



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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A message from the Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES DECEMBER

Mon 18th
Silver DofE Training (all)

Tues 19th
School Christmas Market

Wed 20th
Christmas jumper Day

Wed 20th
END OF TERM
EARLY CLOSURE
12.30 FINISH, BUSES &
TAXIS AT 12.50 PM

JANUARY 2024

Thurs 4th
TD Day

Fri 5th
ALL STUDENTS RETURN

Mon 8th
Silver DofE Training (all)

Wed 10th
Bronze Girls DofE training

Fri 12th
Bronze Boys DofE training

Thurs 18th
Year 11 Parents Evening

At the end of term it is always a pleasure to reflect on the hard work of our staff and students through the term.

We have arranged a wide range of end of term treats throughout the school. Our catering and admin team put extensive efforts into creating 3 days of delicious Christmas dinners for pupils to enjoy to kick start the festive period, allowing staff and students to enjoy the experience together. Year 10 and 11 have been ice skating or bowling for their rewards trips, based on successfully meeting the criteria.

This week finishes with a School Parliament Christmas market supported by Mr Langley, our long-term leader of our student council, also ensuring our charity efforts on the final day via our Christmas jumper day. The House team have been working hard to create discos for the younger years and a special House rewards activity to add to the competitive spirit across school.

Progress leaders and departments have been nominating a range of wonderful pupils who have impressed for subject rewards, tutor rewards, progress and completion of Bedrock, extra rewards based on raffle tickets, and special Headteacher's rewards from myself. On top of that I had the pleasure of meeting some of our top Year 11 pupils for hot chocolate and cake.

The real significant moment this term, allowing for the showcasing of our new facilities and the talent that lies within our school came in the form of the Christmas concert. Organised by Mr Rogers, with the support of a range of staff like Mr Wood, Mr Cooper and the talented Mr Sherburne (one of our peri teachers), the evening allowed a range of students to bravely perform for staff and parents.

All of this is on top of the incredible support our staff give to our pupils, in lessons and beyond.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Dean





The Mayoress Councillor Dr Monica Devendran called into school to present the Head Boy and Head Girl with their certificates for reading out the names of the fallen at the Remembrance Service in November.



On Friday 8th December, the House team invited 20 students to visit Toby Carvery as a reward. Each Head of House personally selected 5 students from their House - one from each year group. Students were chosen based on factors like their effort, attendance, as well as being most improved.

We left at lunch time, and all of us thoroughly enjoyed a sit-down lunch and the conversations that this promoted.

I just wanted to say that all of our students represented the school beautifully, and were all very grateful to be recognised for their recent efforts.

Thank you very much to Mrs Blake, Mr Carter, Miss Rackham and Mrs Muir for accompanying us, and to the other Heads of House for selecting students who deserved this reward.

Mrs Bowen



**GOING,
GOING,
GONE!!!**



**A REMINDER TO STUDENTS THAT DUE TO THE ONGOING WORKS IN LOWER SCHOOL THE
BIKE SHED BY TECHNOLOGY WILL BE OUT OF ACTION UNTIL FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

Results Roundup



On a very cold Wednesday afternoon the year 9 and 10 Netball teams travelled to Devizes to play against Devizes school. The year 9 game was very closely fought between the two teams with lots of very good play throughout the court by all our players. The defence worked hard and turned over a lot of ball to help the attackers score the goals that enabled us to come out 11-9 winners. Player of the match, voted by Devizes school, was Sereima. Unfortunately, the year 10's lost their match but the team played very well together. The defence worked particularly hard throughout the game to stop Devizes scoring on several moments in the game. When the ball was in the shooting circle both our shooters played extremely well and scored lots of very good goals for all parts of the circle. Player of the match was Lola. A special thank you also to Grace and Bulou who played in defence for the year 10 team and both played very well.

RUGBY RESULT

Wednesday 13th of November saw the first game for our Year 10 boys rugby team. We played host to St Josephs, the game started with a great contest from both sides with some impressive carries and tackles from both teams. We managed to break through the game line first with an impressive carry from B. Rabuli to put the first of the points on the board. Our luck didn't end there, with another try soon to follow by J. Martin, both of which he managed to convert. Our momentum carried on building and confidence to carry strong and break through tackles continued, this saw further tries being scored during the remainder of the first half and into the second half by R. Kemp, C. Nahrin, J. Namata, J. Clarke, B. Rabuli and J. Martin. St Josephs did not let us win easily, they continued to put pressure on us until the end, phenomenal defence from the team ensured that we kept a clean sheet. Some stand out performances from the day include O. Hook, J. Clarke, O. Cheetham. A big well done to the year 10 boys rugby team!



We also have some amazing results from students who compete outside of school with one of them being Spencer Trayhorn.

Spencer has been competing for about five years in Karting. This year Spencer has become the 2023 karting champion at his club at Forest edge. He is to attend a large red carpet evening in February at the Hilton Hotel to be presented with his championship trophy.

Spencer's kart does approximately 70mph and this year he moves up a class where the speed increases. The kart weighs about 140 kg and 2024 will see Spencer competing in the NKC, which is the National Karting Championship which will consist of 6 rounds travelling as far as Scotland. At this level Spencer has to practice daily on his simulator for upcoming track events so the commitment involved is massive.

A massive congratulations to Spencer and good luck for the 2024 season.

Year 10	Rugby	St Josephs	Home (Holders)	Friendly	46-0 W
Year 9	Netball	Devises	Devises	Friendly	11-9 W

YEAR 7

Bedrock Christmas prizes

1st prize- £10 Amazon voucher + book + certificate

2nd prize- book + certificate

3rd prize- book + certificate

4th -10th place- certificate

Y7 Points -Top 10

1. Skyler-Mae Bagley	400
2. Jacob Pitt	368
3. Catherine Stewart-Gillham	322
4. Joseph Sandu	271
5. Archie Sarfas	261
6. Jacob Brown	259
7. Louise Judd	220
8. Alfie Duncan	218
9. Zane Elkady	206
10. Shannan Muller	205

Y7 -most progress

1. Jacob Jones	355%
2. Oliver Thompson	147%
3. Rosie Smith	120%
4. Hayden Cox	114%
5. Finn Axten	111%
6. Ethan Dwyer	107%
7. Phoebe Connor	86%
8. Leon Henry-Newton	80%
9. Zane Elkady	77%
10. Shane Whitney	73%



YEAR 8

Bedrock Christmas prizes

1st prize- £10 Amazon voucher + book + certificate

2nd prize- book + certificate

3rd prize-book + certificate

4th -10th place- certificate

Y8 - Points

1. Blakely Bagley	311
2. Gordon Lam	309
3. Jack Stapleton	233
4. Tayfun Dyer	223
5. Riley Berrisford	219
6. Zack Sharps	215
7. Summer Cole	207
8. Samuel Fitz-Henry	199
9. Freddie Braid-Smith	175
10. Leon Brastock	166

Y8- most progress

1. William Stoackley	1780%
2. Jayden Levey	755%
3. Blakely Bagley	479%
4. Ellie-May Walker	300%
5. Maisie Shears-White	250%
6. Cadence Proudfoot-Fleary	250%
7. Blake Perry-Mutch	213%
8. Ellie Welton	186%
9. Arram Abdalbaqi	185%
10. Alexander Gill	185%



YEAR 9

Bedrock Christmas prizes

1st prize- £10 Amazon voucher + book + certificate

2nd prize- book + certificate

3rd prize- book + certificate

4th -10th place- certificate

Y9- Points

1. Kacper Pekala	505
2. Grace Cook	227
3. Daryl Fernandes	182
4. Sienna Rose	178
5. Tom Pearson	177
6. Troy Barnes	176
7. Jasmine Perry	175
8. Michael Williams	170
9. Freddie Winzar	168
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TRAFFIC OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

A PLEA TO ALL PARENTS

We have noticed that, in particularly when the weather is bad, that every day we have chaos outside of school as students arrive and leave the premises due to parents dropping them off.

We would ask parents again to either drop students off at Tesco or B & M and use those car parks or in one of the surrounding street. The road outside our school is not meant to take all of this traffic and unfortunately we feel an accident is going to happen it is just a matter of time.

The amount of traffic is also causing problem for our staff trying to get to work on time as parents turn their vehicles around on the school site and block entrances.

We would therefore ask again please **DO NOT** drop students off outside of school or in the Sports Centre car park.

Thank you for your continued support and help with the situation as our students safety is of paramount importance to us.



Christmas 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 £1 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.



STAFF VACANCIES

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)

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.

**Full details on all the above vacancies can be found on our website at
<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.



Another wonderful amount raised from the charity head shave going to a very worthy cause.
Thank you to everyone who contributed.



*Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year!*