



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES MAY

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

Mon 8th
BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 10th
Girls DofE training in Mrs
Thompson's room

Thurs 11th
Boys DofE training in Miss
Bridewell's room

Thurs 11th
Year 7 Parent's Evening

Mon 15th May - 28th June
Summer exams series



Every student will receive a
commemorative badge as
well as cake and will be
spending their lessons with
Tutors celebrating the
Coronation



Mrs Thompson our Finance
Officer ready for the
Coronation weekend

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY
SPECIAL CORONATION
WEEKEND**



Dear parents and carers,

Re: Change to the length of the school day

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



We are running the Carnegie Student Shadowing Scheme in the library again this year, which allows students to engage with the books nominated and vote for their favourites with the Shadower's Award.

With just over a month until the Carnegie Award winners are announced, there is still time to get involved.

There are copies available in the library with activities based on each title, as well as interviews and challenges from the authors.

The Shadowing website allows students to find out more about the shortlist and upload artwork or reviews for each book.

Have a look at the Library homepage or speak to the librarian for more information.



AudioFile
Sync

FREE AUDIOBOOKS FOR TEENS

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

Returning on the 27th 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, 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.

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

Face to face meetings about new approach to supporting young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Parent carers of young people with additional needs can help inform the development of a new service to help prepare and support young people with SEND, and their parent carers, for moving from children's to adult services.

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC), in partnership with Wiltshire Council and Carer Support Wiltshire is facilitating a number of sessions to explore and discuss the proposal for the new service. The meetings will be taking place on:

- Tuesday 9 May 2023, 11am-1pm in Salisbury
- Friday 12 May 2023, 11am-1pm in Devizes
- Monday 15 May 2023, 11am-1pm in Chippenham
- Monday 15 May 2023, 6pm-8pm - Microsoft Teams meeting

Any parent carer wishing to attend must book a place through the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC), by visiting their website, emailing reception@wiltspcc.co.uk, or telephoning them on 01225 764647.

[Read the full update on the Wiltshire Council website](#)

Surveys for parents/carers and young people/children with SEND

In Wiltshire we are planning to create a guide for primary and secondary school aged children.

The guide will support children and young people to think about what might support them in moving onto secondary school and other key points in time when growing up.

Thinking about your own experiences please take a few minutes to complete the short survey below which will help us to build a guide for young people.

Making sure we have your voice is important and we thank you for your support in advance. Please complete by 16 June 2023.

[Survey for parents/carers](#)

[Survey for young people/children with SEND](#)

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 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.

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/>**