

THE STONEHENGE

S C H O O L Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES NOVEMBER

Mon 27th Silver DofE Training (all)

Wed 29th Bronze Girls DofE training

27th - 29th STEM trip to London

DECEMBER

Fri 1st Bronze Boys DofE training

> Tues 5th Yr 7/8 &9 Christmas Disco

Mon 11th Christmas Lunch

Tues 12th Christmas Lunch

Wed 13th Christmas Lunch

Thurs 14th Christmas Concert Message from the Headteacher ...

Year 11 have been working hard over the last two weeks throughout their Year 11 Milestones (or mock exam period). The invigilation team have said what a lovely focused year group they have been, and how polite they have been during the exams too. Lovely praise to feedback if you have a pupil in that year (or are one). Results will be published in one go so that they can see how they have done so far, so finger's crossed they get the results they have been looking for.

One of the most important parts of our vision for the school is that we help children to 'think big' and to gain experiences within their subjects. There is a lot going on in terms of this in the run up to Christmas. Year 9 have been out at the Imperial War museum today with the History department. Next week some of our Year 11s are off to London on a residential STEM trip, based around the Science Museum to take part in STEM live. We also have an Army Activity Day on Friday, entitled Female empowerment where the army will be working with a group of girls to develop self-confidence and take part in physical activities alongside the PE department.

The newsletter has previously explained the work that we are aiming to achieve with Bold Voices, and organisation that works with young people to help them receive an education free from gender inequality and genderbased violence. They will be working with Years 10 and 11 next week in order to empower them to recognise and tackle gender inequalities.

On top of this we are also upskilling select Mental Health champions within our student body, so that they gain an understanding of common mental health issues, how they affect young people, how to spot signs of mental health in themselves and others, and have the knowledge and confidence to advocate for menal health awareness, so that they can work with other pupils to support positive well-being.

Finally, the Salisbury Journal published an article about our new block. In case you haven't seen it, it can be found here, including some lovely photos that we have shared before:

https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/23938484.stonehenge-school-new-hall-drama-studios-music-rooms-open/



LOWER SCHOOL DEMOLITION

Progress being made with the likely hood of the big chimney coming down next week.





SCIENCE CLUB

This week we will be looking at crystals and growing our own crystal garden.

When: Wednesday 29th November

Where: Room 32 Time: 3.00-4pm









X Country Results

After 3 gruelling races at Stonehenge, Avon Valley and Hudson's Field, students from The Stonehenge School X-Country teams went into the final, and arguably most difficult race of the season at Wyvern StEdmunds campus, with a great chance of securing medals in the different age categories. There were some fantastic individual and team performances on the day which meant we pushed even the local grammar schools all the way.

Final Team Standings

Minor Girls (Year 7) - Silver Medal



Junior Boys (Year 8 and 9) - Silver Medal



Inter Girls (Year 10 and 11) - Bronze Medal







A special mention also goes to the following who received individual medals in their age category;

Minor Boys

Jack - Silver Medal Rocco - Silver Medal



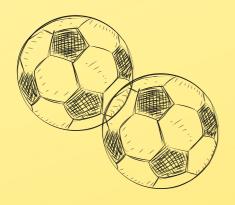


Inter Boys
Henry - Gold Medal

Medals will be given out to students in Assemblies once Year 11 mock exams have finished.

Well done to all!

We now look forward to the County Championships at Sheldon School, Chippenham on Saturday 13th January. Students who have been selected for the Salisbury and District teams will be notified by Mr Young in the next few days.



Year 7 Football

Well done to the year 7 boys football team for making the 4th round of the national cup, this is a tremendous achievement. Unfortunately the boys were knocked out by a very strong Priestland's school on Tuesday 3-0. They will now embark on the challenge of winning the local schools competition in the coming months. Great effort from all involved so far.

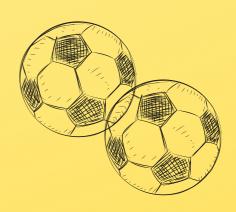
Mr Cameron

Year 11 Football

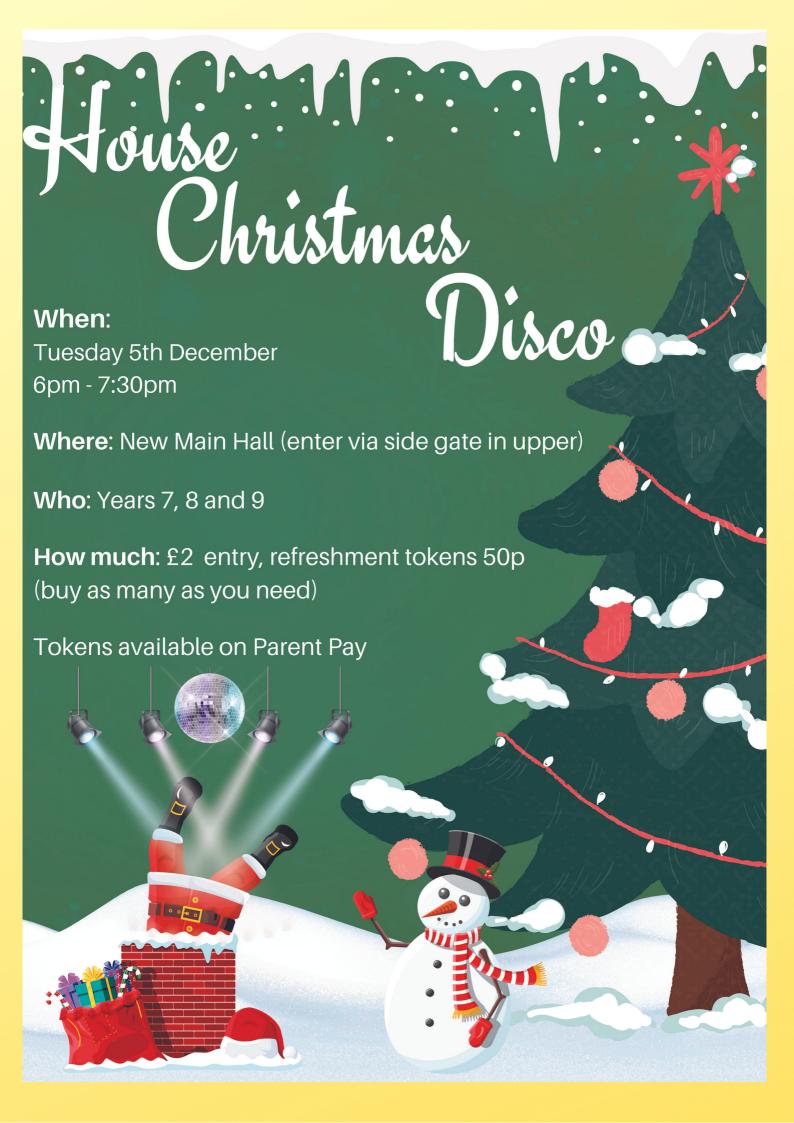
Year 11 footballers played their first ever home game in 5 years at our newly renovated Holders Field against Wellington on Wednesday 15th November in the Salisbury and District School league.

The Stonehenge School won 2-1 after a brace from Alfie Jones. A great result despite it being a relatively scrappy game.

Man of the Match - Alfie Jones







AFFORDABLE SCHOOLS

As some of you may remember, in the summer term I sent out a survey asking you your thoughts on costs of the school day. This work is for something called the Affordable Schools project; we have been involved in the pilot and are now supporting other schools with their work. The focus of the project is to look through families' experiences of school through the lens of affordability. The responses we had to the survey have been very useful in pin-pointing some areas where improvements are needed, but also in highlighting the support we already offer. Interestingly, staff also completed the survey and many of the responses tallied with parents' thoughts.

We are now working hard towards the Affordable Schools award and have started evaluating many of our expectations, policies and procedures through the lens of affordability.

There are many financial pressures on families and with that in mind we have set up a confidential e-mail address to support you with any issues regarding resources, uniform, equipment, trips etc. If you need confidential support or advice regarding any of these areas, and the financial implications that come with them, please feel free to contact us at affordableschools@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk This e-mail address is only monitored by two members of staff in order to maintain confidentiality, so that we can support students and families in a discreet manner.

I look forward to updating you on this project throughout the year.

Mrs Blake Assistant Headteacher



Affordable Schools

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the proposed admissions criteria and admission arrangements for its Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2025/26 academic year. It is also consulting on the proposed schemes for co-ordination of admissions to all maintained schools and academies for the 2025/26 academic year.

The consultation starts on Friday 17 November 2023 and it ends on Friday 12 January 2024. The consultation documents can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation

I would be grateful if all schools could share these proposals with parents and encourage them to email any comments to the Local Authority so that any returns, give an accurate reflection of the views of all school communities.

To respond to this consultation please send your comments by email to admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk or you can write to:

School Admissions Team
Wiltshire Council
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
BA14 8 JN



MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER, YEAR 7 TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, YEAR 8 WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER, YEARS 9, 10 & 11



MAIN DISH

Traditional Christmas Turkey Cheese & Leek Tart Stuffing Balls, Pigs in Blankets, Baby Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Roast Potatoes & Peas



DESSERT

Festive Ice Cream



LIMIT OF 132 PEOPLE PER DAY, **COST £3.50** THIS MUST BE PRE BOOKED & PAID FOR VIA PARENTPAY



Do you have a Christmas jumper?

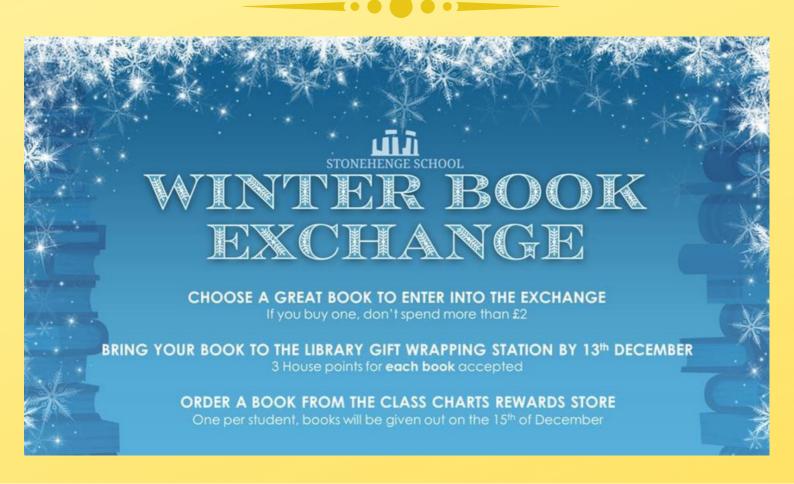
We are looking for Christmas jumpers in good condition, suitable for a student between the ages of 11-16? If so, we'd love to receive your donations!

Our Christmas jumper day will be on Wednesday 20th December and we want to make sure that every child can take part. At this time of year we don't want to burden families with the expectation of buying something their child may only wear once or twice, so these donations will ensure that every child can join in and enjoy some festive fun on the last day of term.

Please drop any donations into reception. Deadline is Friday 8th December.

Mrs Blake, Assistant Headteacher.





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

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 - https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/

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.