



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES JUNE/JULY

Fri 30th
Year 11 Prom

Sat 1st July
Qualifying expedition

Sun 2nd
Qualifying expedition

Tues 4th
Year 7 Trip to Harry Potter
World

Wed 5th Strike Day
Year 6 Transition Day still
going ahead
Years 7, 8 & 9 NOT in school

Thurs 6th
House rewards Disco
(Years 7 & 8)

Thurs 6th
Year 10 Andover College Taster
Day

Fri 7th Strike Day
Only Year 10 students
Years 7, 8 & 9 NOT in school

Mon 10th - 14th
Year 10 Work Experience Week



Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The National Education Union have recently announced additional strike days to be held this academic year. This follows the decision of many teaching unions to reject the pay offer from the Department for Education earlier this year, 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 two new dates announced are Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

We have a very high number of staff members in the relevant Union, meaning that it is not possible to staff the school fully. The 5th July is also calendared to be our Year 6 into 7 transition day to support the new pupils who are due to start their Secondary education. 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 on:

- Wednesday 5th July - school to be closed to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 - Year 6 into 7 transition to continue as planned
- Friday 7th July - school to be closed to Years 7, 8 and 9 - open to Year 10 only.

School will be open to the following students on both days:

- 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

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.

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

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SENIOR PREFECT TEAM
APOLOGIES TO THE TWO STUDENTS WHO I MANAGED TO MISS OFF THE LIST!!
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.



The new team were appointed last Friday after interviews taking place throughout the morning. A strong field of candidates made decisions difficult but eventually we have the new team

HEAD BOY
OLIVER DUNFORD

HEAD GIRL
LILY EVANS

DEPUTY HEAD BOYS
WARWICK COLVIN
AARON SOULSBY
DYLAN SMITH
BAILEY TOLHURST

DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS
RHIANAN THOMPSON
AMELIA WHITE
AMBER NORTHING
MERVIS MUYEPA

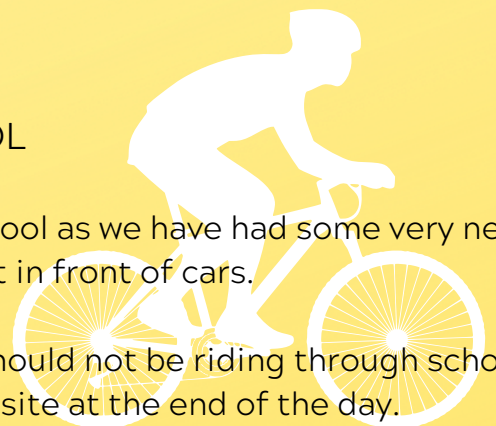
All the students were gathered on the field for the presentation and I am sure the neighbours could hear the cheers as they congratulated the new team.



CYCLING TO SCHOOL

A reminder to parents and students about cycling to school as we have had some very near misses with student riding straight out in front of cars.

Students should be wearing a cycling helmet and they should not be riding through school but walking their bikes to the cycle sheds or off site at the end of the day.



‘Tashi Lhunpo Buddhist Monks workshops

My name is Abi and I'm in year 9. On Monday (26.06.23), I was one of multiple students, that are taking Philosophy & Ethics, who were invited to a workshop with the Tashi Lhunpo Buddhist Monks, who are currently touring the UK.

During the morning I participated in several activities such as printing, making sand mandalas, learning some of the Tibetan language and more! All of the activities we took part in all have special places in their practices and culture, so it was amazing to have the opportunity to try them out.

On top of this, we were invited to a performance in the afternoon where the Monks performed prayers, dances, musical instruments and debates. We were also taught different Mudras which are hand signs that are frequently performed in their prayers. They did chants for us and put on outfits that are used during Buddhist festivals.

We learnt lots of new information about how they go about their everyday lives, and we were given the opportunity to see the world from their perspective.

All of the Monks were very kind, encouraging and open to any questions we had. They showed us different skills with different tools. The Monks had a good sense of humour and made lots of us laugh and smile.

Overall, I think it was a very good experience that doesn't happen very often, I really enjoyed participating. ‘

Thank you so much



A vibrant, tropical-themed poster for a Summer Disco event. The background is a solid light yellow. At the top, two large, stylized teal monstera leaves frame a bright yellow sun with sharp, pointed rays. Below the sun, the title 'SUMMER DiSCO 2023' is centered. 'SUMMER' is in a bold, teal, sans-serif font, 'DiSCO' is in a bold, pink, sans-serif font with a slight shadow, and '2023' is in a smaller, teal, sans-serif font. Below the title, the date 'THURSDAY 6TH JULY' is written in a bold, pink, sans-serif font. Underneath the date, three pieces of information are separated by vertical pink lines: 'CANTEEN' in teal, '6-7:30PM' in teal, and '£2 ENTRY' in teal. Below this, the text 'YEAR 7 AND 8 ONLY' is centered in a pink, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the ticket information 'PURCHASE YOUR TICKET AND REFRESHMENT TOKENS (50P EACH) VIA PARENT PAY BEFORE THE EVENT' is centered in a teal, sans-serif font. The bottom corners are decorated with illustrations of pink flamingos, yellow hibiscus flowers, and teal monstera leaves. A thin pink horizontal line runs across the top, and a thin pink vertical line runs down the right side, framing the central text area.

SUMMER DiSCO 2023

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

CANTEEN

6-7:30PM

£2 ENTRY

YEAR 7 AND 8 ONLY

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKET AND
REFRESHMENT TOKENS (50P
EACH) VIA PARENT PAY BEFORE
THE EVENT**

Summer Concert

The Stonehenge School Summer Concert is back!

Come along and join us for
what will be our last
production in the old school
hall

TICKETS ARE £5 EACH TO INCLUDE A DRINK-
AVAILABLE VIA PARENTPAY

Refreshments available in the interval.
For further information contact Mr Rogers or Mrs Roberts

13TH JULY 2023

In the Lower School Hall
7.00 pm

FUEL PROGRAMME UPDATE



Dear parent carer

Re: FUEL programme update

We wanted to provide you with an update on the FUEL programme following our recent announcement that the provider who usually runs the service on our behalf has ceased trading.

We invited a range of organisations to submit their interest in running the programme on our behalf this summer and we have been really pleased with the response.

We are delighted to confirm that there will be a programme held throughout the county this summer. We are in the process of finalising formal arrangements with the providers and as soon as that has happened, we will be able to share all the details you will need to be able to register to take part. Due to the change of arrangements, it is likely that the process to register for a place on the programme will be a little different than usual, but we will ensure it is as simple as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of uncertainty and we will be in touch again very soon with more information. In the meantime we'll keep this page regularly updated - [FUEL programme - Wiltshire Council](#)

Yours faithfully

Helean Hughes
Richard Hanks
Director Education and Skills



Dear Parents and Carers

At The Stonehenge School we want to make sure that all children are able to make the most of the school day and that no child misses out on anything. Your answers to this survey will help us understand whether school costs are causing any concerns for our families and children, and see whether there is anything that we can do to help out.

Your voice is really important, and we want to hear from as many parents and carers as possible. We promise to listen to what's been said and take action where it's needed. For more information, please contact Mrs H Blake- Assistant Headteacher

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?
#id=TqJfcwJ_I0qWrapZAWWf37wLC-
2WqBlGmIDz38IzfuFUOTVTWTNZN1M3RFQyWE9TWIRYTIhBRlIJUC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?#id=TqJfcwJ_I0qWrapZAWWf37wLC-2WqBlGmIDz38IzfuFUOTVTWTNZN1M3RFQyWE9TWIRYTIhBRlIJUC4u)

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Future stars Henry & James are representing Wiltshire as they have qualified and are competing at the 2023 National Schools Track and Field Championships in Birmingham.

This is being held over the next two days. The event is being held at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham which some of you may recognise from the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

This is quite an achievement for our students and they will be competing against the very best athletes England has to offer in their disciplines. I am sure you may even see a few future British and maybe even Olympic Champions. The 2 day event is being streamed live on [Youtube](#) for those of you who are interested in watching.

Henry Sui (Year 9) will be competing in the Junior Boys Shotput (10.05am start on Friday 30th June).

Managed to catch a screen shot of Henri in action



James White (Year 10) will be competing in the Inter Boys Long Jump (2pm start on Friday 30th June)

STAFF VACANCIES

ART AND DT TECHNICIAN

REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

PERMANENT CONTRACT

37 hours per week /39 working weeks per year - term time only plus TD Days

Monday - Thursday 8.00am - 4.00pm and Friday 8.00am - 3.30pm

(30 minutes unpaid lunch)

Wiltshire Council pay grade E Point 6 - 8, (11.39 - £11.81 per hour)

Actual salary £18,895 - £19,591 per annum

We are looking for a dedicated individual to provide timely support to all teaching staff in the Art and DT department. The post holder will prepare and provide all materials for lessons, ensure stock levels are maintained, ensure all health and safety regulations are adhered to, undertake administration tasks, cleaning of equipment and facilities and make regular checks of all art equipment.

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.

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

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