



## Weekly Newsletter

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### UPCOMING DATES APRIL

Wed 26th  
Girls DofE training in  
Mrs Devlin's room

Thurs 27th  
**STRIKE DAY**

Fri 28th  
Boys DofE training in  
Mrs Devlin's room

Fri 28th  
Year 8 Maths Trip to  
Salisbury

During the Easter holiday, Nigel Roper the former long-serving Headteacher of The Stonehenge School, was able to enjoy the steam train driver experience that he was presented with as his retirement present.

Based at the South Devon Railway, between Buckfastleigh and Totnes, Mr Roper was able to complete all aspects of working on a steam train, including shovelling the coal and driving the train. Mrs Dean had the pleasure of joining him for the day, along with Mr Roper's family and dog Pie. He would like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards his gift, which he described as 'absolutely exceeding expectations'





## UPDATE ON STRIKE ACTION AND ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support during the previous NEU strike days. You may be aware that many teaching unions have rejected the current pay offer from the Department for Education, based on the grounds that any pay increase will not be funded by central government but will be placed on schools to fund from existing budgets. This clearly places an additional strain onto schools, at a time when budgets will have been planned to support the education of the pupils as much as possible.

The NEU have also announced two additional strike days in the foreseeable future, with most other teaching Unions reballoting about Strike action later in the academic year. The two new dates announced are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

We have a very high number of staff members in the relevant Union, meaning that it is not possible to staff the school fully. After careful consideration of the information currently available to us and a risk assessment of health and safety and safeguarding factors, we have made the decision that The Stonehenge School will be closed to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

We will only be open to Year 11 and vulnerable pupils on those dates. There will be no Period 6 however.

School will be open to the following students:

- Year 11 students (who will be preparing for their GCSEs during the whole day, and therefore should be in attendance as per usual).
- Vulnerable Students as defined by the DFE (The definition of vulnerable students can be found at the end of this letter) - please use the following form to book places for the 2 days if your child matches the descriptors and you wish them to be in school:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TqJfcwJ\\_I0qWrapZAWWf30hFgycHkFZGg6zv4-chUUNURUVFVEFCTUIXNjNLU0cxTzBNMksyRzkzUC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TqJfcwJ_I0qWrapZAWWf30hFgycHkFZGg6zv4-chUUNURUVFVEFCTUIXNjNLU0cxTzBNMksyRzkzUC4u)

If you are in receipt of Free school meals and your child is in a year group remaining at home we will write to you separately with a form to complete to request food in advance.

If your child is attending school due to being in one of the above categories, a range of food and snacks will be available to be purchased from the canteen at both break and lunch, alternatively students can bring their own packed lunches.

Due to teachers striking, they will not be in a position to lead remote learning sessions, therefore, students at home are asked to consolidate their work and ensure they are up to date with all homework. Year 10 students are asked to continue to prepare revision resources for their courses and ensure they are up to date across all their subjects.

If members of staff are not striking, they will organise additional learning through ClassCharts. Therefore, all students are also asked to check the system to see if further work has been set.

Whilst we are aware the strike action taken is not against the school we are very sorry for the disruption this will cause you.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding.

Best regards

C A Dean  
Headteacher

## VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance. This might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services or who have previously received support from children's social care services (as identified by local authorities)
  - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
  - those living in temporary accommodation
  - those who are young carers
  - care leavers
- children and young people in a family circumstance presenting challenges for them, such as drug and alcohol misuse, parental offending, adult mental health issues and domestic abuse



In PE lessons we have moved on to athletics events (starting with track) and we are participating in the 2023 TCS Mini London Marathon in schools.

Between Monday 17 April and Friday 12 May - participants just need to run, jog, walk or wheel one mile during this period. We will be adding together distances covered in our PE lessons.

This year, we are also looking to being part of achieving a Guinness World Records title for the 'most pledges for an exercise campaign in one month'.





# New contact details for children and young people's mental health service from April

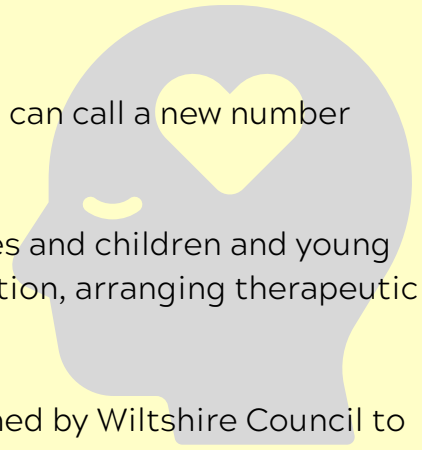
Children and young people wanting support with mental health issues can call a new number from 1 April.

The new number 0300 247 0090 (option 4) will be available for families and children and young people to call for mental health support including advice and information, arranging therapeutic activities and therapy/counselling.

Wiltshire Children and Young People Wellbeing Service is commissioned by Wiltshire Council to provide information, advice and wellbeing support for children aged 5-18 who live in Wiltshire or are registered with a Wiltshire GP.

The service provides early mental health and wellbeing support including advice and information, arranging therapeutic activities and therapy/counselling. The service is designed to help children and young people avoid reaching crisis point.

HCRG Care Group will take on the contract from Barnardos and the new contact number will start from 1 April.



## PHASE 2 UPDATE





# THE LONDON MARATHON

On Sunday, Mrs Blake and Mrs Ward will be running the London Marathon for charity. If you would like to follow their progress during the race, please download the TCS London Marathon 2023 app and use the following information to find us:

**Mrs Blake: bib number- 62048**

**Mrs Ward: bib number- 61970**

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## YR 9 DTP/MENACWY VACCINATIONS 18TH MAY

Reminder to Yr 9 parents who have not yet given consent to check Class Charts for the consent link for the upcoming vaccinations.

Where possible, please ensure that you child is wearing a short-sleeved shirt on the day of vaccination or has a T-Shirt/vest top under their shirt to enable easy access to their upper arm whilst maintaining your child's dignity. This will be discussed with your child on the day to ensure they are comfortable with any part of the process.



We currently have vacancies in singing cost is £11 for half an hour.

Any students who are interested should go to see Mr Rogers.



## **STAFF VACANCIES**

**Due to the continuing growth of the school we have various vacancies available within teaching.**

### **TEACHER OF TEXTILES**

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Monday 15th May 2023, 9am

### **TEACHER OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Monday 15th May 2023, 9am

### **TEACHER OF ENGINEERING/RESISTANT MATERIALS**

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Monday 15th May 2023, 9am

### **TEACHER OF BIOLOGY**

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Monday 15th May 2023, 9am

### **TEACHER OF PHYSICS**

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Monday 15th May 2023, 9am

### **TEACHER OF CHEMISTRY**

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Monday 15th May 2023, 9am

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