



## Weekly Newsletter

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### UPCOMING DATES JUNE

Wed 14th  
Girls DofE  
in Mrs Devlin's room

Thurs 15th  
Boys DofE  
in Mrs Devlin's room

Thurs 15th  
Year 9 Parents' Evening

Mon 15th May - 28th June  
Summer exams series

#### Headteacher's news ...

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of some of our key policies when it comes to communication, uniform, and behaviour. It is important that staff time is protected to carry out their core moral purpose, and at times high levels of communication can add an untenable pressure to workload particularly where teaching staff are pupil facing for most of the school week.

The school's primary function is to provide a high-quality education to the pupils of The Stonehenge School. Its resources, and therefore staff time is heavily focused on this moral purpose, and it is important that means of communication supports this. Staffing is a finite resource and therefore the school needs to strike a clear balance in order to ensure the progress made by pupils is maximised, and that the most effective means of communication is utilised.

#### Communication

Our Home-school communications policy can be found here:

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2023/01/Home-to-School-Communications-Policy-2023.pdf>

It outlines Headteacher, staff and parent responsibilities, including a reminder to communicate within the Parent Code of Conduct which can be found here:

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2021/03/Stonehenge-School-Parent-Code-of-Conduct-2021.pdf>

#### Uniform

Our uniform policy, which includes a link to our Second Hand uniform shop can be found here. This week for warm weather we have explained that blazers do not have to be worn. Please note that jumpers are not an item to be worn instead. They are to be worn in addition to blazers, and therefore an optional cold weather item:

[https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2022/09/Uniform-Policy-2022\\_.pdf](https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2022/09/Uniform-Policy-2022_.pdf). We have included the key parts of this policy within the newsletter as a reminder.

#### Behaviour

Our behaviour policy, which outlines our sanctions can be found here:

[https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2023/05/Behaviour-Policy-2022\\_.pdf](https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2023/05/Behaviour-Policy-2022_.pdf). Again it outlines responsibilities for the whole school community. We do have high expectations, and we will continue to do so. We understand that there is a sense of wanting to protect children from consequences, however as it states in our policy "By choosing to send their child to the Stonehenge School, parents acknowledge the systems in place to sanction poor behaviour and support the school in implementing these."

We thank you for your support in these areas so that we work together to ensure that staff time is directed on effectively educating your children, and so that we continue to be proud of a school that has quickly become incredibly popular within the local area



This is a brief summary of the school's expectations:

**Skirts** Only the black knee length narrow pleated skirt, known as the Davenport style skirt, as shown in section 4.2, is permitted at the Stonehenge School. No other skirt styles are acceptable.

Skirts must be knee length. Rolled up skirts are not allowed and pupils will be asked to correct their uniform.

**Trousers** Only the styles shown in section 4.2 are permitted. These are formal styles which must be plain black and straight from the knee downwards, not tight around the calf or ankle. Skinny trousers are NOT permitted regardless of gender. Casual trousers with decorative zips, denim, canvas styles or cords are not permitted; this includes 'Miss Sexy' style trousers.

**White Shirts/ White Blouses** Plain white collared shirts/blouses with buttons; may be either long or short sleeved and must be long enough to be tucked into trousers or skirts. The shirt/blouse must have a top button that is done up. Sleeves should not be rolled up. Only white undergarments should be worn under school shirts. Polo shirts are not allowed.

**Blazers** The Stonehenge School blazer is a branded item. It must be worn correctly without the sleeves rolled up. In warm weather, teachers can give permission for blazers to be removed.

**Ties** The Stonehenge School tie is a branded item. Ties must be properly fastened so that they cover the top button on the shirt with at least seven stripes visible below the knot.

**Socks/Tights** Black coloured ankle socks or black tights only. Knee high socks are not permitted.

**Shoes** Plain black formal shoes only. High heels are potentially unsafe and must not be worn. Casual shoes, canvas daps, trainers and boots are not acceptable.

## Outdoor Clothing

Hoodies, caps and scarves are not allowed to be worn during school hours. Pupils will be asked to place these in their bags.

## V-Neck jumper

(Optional) In colder weather, pupils may wear a plain, black V-neck jumper in addition to their normal school uniform. However, please remember that cardigans and sweatshirts are not permitted.

**Jewellery** No facial piercings at all. The only jewellery which is permitted in school is a watch, one ring and one earring per ear, which should be a stud for safety reasons, and be in the lower lobe.

**Make up** Make-up, if worn, must be subtle and discreet (Key Stage 4 Pupils ONLY- Key Stage 3 Pupils are NOT permitted to wear makeup.). Nail varnish is not permitted. Pupils will be asked to remove heavy makeup and nail varnish at the start of the school day.

**Hairstyles** Hairstyles should be conventional and extreme hairstyles are unacceptable e.g. tramlines, patterns, logos and bright or heavily bleached colours. Haircuts must be no shorter than a No 2. The over-riding principle is that all students must display a hairstyle which looks natural. No severe undercuts. Hairstyles adopted by specific racial groups are permitted. Exemptions on medical grounds to these restrictions will be permitted subject to parent/carer request and review of information provided.

**Religious or cultural symbols** The Stonehenge School welcomes the wearing of religious or cultural symbols.

**House Badges** Pupils in years 7-9 are required to have a House Badge on their blazer. The badges cost £1.50 and are available to purchase via ParentPay. These badges are iron-on and can be easily removed by warming up the glue with an iron.

**PE Kit** PE kit is the branded PE Performance top and either shorts or a skort, with black leggings permitted underneath if required; leggings are not to be worn on their own and shorts or skort should be worn on top at all times.; see section 4.2 for more detail



THANK YOU FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MONICA DEVENDRAN

Students receiving their Certificates as a thank you for raising the alarm when a fire was started deliberately in grassland



### BIOLOGY CHALLENGE RESULTS 2023

This was our first year of entering this National Competition and we are pleased to announce we got 8 Bronze Awards, 16 Highly Commended Awards and 28 Commended Awards, Students from 10 Red, Orange and yellow took part and from 9 Red and Orange too.

#### BRONZE AWARDS

NIYARA SHERPA  
ROBERT DALE  
ADAM MC GORY  
KAMIL GRZYMKOWSKA  
KEIRALEIGH BAKER  
DANUPON BELL  
MAX STEELE  
ADAM WATKINS

Congratulations to all pupils who took part and we challenge students to try and get silver and golds next year.

The Science Department





## Are you a Parent or Carer of an Early Years aged Child with Special Needs or a Disability?

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council is inviting parent carers of early years children to join us for a chat over coffee and cake. We would love to meet you and hear about your current early years experiences.



What's working well? Are there any barriers? What does transition from early years into school feel like for you?

We are working with Wiltshire Council and your feedback will help to inform some of the specialist services for early years children in Wiltshire.

Details of venues can be found on the booking form.

### BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

You can book online

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WPCC-EY-June2023>

#### Alternatively

Scan the QR code

or

Phone: 01225 764647

Email: [reception@wiltspcc.co.uk](mailto:reception@wiltspcc.co.uk)



**Monday 19th June**  
**Salisbury**  
**11.30am to 2.30pm**

**Friday 23rd June**  
**Calne**  
**10.00am to 1.00pm**

**Tuesday 27th June**  
**Marlborough**  
**10.00am to 1.00pm**

Parent carers will be able to claim travel and childcare expenses

Refreshments will be provided

## Wiltshire Short Breaks Scheme Engagement Sessions



### What do you think about Wiltshire's Short Breaks Scheme?

The WPCC has been having conversations with Wiltshire Council commissioners about the Short Breaks Scheme. We are organising some sessions in June to give **parent carers** an opportunity to come and talk about the Short Breaks Scheme.

We know the Short Breaks Scheme works for some people, but also there are challenges for some families and we want to talk about this. For instance: -

- What's good about the Scheme?
- Is the Payment Option working?
- Could changes be made to the Scheme to enable more children and young people to access it?
- Is there anything that could be done differently?

Details of venues can be found on the booking form.

### BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

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**All sessions will run from 10am to 2pm**

**Friday 9th June**  
**Calne**

**Thursday 15th June**  
**Salisbury**

**Friday 16th June**  
**Marlborough**

Parent carers will be able to claim travel and childcare expenses

Refreshments and lunch will be provided



## Parents and Carers Voice

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-2WqBIGmIDz38IzfuFUOTVTWTNZN1M3RFQyWE9TWIRYThBRIIJUC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TqJfcwJ_I0qWrapZAWWf37wLC-2WqBIGmIDz38IzfuFUOTVTWTNZN1M3RFQyWE9TWIRYThBRIIJUC4u)



# VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES THE FACTS



NICOTINE VAPES CAN HELP ADULT  
SMOKERS TO **STOP SMOKING.**

**SMOKING CAUSES DISEASE AND EARLY DEATH.**

Vaping is much less harmful than smoking as you don't inhale the **toxic tar** and **carbon monoxide** you get from tobacco smoke.



**BUT VAPES ARE NOT HARMLESS.**

Short-term effects can include **coughing**, **headaches**, **dizziness**, and **sore throats**. Long-term effects are as yet unknown.



**MOST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T VAPE OR SMOKE.**  
**DON'T SMOKE? DON'T START TO VAPE.**

## PUPILS FROM TWO SCHOOLS IN HAMPSHIRE LEFT NEEDING HOSPITAL TREATMENT AFTER VAPING

In a warning to parents, the headteachers of two schools said the children experienced accelerated heart rates, confusion and, in one case, fits and a loss of consciousness. The schools suspect the vapes contained undeclared substances and were not what they appeared to be.

**Pupils from two schools in the same Hampshire town required hospital treatment after vaping.**

The headteachers of the schools in Romsey issued a warning to parents after several children experienced accelerated heart rates far exceeding normal levels, as well as confusion.

One pupil even suffered from fits and a loss of consciousness.

The letter, sent jointly by The Mountbatten School and The Romsey School, said the incidents are being investigated.

The illnesses are believed to have been caused by vapes that had been tampered with and had questionable contents.


The academy schools - which have both been rated good by Ofsted - have around 2,500 pupils between the ages of 11 and 16.

According to the Daily Echo the letter, sent on 26 May by headteachers Andrew Portas and Annie Eagle, said: "In the last two weeks, there have been a small number of cases of students from both our communities requiring hospital treatment after using vapes.

"It is suspected that the contents of these vapes were not what they appeared to be, and this is currently being investigated.

"Students who have been affected by this have presented with accelerated heart rates far exceeding normal levels, confusion, and, in one case, fitting and loss of consciousness."





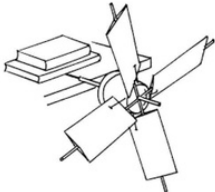

TAKEN FROM SKY NEWS , JUNE 2ND 2023



# SCIENCE CLUB

This week we will be making our own windmills- an alternative energy resource.

**When: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Where : Room 49**  
**Time : 3.00- 4pm**  
**Please sign up outside room 49.**





## **STAFF VACANCIES**

### **CATERING ASSISTANT**

**Required as soon as possible**  
**Permanent contract**  
**Wiltshire Council pay grade C Point 2 - 4, (£10.60 - £10.98 per hour)**  
**20 hours per week/38 working weeks per year - term time only**  
**Monday - Friday 10.30am - 2.30pm**  
**(actual annual salary £9,260 - £9,599)**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly Catering Assistant to join our dedicated Catering Team.

The successful candidate will need to be reliable, flexible and happy to work as part of a small dedicated team

### **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)**  
**+ 1 hour after school club each week**

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

Due to staff progression and increase in pupil numbers, we are looking to recruit enthusiastic people to become an essential part of the Teaching Assistant team here at The Stonehenge School.

### **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/>**

## **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.**





# 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](mailto: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](http://www.mtishows.co.uk) Orchestrations and additional music by Chris Nightingale