



Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES MAY/JUNE

Sun 7th - Fri 12th

Student residential trip to Pencil

Mon 15th

Girls DofE

Packed rucksack (minus food) to be dropped off in room 5 before registration. Kit inspection in room 5 at lunch

Tues 16th

Boys DofE

Packed rucksack (minus food) to be dropped off in room 5 before registration. Kit inspection in room 5 at lunch

Thurs 18th

DTP Vaccinations

JUNE

Friday 9th June

Sparsholt College visit for all of Year 9.

Fri 27th June

END OF TERM

Thursday 6th July

Andover College Taster day for all Year 10.

Mon 15th May - 28th June

Summer exams series

Dear Parents/carers

We've reached the point in the academic year where we start to plan our improvement priorities for the school moving forward. Over the next few newsletters I will explore the new focus areas for next academic year so that the whole school community can see the areas that we want to develop and invest in further.

Our school improvement plan has 4 areas, the first of which relates to Leadership and Management. Next year our key objectives in terms of Leadership and Management will be:

- Development of strategic leadership at all levels, with increased collaboration and professional development opportunities
- Embedding SEND provision by developing effective systems that inform pedagogical development, creating an inclusive culture
- And exploring the potential to develop lettings for the community based on the developments that have been occurring onsite

We are also currently embarking on a Nationwide strategy to further develop our behaviour systems within the school. As a starting point, parents will be receiving letters soon to invite pupils to have their say and input in the first step which is to complete an audit for the school. As you will remember from our Ofsted report they commented on our 'heightened expectation', how 'pupils respond well to these firm boundaries' and how pupils are 'respectful and polite'. They did however observe that 'the behaviour of some pupils does not meet the school's high expectations', and therefore our new venture and involvement in the Behaviour Hubs Programme will help us to continue to 're-establish routines and further strengthen behaviour policies.

One of the starting points for this has been to reflect on the extent that all stakeholders know our key vision and values. The starting point for what we want to achieve in terms of our vision is here:

VISION, MISSION, ETHOS AND VALUES

Our pupils are empowered to 'think big'

Potential is unlocked with diverse and challenging pathways

Creating passion for lifelong learning and global citizenship

The Stonehenge School Mission

Our mission at The Stonehenge School is to provide the environment, tools and support to empower pupils to think big, regardless of self-perceptions and remove any barriers to achievement. Pupils are provided with diverse opportunities to achieve a good depth and breadth of knowledge and skills. We create good citizens who thrive and flourish in the 21st Century, ready to contribute to the global society.

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Change to the length of the school day

Don't
Forget!

With the full support of the Governing Body and the new requirement from the DFE please find below some proposed changes to the structure of the school day here at The Stonehenge School. The DFE requirement is that all schools ensure that pupils are in attendance at their school for 32.5 hours per week, or 6.5 hour days. This is an expectation from September 2023, and has the full support of the Governing Body.

Currently we are 15 minutes short of meeting that expectation per day, or 1 hour and 15 minutes per week.

We are therefore proposing to extend the school day from 1st September 2023 onwards by moving to an 8:30am to 3pm school day (as opposed to the current 8:35am to 2:50pm).

These changes will be beneficial to the school community in a range of ways, and will have a positive effect on your child's education. Due to the rapid increase of the school we currently have two lunch times, of 30 minutes each, meaning that registration time in tutor groups is also 30 minutes long, causing lesson time to be cut throughout the day.

The change in the school day, combined with an increase in catering facilities and undercover eating areas will mean that we can move to staggering lunchtime slightly, and use the additional 15 minutes a day to extend breaks and lunch times for the pupils. The time gained will then be added back on to learning time so that all lessons move back to being exactly one hour long.

The information in this letter has also been sent to the local Authority, bus and taxi companies, nearby schools, school staff. We will make sure to work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your response to admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk.

We will release the results of the consultation by 5th June 2023 via email and newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

C A Dean
Headteacher



AN URGENT REMINDER TO PARENTS

DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS WE CURRENTLY HAVE WORKING ON PHASE 2 AND THE GENERAL TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOL COULD WE PLEASE URGE YOU TO NOT DROP OFF OR PICK UP STUDENTS EITHER ON THE SITE OR OUTSIDE OF RECEPTION. THIS AREA IS VERY CONGESTED AT THE START AND END OF THE DAY AND OUR CONCERN IS THAT THERE MAY BE AN ACCIDENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION WITH THIS.



SCIENCE CLUB



This week we will be investigating woodlice and how they respond to different stimuli.

When: Wednesday 17th May
Where : Room 49
Time : 3.00- 4pm
Please sign up before hand.



WATER BOTTLES

As we head into the warmer weather could we please remind parents to send students into school with a bottle of water. We have points around school where these can be refilled.



"THE HAUNTINGS"



"THE HAUNTINGS"

Students from 8M and 8L were accompanied to Antrobus House to see "The Hauntings" statue and to hear a very informative talk from Phil Monk whose project this has been to get the statue to Amesbury.

Students were very interested and asked lots of questions.

The Stonehenge School

presents



Book by
Dennis Kelly

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

October 2023

Music and
lyrics by Tim
Minchin

Can you help?

We are looking to raise the funds needed to produce our next school show. Should you be able to assist us with any financial or material donations we would love to hear from you.

Please email Mr Wood
woods@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Musical Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.co.uk Orchestrations and additional music by Chris Nightingale

SUPPORT STAFF VACANCIES

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Required as soon as possible
31 hours per week/38 working weeks per year (not including TD Days)
Permanent Contract
Monday - Friday 8.30am -3.00pm, (30 minutes unpaid lunch)

E Points 6- 8, (£11.39 - £11.81 per hour)
Actual salary £15,425 - £15, 993 per annum

further information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#)



EXAMS INVIGILATORS - PART TIME VACANCIES, TO START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (WOULD SOMEONE WHO HAS RETIRED OR LOOKING FOR VARIED HOURS)

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/>

COVER SUPERVISOR

REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

32.50 HOURS PER WEEK/39 WORKING WEEKS PER YEAR (THIS INCLUDES TD DAYS)

PERMANENT CONTRACT

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8.15M -3.15PM

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL PAY GRADE F POINT 9 - 11, (£12.02- £12.70 PER HOUR)

ACTUAL FTE SALARY £17,523 - £18,507 PER ANNUM



WE CURRENTLY HAVE
VACANCIES IN SINGING
LESSONS
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.

HEAD OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Wednesday 23rd May 2023, 9am

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 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/>