



# THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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## Weekly Newsletter



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### UPCOMING DATES MAY

Mon 1st  
**BANK HOLIDAY**

As part of the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III students will be taking part in various activities on Friday 5th May.

Tues 2nd  
**STRIKE DAY**

As well as the activities students will be given a commemorative badge and enjoy a commemorative cake which our catering team are making.

Wed 3rd  
Girls DofE training in  
Mrs Devlin's room

Wishing you all a relaxing Bank Holiday.

Thurs 4th  
Boys DofE training in  
Mrs Devlin's room



Thurs 4th  
Area Athletics

Thurs 4th  
Year 8 Looking  
Forward Evening 5.00 -  
7.00 pm

Sun 7th - Fri 12th  
Student residential  
trip to Pencil

Mon 8th  
**BANK HOLIDAY**

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### AREA ATHLETICS

Good luck to all the students taking part in the Area Athletics on Thursday 4th May. Watch out for the results!



## 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



AudioFile  
**Sync**

**FREE AUDIOBOOKS FOR TEENS**

### SYNC IS A FREE SUMMER AUDIOBOOK PROGRAM FOR TEENS AGED 13+

Returning on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, SYNC gives participants two thematically paired audiobooks each week.

Titles are all available worldwide and change at 5am BST every Thursday during the season.

#### ACCESS DETAILS;

Titles are accessible in [Sora](#), the student reading app from OverDrive.

Sora is available in your browser at [soraapp.com](https://soraapp.com), or as an app from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

- Each pair of SYNC audiobooks will be featured in Sora for one week.

Titles are yours indefinitely once you 'borrow' them during their 7-day availability window in Sora. They will never need to be returned so you can continue to build your collection every year.

**To sign up to the program or for more information - follow the link in the header.**



# School Trips

**WE HAVE A NUMBER OF TRIPS COMING UP OVER THE NEXT 12/18TH MONTHS  
AND YOU CAN FIND DETAILS OF THESE HERE.**



## **POLAND 2024 FOR CURRENT YEAR 9 STUDENTS**



The Philosophy and Ethics department are excited to announce a trip to Krakow, Poland, in February 2024. There are 40 spaces available; open to all of Year 9. This will be initially as a declaration of interest and students will be told if they have a place.

A letter has been put on the website

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2023/04/Poland-letter-Feb-2024.pdf> which has all the details including itinerary, accommodation and payment plan.

Please read through the letter and register your interest for the trip by Tuesday 2nd May via ParentPay - <https://www.parentpay.com/>



## **BARCELONA 2024**

### **FOR CURRENT YEAR 9 & 10 SPANISH STUDENTS**

This trip is an exciting opportunity for our students to visit another country, try regional foods, visit famous tourist attractions and monuments, as well as practising some spoken Spanish in an authentic environment. We hope the elements of the visit will motivate students and inspire them in their work towards their Spanish GCSE.

There are limited places available to Spanish students in year 9 and 10, so to ensure that everyone has the chance to go, we will ask you to register your commitment to the trip on ParentPay - <https://www.parentpay.com/>, before payment is requested. Interest must be registered by Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

If the number of requests outweigh the number of places available, we will pick names at random to ensure fairness.





On the 20th of April we attended LEGOLAND as part of our Lego Therapy group's that I run in school.

I have been doing Lego Therapy sessions for our SEN students after school on Thursdays for all year groups. Each term the year groups have been taking it in turns having time to be able to come and enjoy Lego within small groups. They work together to build things, one would be the builder, one the supplier and one the engineer, they then work in teams talking and working together to build things. This helps with their social, emotional and communicational skills and helps develop their language barriers. As part of this we decided to give them a reward and have a day out at Legoland.

When we got there I had arranged a Lego Robotics workshop for them where they worked in pairs to build a robot using the SPIKE Prime robotic sets, they had to debug their own robots, use code, find creative solutions and used problem solving skills between them. This helped our students learn about algorithms, sequences and inputs and outputs. They then got to personalise it and use a computer programme to make it move around and were able to even put smiley faces and hearts onto the programme which then showed on the top of the screen of the robots. Once they built them they showed each other what their robots could do. They all thoroughly enjoyed this and they all looked great and worked well together. They then could have some free time in groups to explore the park and go on all of the rides, before ending the day exploring the shop, and buying something if they wished. We had a very quiet journey on the way home as most were very tired or asleep!

Myself, Mrs Turnock, Mrs Gulliver and Mr Vickery had a lovely day too and could not fault the children, they were amazing and a huge well done for being a great representatives of the school. It was an honour to take them.

This term is for year 8 SEN students so if you'd like to join me after school please go to room 6 in lower school - 14.50-15.50pm

Mrs Pascall



## 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.



### EXAMS INVIGILATORS - PART TIME VACANCIES, TO START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

#### SCALE B POINT 1, £10.50 PER HOUR (PAY AWARD PENDING)

We are looking for people to join our team of invigilators. You would need to work varied hours during the school day, mainly during GCSE exam periods but also covering internal and modular exams throughout the year. Must be available to work from 8.30 am to cover morning exams.

For further details please go to our website -  
<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/>



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 PE**

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Monday 15th May 2023, 9am

### **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/>**