THE STONEHENGE

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UPCOMING DATES DECEMBER

Mon 4th Silver DofE Training (all)

Wed 6th Bronze Girls DofE training

Fri 8th Bronze Boys DofE training

> Mon 11th Christmas Lunch

> Tues 12th Christmas Lunch

> Wed 13th Christmas Lunch

Thurs 14th Christmas Concert

Tues 19th School Christmas Market

Wed 20th Christmas jumper Day

> Wed 20th END OF TERM EARLY CLOSURE



Dear parents and carers,

As the festive season approaches, we would like to reassure you that we're aware of the additional financial difficulties that many of you are facing.

To support all of our families this holiday season, we have some measures in place to reduce financial pressures around our festive celebrations. As always, our aim is to make sure that no child has to miss out because they can't afford to join in.

This year, we're planning to:

• Take part in Christmas Jumper Day with a suggested, not compulsory, donation to charity. We do not expect all students to have a Christmas jumper, but if they would like one we are asking for donations from the community.

• End of term reward trips for Year 10 and Year 11: half price for those entitled to FSM. • House reward activities: paid for by the school.

• Christmas dinner: those entitled to FSM were invited first and the additional cost has not been passed onto families.

We, unfortunately, haven't been able to eliminate all costs from festive events. Because we understand that it's important for families to have as much notice as possible of any upcoming additional costs at this time of year, please find these as follows:

• Christmas concert: the price of a ticket includes a drink and any money raised goes towards supporting the music department's refurbishment of instruments.

· Christmas disco: not compulsory.

· Christmas market: small, affordable items for sale. No expectation to visit.

Please reach out to affordableschools@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk if you have any concerns about costs around school events. This is a confidential e-mail address monitored by two members of staff.

Should you wish to support the local community this Christmas, we recommend a donation to Amesbury Foodbank: The Trussell trust Amesbury Methodist Church, The High Street, Amesbury, SP4 7ET. Thank you for your continued support, via donations or otherwise.

We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas concert as we celebrate the festive season together.

Mrs Dean

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

As part of our Safeguarding practices within the school we have several procedures in place to ensure pupil and staff safety, for instance fire drills. One of the procedures that we are advised to have is the Lockdown procedure.

The purpose of his is to prevent an intruder or another threat outside the school from causing potential harm to pupils and staff. It means that the entrances to the school must be secured in an effort to prevent any threat entering, and staff and pupils must find a suitable place to protect themselves.

Thankfully this is a procedure that we have rarely needed to use , and it is important to understand that there are no known threats to our students, staff or school at this time.

We will, however, be practising this procedure at some point over the coming weeks. We will let you know when this has happened so that you are able to discuss it at home with your pupil.

It is important to understand:

- Pupils should not be texting or calling you to let you know that we are having one.
- Please do not call the switchboard during this time as we will not be able to answer
- During one occasion where we did need to use the procedure, calls to the switchboard wanting to find out what was happening meant that it would have been difficult to make emergency phone calls if we had needed to
 - Please do not arrive at the school during this time

- If you are in school for an appointment at this time, please follow staff instructions so that you immediately enter a classroom or office space (wherever is closest)

SCIENCE CLUB

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This week we will be making honeycomb

When: Wednesday 6th December Where : 0-32 & Food area When : 2.55pm-3.55pm







STEM Live

Year 11 had the opportunity to attend the STEM Live residential this week with members of our maths and science department, Miss Freemantle, Mr Campari-Moss, Miss Jones and accompanied by Mr Braddick. They had a very full itinerary that also included some very special activities within our capital city, adding to the development of their cultural capital, and developing their ability to 'think big'.

The group had a tour of London, including the London Eye, with many pupils having not seen Buckingham Palace before (and they even caught sight of King Charles' private car approaching the Palace). The main event at the Science Museum, called STEM Live, provided the opportunity for them to develop their curiosity into the world around them, and gain on insight into STEM careers and the relevance of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) upon the relevance of our every day lives.

After a full day of educational input, the group had the opportunity to watch Matilda in the West End, a lovely link to our own performance this academic year, and then this was all topped off with a trip to the British Museum on the final day.

The students were a tribute to The Stonehenge School demonstrating excellent behaviour throughout the trip, and fully appreciative of the fact that staff gave up their time to provide them with one of their first residential experiences during their education.



Secondary Schools Badminton Tournaments

This year we sent 4 teams to the Secondary Schools Badminton Tournament at Avon Valley; three boys' teams (KS3 A & B and KS4 team) and one girls' team (KS3). It was a very enjoyable day out, with all of our pupils representing the school exceptionally on and off the court. It was a pleasure to watch the high levels of competition and the magnificent standard demonstrated by all. Our boys KS3 A and B team faced some tough opponents with mixed results throughout the competition and finished in a very respectable 5th and 7th places overall. Players: Felix, Ben C., Samrath, Rennie, Christian, Kacper, Hayden, and Ben L. Our KS4 boys' team also had some superb performances with some closely contested games. A combination of outstanding individual and team performances; culminating in a 2nd place finish in their group. Players: Corban, Jed, Joe G. and James.

The KS3 girls team dominated the group stages not losing a single game to either team in their group. There was a positive atmosphere and much enthusiasm displayed throughout the day with some excellent skill on show from all four players in the singles and doubles. Our

excellent results meant we qualified for the final against a very experienced South Wilts team. The girls fought hard in the final and it was great to see so many closely contested points and most games lost by small margins. Well done girls on your 2nd place finish!

All players demonstrated maturity and excellent sportsmanship as they not only played but also were responsible for keeping score and officiating their own games. Well done to all our Badminton players!



YEAR 10 NETBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the Year 10 Netball Team who, with the help of 2 year 9's, won their first game of the season against Sarum Academy by 11 goals. It was a great effort from everyone in the team, especially in the very cold conditions. It was a real team effort from everyone, and they showed some great play in all areas of the court. Congratulations to Jasmine who was voted players player by the girls from Sarum. Looking forward to our next game in 2 weeks time. Well played girls.

YEAR 10 AND 11 RUGBY

The match against Wyvern St Edmunds on Thursday night. The match got underway and we could see that it was going to be a very physical and skilful match between the 2 sides. Our first half saw us concede 3 tries but this did not waiver the boys determination to keep pushing on. Early into the second half the team hard work paid off which saw Toby C break through their defensive line and make a 15m run to score the first Stonehenge try. This boost to morale spurred on Stonehenge to make it over the try line once more before the end the match, with Henry S breaking through multiple tackles from the half way line to score in the top left corner. A fantastic effort from the whole team with some huge improvements from our last game. Well done boys!

Year 10 Football

Year 10 footballers played their first ever home game in 4 years at our newly renovated Holders Field against Wellington on Wednesday 30th November in the Salisbury and District School league.

The Stonehenge School ran riot in the first half which ended up 8-0. After numerous changes in the second half the final score ended up being 12-0.

Goal scorers - Jack Martin 5, Louis Morley 3, Lewis Tompsett 2 and Adino Forson 2.

Man of the Match - Louis Morley

Year 8 Football

Year 8 played their first ever home game at our newly renovated Holders Field against Wellington on Tuesday 28th November in the Salisbury and District School league.

The Stonehenge School won 5-2 after a brace from Thomas & Jeremy as well as a coolly taken penalty from Kai.

Man of the Match - Jeremy

Christmas Market

At lunchtime on Tuesday 19th December we will be holding a Christmas market between the two upper school buildings at lunchtime.

On sale will be a range of items form sweets and drinks to books, toys, gifts and cakes, All students are invited to attend the market.

To buy items at the market students and parents will need to buy tokens. Tokens can be bought on parent pay for 50p or more. One token is worth 50p. To make the most of the market we would suggest students/parents should spend £2 to £3 on tokens.

All items for sale at the market will be in multiples of 50p and £1. No item will cost more than a maximum of £2 whilst most items start at 50p.

All tokens for the market need to be bought on parent pay by Thursday 14 m Dec be distributed to students on the 15th December.

All profits will be sent to the school charity 'The Dogs Trust'





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Please bring Cash for refreshments

Main Hall in the new build

NEW BIKE SHED - OUT OF USE IN NEW YEAR

Due to road widening works at the lower end of the school, the new bike shed will be out of use after we return to school in January 2024. Students bringing bikes to school will need to secure them at either the front of the school, or the bike shed near the Sport Centre gate.

The Drove and Antrobus Road pedestrian gates will remain open during these works at the start and end of the school day.



Congratulations to the following students for being the top point scorers on DrFrost Maths for November - keep up the good work!

Year 7	Immy B	Ollie B
Year 8	Reyash G	Jayan P
Yeor 9	Josh B	Kyle R
Year 10	Elise R	Niyara S
Year II	Grace T	Ruth B

We have had 4 of our year 10 students taking part in the Rotary Young Chef competition recently. Two of our students did extremely well in that Erin strange came 2nd and Robert Dale came 1st place! They are through to the next round and they all looked very happy with themselves. Congratulations to both students and

fingers crossed for the next round.



Christnmas Jumper Day is happening on Wednesday 20th December.

students are asked to dress up in a christmas jumper on the day or something christmassy. There will be prizes for the best outfits.

Parents are asked to make a donation of El on parent pay towards the school charity 'The Dogs Trust'.

We have preloved jumpers available at the school shop on the school website if you are interested.

Merry Christmas everyone.

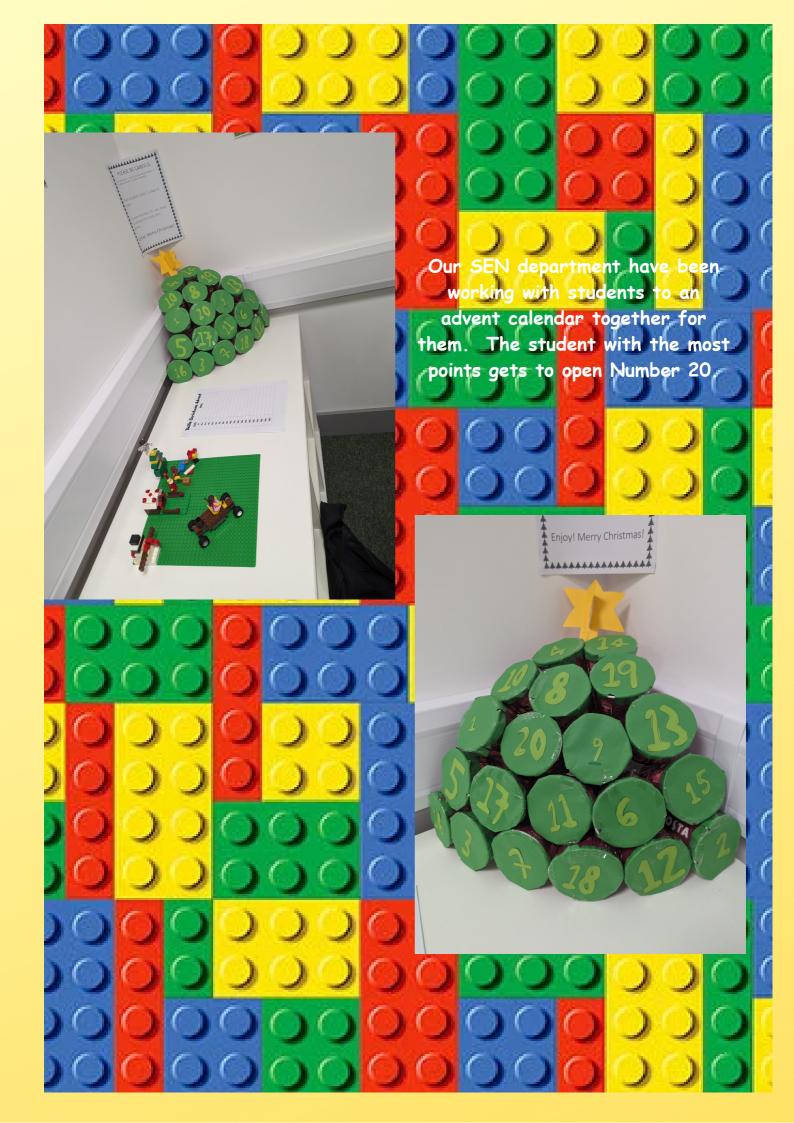


STONEHENGE SCHOOL WINTER BOOK EXCHANGE

CHOOSE A GREAT BOOK TO ENTER INTO THE EXCHANGE If you buy one, don't spend more than £2

BRING YOUR BOOK TO THE LIBRARY GIFT WRAPPING STATION BY 13th DECEMBER 3 House points for each book accepted

> ORDER A BOOK FROM THE CLASS CHARTS REWARDS STORE One per student, books will be given out on the 15th of December



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 - <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.