



Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES MARCH

Wednesday 8th lunch - girls' compulsory DofE expedition training in room 79.

Thursday 9th lunch - boys' compulsory DofE expedition training in room 79.

24th Feb - 23rd March
Year 11 Mock Exams

Thursday 9th
World Book Day

Wednesday 15th &
Thursday 16th
STRIKE DAYS

Friday 17th
MUFTI

In aid of Red Nose Day & the
Turkish/Syrian Earthquake

Headteacher's message ...

Thank you to all parents for their support over the weekend following my message on Sunday afternoon. Clearly lots of positive conversations occurred between you and our pupils meaning that school remained calm and orderly.

On Wednesday, parents of current Year 6 received notification of their school place. For the third year in a row we have been over-subscribed in terms of our increased PAN of 224. This time we received 280 first choice applications, our highest number ever. This is something of which we should all be incredibly proud. It means that through the hard work of staff across all roles within the school, and the support and relationships between staff, parents and pupils we have an incredibly strong reputation in the community. This now means that we are completely full in the new Year 7, as well as the current 7 and 8.

Year 11 have made an excellent start to their second set of mock exams this year, conducting themselves in an incredibly mature and committed manner.

One of the new rewards that we have put in place for students is to have some time with myself, so we have been selecting top students in terms of behaviour and attendance to have hot chocolate and cake and a chat with me. It was Year 10s turn this week and soon I will get to talk to a group of Year 9s and let them know how well they are doing.

Mrs Dean



EXAMS TO BE AWARE OF:

Monday: Maths Paper 2 (AM)
Tuesday: English Paper 2 (AM)
Wednesday: Chemistry (AM)
Thursday: Option B Subject Areas (AM)
Friday: No exams

Period 6 Interventions:

Reminder that all students must attend at least their compulsory sessions- if three sessions are missed then they lose their prom passport.

This week's revision tip:

How To Use Mind Maps Effectively While Revising:

Mind maps can be a great way to revise for any exams. They're a great way to express all of the information that your children know, and highlight things that they don't know. Mind maps are tricky things to get right, but there are a few general points of application. Students should use colour and diagrams sparingly to maximize your retention of information, and they shouldn't spend too long making their mind map. All the content they write down should be from their own head, so that they can identify the gaps in their knowledge and fix them in time for their exams.

Top Tips:

1. Use as many keywords as possible
2. They should add in some small sketched diagrams
3. Create a main concept
4. Don't Use Other People's Mind Maps



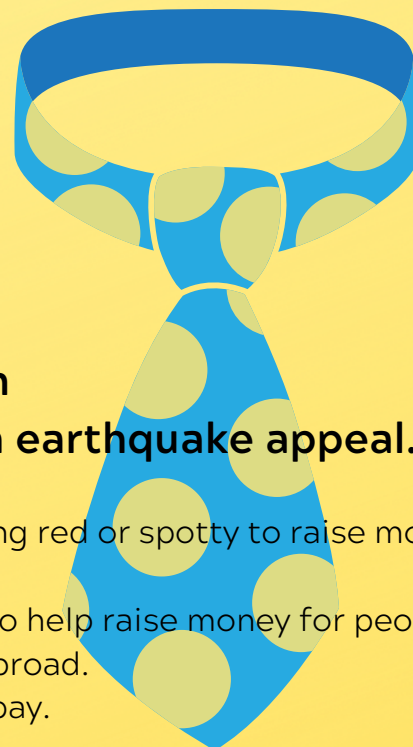
MUFTI - Friday 17th March

In aid of Red Nose Day and the Turkish/Syrian earthquake appeal.

This is a mufti day where students are asked to dress in something red or spotty to raise money for a combination of

Parents will be asked to donate between £1 and £3 per student to help raise money for people who are struggling in our country and abroad.

Payments are to be made via parent pay.



Baroness Lucy Neville Rolfe

Baroness Lucy Neville Rolfe came to The Stonehenge School to inspire, and talk with, young individuals. She walked us through her childhood, education and career. We got to experience her insight on the exciting roles she's had, like when she was an Executive Director for Tesco or the Minister of the State for the Cabinet Office. My favourite story was during her time as a Director: she told us that she would have to work in the Tesco store as a frontline employee occasionally, to experience what the company could benefit from and how to make the employees happy, as well as to keep the Executive Directors grounded. After she was finished talking, we had the opportunity to ask her questions, where I was able to have all of my questions answered. She gave us advice like, 'find a good role model or mentor' and to study something you're passionate about and excel in, while making sure you stand out from the crowd. Maybe even becoming a Minister in the profession you enjoy. Her provocative words have motivated me to consider careers I had never thought about, like The Civil Service or working in a foreign office. I really benefited from her lecture, and I was incredibly grateful for this rare opportunity



The Stonehenge School Fund 100 Club

The 100 club is a fundraising activity which will help us raise money for the school fund.

Each number costs £12 for entry into twelve consecutive monthly lottery draws and the more numbers you buy the greater your chance of a great cash prize!

Half the stake money will be given out in prizes with the other half of the monies being donated to the school. As the prize money depends on the number of entries, the prize fund does vary, however there will be three monthly cash prizes.

Please join us and bring little extra excitement to your life! If every family was a member of the 100 Club it would raise approximately £500 for the school each month and mean more prize money!

To join, please pay through ParentPay



Ukraine host workshops

Barnado's is running a five-week programme of free online workshops for Ukrainian host families:

Workshop 1 (week commencing 27 February) - How to help keep everyone safe

Workshop 2 (week commencing 6 March) - Cultural awareness

Workshop 3 (week commencing 13 March) - Understanding the impact of trauma

Workshop 4 (week commencing 20 March) - Responding to challenges

Workshop 5 (week commencing 27 March) - Understanding people's rights
Book the five-week programme. All workshops will take place online on Zoom.



FAMILY HELP SURVEY

Are you a parent or parent to be?
Are you a young person who needs help and advice?
Do you know how you can find out information on help available for you and your family?

We want to hear your views on family services and how you'd best like to access them. Please take this short survey and help us shape services for the future.

Web link:
survey.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167422754798

Wiltshire Council

TERM DATES & TD DAYS 2023 - 2024

Term 1 2023 Friday 1st September - Wednesday 18th October
Holidays Thursday 19th October - Friday 27th October

Term 2 2023 Monday 30th October - Wednesday 20th December
Holidays Thursday 21st December - Wednesday 3rd January

Term 3 2024 Thursday 4th January - Friday 9th February
Holidays Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Term 4 2024 Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March
Holidays Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

Term 5 2024 Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May
Holidays Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Term 6 2024 Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July
Holidays Thursday 25th July - Friday 30th August

TD Days

1st Sept 2023

4th Sept 2023

30th October 2023

4th January 2024

3rd June 2024

From young People, for young people!

What is the Youth Commission?

Wiltshire & Swindon Youth Commission is run by **Leader's Unlocked**: a non-profit organisation who focus on enabling **young people** to have a **stronger voice** on the issues that affect their lives.

The Wiltshire & Swindon Youth Commission was established in **2021**, from funding from the PCC's Office to **support, challenge, and influence** decisions made about policing, crime, and wider society.

Last year we reached nearly 1,500, and this year we're aiming for 1,800.
Be a part of it!

Want to learn more? [@wsyouthcommission](https://www.wsyouthcommission.org.uk)

ANONYMOUS YOUTH VOICE SURVEYS

What do **you** want to change?

Gang & Drug Culture



Community Safety



Relationships with Police



Social Media



STAFF VACANCIES

Staff Vacancies

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.



On 10th March 2023, we will be taking a group of 30 students and 10 staff from The Stonehenge School to sleep rough at Salisbury Cathedral in aid of Alabare.

Please donate if you can:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stonehenge-school1>