dean at the school's annual participation at Alabare's Big Sleep in the cloisters of Salisbury Cathedral. It was our 4th year at this fantastic experience with pupils able to enjoy the beautiful venue, and join in with the Fijian choir. So far we have raised £2205, beating our target by a considerable amount, and money is still rolling in.

We really applaud all of the pupils who took part- it was brutally cold, with a low of -2°. They should be really proud of facing those conditions in such high spirits.

Sleeping rough for one night is not a true reflection of homelessness, but it highlights the challenges the homeless face when that is the reality night after night. Rebecca Mullen from the charity, who also recently visited Year 10 and 11 assemblies, spoke briefly about the significant increase in rough sleepers, both from last year and most significantly, since the count began in 2010 where there has been a 75% increase in England.

We look forward to supporting this local charity and the work that it does again in the future.

Mrs Dean



We have run two activities so far, the year 9 pig's trotter dissection where Cameron H excelled himself and showed great skill at exposing the tendons, muscles, ligaments and cartilage. We also held a debate for Year 11 and Josh Lord led his team, Will Nicholson and Morgan Coombes to argue admirably on the topic of 'Science is Immoral' and gave some excellent rebuttals against the staff. Friday 17th will be the dioramas on display that year 7 have made, results will be in next week's parent magazine. Year 8 will do their eyeball dissection, the rite of passage of any secondary student. There are still spaces for anyone



who is interested.

The Science Department

YEAR 11 WELL BEING SESSIONS

Students in Year 11 took part in some 'Well Being' sessions with our Pastoral Managers. Lots pf alternative therapies, for them to try out and videos with ideas on how to relax, revise etc.



STAFF VACANCIES

RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATOR ROLES

Required as soon as possible Permanent contracts

Wiltshire Council pay grade D Point 4- 6, (£10.98- £11.39 per hour) Closing date: Thursday 30th March 2023

Post 1: Monday - Friday 8.00am -12.30pm, 22.50 hours per week (actual annual salary £11,036 - £11,441)

Post 2: Monday - Friday 12.30pm - 4.30pm, 20 hours per week (actual annual salary £9,809 - £10,170)

Post 3: Monday - Friday 8.00am - 3.30pm, 35 hours per week (30-minute unpaid lunch) (actual annual salary £17,167 - £17,798)

DEPUTY HEAD OF MATHS

Start Date: September 2023 Salary: MPS/UPS plus TLR 2b Closing Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 9am Interview: Week beginning Monday 27th March

TEACHER OF MATHS

Start Date: September 2023 Salary: MPS/UPS Closing Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 9am Interview: Week beginning Monday 27th March

TEACHER OF TECHNOLOGY

Start Date: Easter 2023 or September 2023 Salary: MPS/UPS Closing Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 9am Interview: Week beginning Monday 27th March

Full details on all the above vacancies can be found on our website at https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.