

THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES NOVEMBER

Mon 20th Silver DofE Training (all)

Wed 22nd Bronze Girls DofE training

Fri 24th Bronze Boys DofE training

Mon 13th - 24th Year 11 Mock Exams

Fri 24th Year 9 trip to Imperial War Museum

27th - 29th STEM trip to London Headteacher's message ...

We are pleased to say there have been new road markings put in place to the entrance of Holders Road in a hope we can alleviate some of the congestion around the junction. We would again ask parents to avoid dropping off and picking up students as we fear an accident may happen due to the amount of traffic. We have also had complaints from the mini bus and taxi drivers who have to come on to site to collect children.

As we approach Christmas we have events coming up over the next few weeks further details of these can be found further on in the Newsletter.

Part of the Phase 2 development was the demolition of the lower school buildings and thanks to Mr Hammond we are being kept up to date with the progress. It is sad to see the lower school go but with the exciting plans for the playing pitches to come we are really looking forward to 2024.





LOWER SCHOOL DEMOLITION

As the lower school demolition progresses things look a bit different down there -



REPRESENTING STONEHENGE IN THE COMMUNITY

The staff and the majority of our students take great pride in belonging to the Stonehenge Community. However, there have been a couple of incidents over the past couple of weeks that have either put Stonehenge is a less than favourable light, or have shown a lack of consideration to our neighbours. Please can we remind students and parents of the following: *Whilst wearing the Stonehenge school uniform, you are a representative of our school. Poor behaviour on public transport, or walking to and from school is not acceptable and does not reflect the school's ethos of wanting to create good citizens.

*Parents should not turn into Holders road to drop their children off. Whilst we appreciate that the weather is becoming colder, walking from B&M car park should be manageable for a secondary aged student. Turning into Holders Road is causing quite an unsafe situation for all our students, as well as the parents and children attempting to drop their young children off at the nursery. As a school we obviously want to keep children safe. Unfortunately the parking choices of a few parents is putting this at risk.

* Students should remember that private property should not be used as short cuts to school. Walking on people's lawns may just be thoughtlessness, however it can result in damage that understandably results in upset for the owners.

The Stonehenge School has always had positive links to the community and we would appreciate your support in keeping these intact.

LISTEN TO LEARN

This year we created a simplified pupil code of conduct; not to minimise our expectations but to make them more accessible to students. Not listening to teachers will not only impact on your son's/daughter's learning, but also the learning of their classmates. The expectations around listening were reiterated in this week's assembly and it would be helpful if you could reinforce this expectation at home.

	EXPECTATION	REASONS BECAUSE
L	LISTEN *DO NOT SHOUT OUT *NO OFF TASK CHAT *FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS	Our ambition at Stonehenge is to provide an environment where students can "Think Big" In order for you and your classmates to get the most out of your lessons, you need to LISTEN . It is important to LISTEN for you to fulfil your potential.

Stonehange Schools Christmas Concert

Tuesday 14th December 7pm £5 entry - On Parent Pay

Please bring Cash for refreshments

Main Hall in the new build

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

It is wonderful to see so many of our students enjoying the many extra-curricular activities we offer after school. If you have signed your child up to an activity, you should now be able to see this on their timetable on Class Charts.

We will now be focusing on attendance at these clubs. It's important that we know who's attending both for safeguarding reasons and to ensure we can plan the activities effectively.

From next week, teachers will be taking registers for clubs and you will be able to see their attendance on Class Charts. If your child is signed up, but is regularly not attending, we will contact you on Class Charts. We need to inform you that they are not with us as expected and may well need to remove them to allow others the opportunity to attend. Equally, if they're attending and not signed up we will contact you to let you know.

As with any new process, it will take time to embed itself, but we appreciate your continued support in ensuring our clubs run as smoothly as possible.

Thank you.

Mrs Blake, Assistant Headteacher.



House Christmas Disco

When: Tuesday 5th December 6pm - 7:30pm

Where: New Main Hall (enter via side gate in upper)

Who: Years 7, 8 and 9

How much: £2 entry, refreshment tokens 50p (buy as many as you need)

Tokens available on Parent Pay

Message from Wiltshire Council:

SEND transformation - workshops for parents/carers

"Wiltshire Council is looking at future Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) spend and investment and are working to a plan which will help do this while improving outcomes for SEND learners in the county. We are hosting two face-to-face workshops with a buffet lunch and one online to ensure we get parents' views to help us with this. Please join us.

All councils in England have had sharp increases in (SEND) spending over recent years. There are many more children who have SEND needs than there used to be. We will continue to support children with SEND and young people in Wiltshire are our number one priority, but we are also working hard to ensure our spending is under control so we can have money to invest and improve services.

To help, we have joined a programme called Safety Valve which is a government supported programme that works with councils to get their SEND spend back in line. We have agreed to join the programme because we can get some additional investment into the county and we believe it will help us improve outcomes for learners here while we address the overspend. We have to send a plan to the government in December saying how we are going to change things here and we need your help in designing the plan. Click on the link below to book your place at one of our three co-design workshops:

- "North" of the county Trowbridge Rugby Club, 21 November, 10am to 1.30pm
- \cdot "South" of the county The Stones Hotel, 22 November, 10am to 1.30pm
- · Online event Microsoft Teams, 23 November, 7.30pm to 9.30pm



Op SCEPTRE

PCSO PERRY, PC COX, PC KINGE & PCSO DOUSE attended the school, with the Wiltshire Police Knife Arch as part of the national Op SCEPTRE week.

They engaged with students from all year groups with many agreeing to pass through the arch, and being spoken with in regards to the dangers of knife crime.



As part of English Heritage's Festival of Neolithic Ideas at Stonehenge, a group of students were selected based on the number of positive rewards they have achieved so far to take part in a special day for schools. The group were able to get involved in the outstanding programme of hands-on activities, demonstrations, talks and tours, led by experts in the field.

'I really enjoyed learning about the stars and what kind of patterns the stars make . I really liked todays experience and I'm glad I got to go it was so fun.'

'the thing I enjoyed the most today was the planetarium because I learnt many new interesting things and the images where cool.'

'my favourite bit was the VR because it was fun and also you feel what it's like to live there and what it looks like.'

'I enjoyed going inside the planetarium because it was cool with the stars and them having names.'











PARENT PAY

We politely request that parents do not allow debt to build up on their Parent Pay accounts. When your account becomes overdrawn, you will receive a notification class charts to advise you of this. We request that this is cleared the next day in order for us to continue to allow your child to use the canteen. If your debt is not cleared by the following day, you will need to send your child with a packed lunch. Parents should also ensure each day that their child is aware of the amount of funds they have on their Parent Pay account. This is due to the number of students queueing for food and we are no longer able to provide this information during busy break and lunchtime services. Please make sure any top ups are done well before break as at times the information may take a while to feed through and will therefore not necessarily show up on the tills. We are looking to purchase some electronic balance checkers that will be situated at various points around the school where your child can check their balance.

If you feel your child is overspending on a daily basis then please contact the school and we can arrange for your child's limit to be capped.

COMPETITION



Mrs Wakeham, School Business manager

6 of our students are taking part in the Rotary club Young Chef award local heat on 30th November, located is at Wyvern and St Edmund's.
If they get through, they will have a chance to complete in the next round and so forth.
This then eventually reaches National level.
Please feel free to chat to them about their potential dishes and wish them luck!

> Robert Dale Cody Dalley Jayden Walmsey Erin Strange Olivia Jones Ellie Shearer

Her Amesbury Story

Amesbury History Centre opens its doors to visitors between **09.30am - 3.15pm daily** and presents an exhibition highlighting the lives, experiences, and accomplishments of women with connections to Amesbury over a 6000-year period.



Catherine Douglas



Florence Sartoris



Marjorie Peers

From the discovery of Neolithic women buried at Stonehenge; the influence of Queens and Abbesses; poetry, music, and the theatre; to the charitable endeavours of residents. Come and read their stories.

The Melor Tearoom is opened, serving light refreshments – perfect if you've been out for an early morning walk, or a trip to the shops.

Free entry. Donations welcomed.

Take time to look around the new building and gift shop. Talk to the volunteers about our plans.







CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS 2023

Join us in Salisbury for our two day festive workshops for 4-18 year olds. Children will be singing, dancing and acting with plenty of fun festive games plus arts & crafts

Where: Godolphin School, SP1 2RA When: Thursday & Friday, 21 & 22 December 2023 Time: 10am-4pm (9am-5pm wraparound care available) Cost: £78 (sibling discount of 10%)





WINTER WONDERLAND (4-6 YEAR OLDS)

A wonderful time for the children to get excited for the big day.

FESTIVE FUN (6-18 YEAR OLDS)

This workshop is split by age and will be filled with festive singing, dancing and musical theatre.



No experience is necessary, just come along for lots of festive fun celebrating

well known Christmas favourites!

At Stagecoach Performing Arts Salisbury & Amesbury we provide quality part-time training in the performing arts for children all year round. We believe that the whole world is a stage and the skills children learn with us provide a solid foundation to help youngsters to follow their dreams and ambitions.

To book your child's place head to our website www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury or contact us by email salisbury@stagecoach.co.uk or phone 07842 944 697 for any queries. Places are limited.

STAFF VACANCIES

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

HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY AND BUSINESS STUDIES

Start Date: Easter 2024 Salary: MPS/UPS plus TLR £7, 847 Contract: Permanent Contract Closing Date: Friday 8th December, 9am

TEACHER OF ART

Start Date: January or Easter 2024 Salary: MPS/UPS Closing Date: 6th December 2023, 3.00 pm Interview: TBC

TEACHER OF ENGLISH (POTENTIAL FOR TLR RELATED TO WHOLE SCHOOL LITERACY)

Start Date: January or Easter 2024 Salary: MPS/UPS (potential for a TLR related to whole school literacy) Closing Date: Wednesday 6th December 2023, 3 pm Interview: TBC

EVENING SITE OPERATIVE

Required to start as soon as possible Permanent Contract Hours are to be discussed further and can be flexible, however we are looking for shifts to be covered from either 3pm - 8.30 pm, or 5pm - 8.30pm Term time only including TD Days Wiltshire Council pay grade D or E dependent on experience Salary £12,315-£12,763 (£10.98-11.39 /hour)

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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 are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Cover Supervisor to join our dedicated team. You will be working to support young people and to cover for absent colleagues, and ensuring that they carry out the work tasks set by the teacher with designated responsibility.

The role will include being a Tutor for which training will be provided. You should be a good classroom practitioner with a genuine enthusiasm for teaching and learning. You should be able to work with pupils covering the full range of age and abilities at our school.

The position would be a beneficial experience for anyone who was considering following a teaching career. We have an incredibly strong record of 'growing our own' teaching staff, from roles with extensive support given in terms of professional and career development, in a collegiate and supportive environment. A comprehensive training programme will be provided to support and develop the successful candidate.

There are a variety of hours/working patterns available up to a maximum of 35 per week. Applications from part time candidates are welcomed as job shares will be considered.

Further details can be found on our website via the following link - <u>https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/</u>

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.