



## Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's message .....

As we approach the end of the academic year, staff have been working incredibly hard to provide a wide range of experiences for the pupils in the school. It has been one of our priorities this year to not only increase the extra-curricular offer, but also to provide as many trips and opportunities as possible for the pupils.

Last Friday was the Year 11 prom, which was well attended. The year group looked incredible and there will be some fabulous photographs from the official photographer shortly.

Last weekend the hard work of Mrs Devlin and the rest of her Duke of Edinburgh team gained full fruition with the final expedition being completed by the group of year 9s who have taken up this opportunity this year.

Student Parliament have been to the Houses of Parliament this week, including being in a session with John Glen, Local MP. Year 9 went to Swanage as part of their geography course. Year 10 had a fabulous day at Andover College, exploring their provision and thinking about their future choices. Years 7 & 8 had their summer disco as organised by the House team, which looked incredibly fun and full of dancing.

We also had Year 6 transition day, with 227 new pupils ready to join the school. They really appreciated having the school to themselves as a result of the strike days, and had the opportunity to try out different lessons across the school, meet their tutors and start to get to know their way around the school. They were joined by their parents in the evening, who had a session with their child's new tutor, and a chance to feel welcomed into the school by myself.

We are still organising end of year trips, and places are still available for each of them. The final deadline is going to be Wednesday 12th July so time is running out to pay and gain a place if you haven't already. Information on ClassCharts.

Mrs Dean

### UPCOMING DATES JULY

Mon 10th - 14th  
Year 10 Work Experience  
Week

Tues 11th  
Year 5 Taster Day

Wed 12th  
Year 5 Taster Day

Thurs 13th  
Year 5 Taster Day

Thurs 13th  
Summer Concert



## Site updates ....

Mrs Wakeham, our School Business Manager and the site team have been busy making my vision a reality this academic year, not only in term of phase 2, but also the other works that we need to undergo around school in order to improve facilities. There will be a huge amount of activity over the summer holiday, with some of the images included here to illustrate some of them.

Our new build is due to be completed - fully furnished with new furniture before we reopen (Year 7 on 8th September, whole school 11th September).

The ground Floor comprises of;

- a Drama Studio with state-of-the-art sound and lighting equipment,
- a Main Hall with bleacher seating for up to 224 and state of the art sound and lighting equipment
- an Activity studio - additional space for Drama and PE
- Staff work areas and a small catering outlet to serve cold food and alleviate queues

On the First Floor there will be:

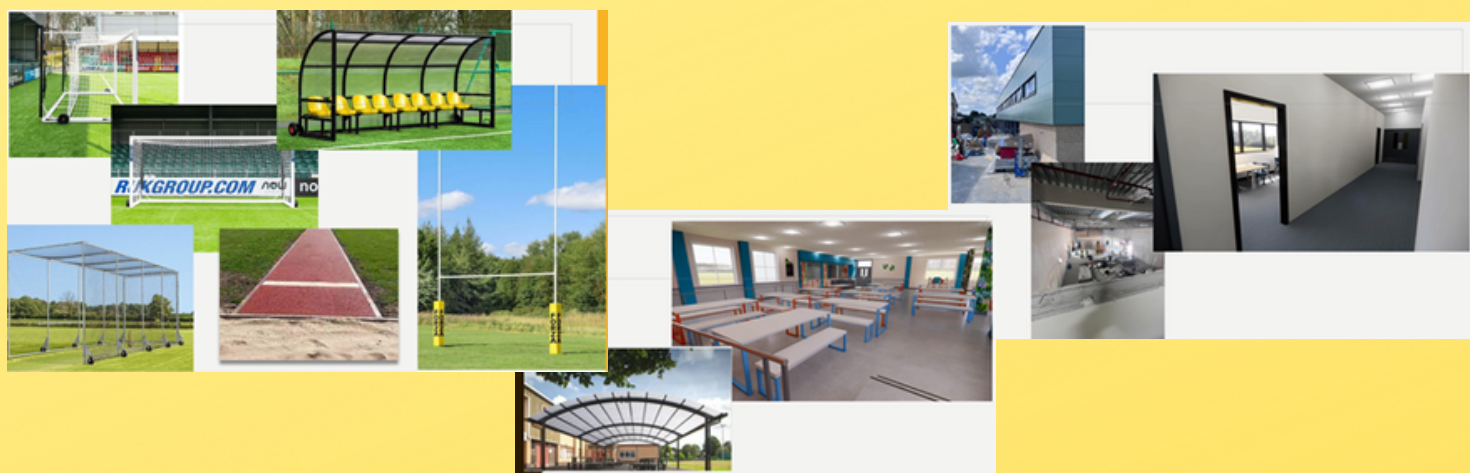
- a MAC suite with 17 new IMAC machines
- 4 music practice rooms
- 1 additional teaching classroom and 4 group SEN rooms
- 1 lighting room for performances
- Storage and offices
- Additional canopy outside of Phase 1 will make the outside area of Phase 1 and 2 almost fully under cover

In Middle School and throughout the rest of the school:

- Quad refurbishment to paving area to make it a safer area to walk through. A large Canopy for undercover eating. A further canopy at the back of the dining hall to provide further undercover eating space.
- Refurbishment of dining hall to include, flooring, decoration, furniture and vinyl wrapping - providing a welcoming environment for break and lunch time.
- Further decoration of ground floor rooms 37 and 38 - reset room
- Fit out of the old Drama Studio to become a graphics photography room - electrical and data works, benching around the outside and new furniture
- The demolition of Lower school will then commence

We are also purchasing 240 laptops and 8 trolleys to further improve IT provision across the site and provide each department with mobile IT.

Some of the new equipment that we will be purchasing for our Sports field next year. Phase 2 update (SEN area is a virtual exploration to show possibilities). New outdoor eating facilities







Last week, we were lucky enough to host another Speakers for Schools event, this time with Deborah Tomalin, Director of Public Health Commissioning and Operations NHS England. One area of Deborah's responsibilities is running all of the screening and vaccination programmes for England, managing a budget of £1.3 billion!

She trained as a nurse 37 years ago and has had various roles in the NHS, the most recent of which has involved working with MPs and government ministers. She spoke to Year 8 students about her O Levels and her apparent difficulties with Maths and Science, and about all of the skills she's learned in order to carry out the role she does today. She talked to them about the importance of networking, a willingness to learn new things and how learning transferrable skills is far more important than lots of knowledge. She finished with a Q&A session.



## HENRY SUI

There were about 10 others, from all areas of the County.

We had travelled up on Thursday to Swindon and stayed in the Holiday Inn. While we were there we had a coach called Pat from Wiltshire who helped prepare and gave us free training.

We were all given green and black kit; tops and track suits. We competed on the first day and were allowed to spectate on the second day.

I managed to come 2nd but others had a better technique because they had more coaching.

Mr Young had helped me with some throws and by coaching me.

I have decided to start going to Salisbury Athletics club to improve my technique.

Out of 20 other athletes I was chosen to carry the flag for Wiltshire as I had won the highest placed medal.

I might be able to get through to International level and represent England against the rest of Britain.



James White (Year 10) competed in the Inter Boys Long Jump. Although not in the top 3 James was in an age group older than him so has plans for next year to improve his placing as he will be in his own year group.

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Saying Goodbye...

As we get close to the end of the academic year, we often see students moving during the Summer holidays ready to start new schools in September. If your child(ren) will be not be returning to us in September and you have NOT already made us aware, please send an email to -

[office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk)

Confirming their name, leaving date, new address if applicable and the name of their new school.

School Office

## EXTRA SUMMER SESSIONS

All 2 hour sessions cost £24 per person and  
include an optional Q&A section

Thursday  
20th July

18:00 - 20:00



### Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is  
and offering a range of interventions that can  
make lasting differences.

Thursday  
27th July

18:30 - 20:30

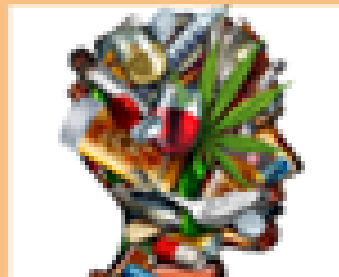


### Anxiety Explained

Whether it is your anxiety or your children's,  
what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

Thursday  
3rd August

18:30 - 20:30



### Drug Awareness talk for Parents

Cannabis, vaping, ketamine, energy drinks?  
How much do you know? what are the risks?  
Increase your knowledge and awareness of  
the issues.

## Videos to rent for £5

Understanding the Teenage brain  
Cannabis Awareness  
Introduction to ADHD

FREE

ENTRY

# OPEN DAY



## PONY RIDES

### FAMILY FRIENDLY

### MEET THE DONKEYS

### INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

HOT FOOD AND DRINKS   ICE CREAM   WOODLAND TRAILS

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## SAT 8TH JULY 2023

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## 14:00 - 17:00

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RIVERSIDE, ELSTON LANE,  
SHREWTON, SP3 4HL

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# 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

# 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)

+ 1 hour after school club each week

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.

The role requires you to support the learning of specific students with additional educational needs either within the classroom or 1:1, or in intervention groups. You will be working as part of a supportive team.

Successful candidates will support the school to provide a stable, caring and supportive learning environment; to enable pupils to achieve their full learning potential and facilitate their personal, academic, social and moral development.

You will have a good standard of written and spoken English and Maths skills at a suitable level to support students up to Key Stage 4. Having the ELSA qualification is an advantage but not essential.

This is an open vacancy until we find the right candidate.

## **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](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