



# THE STONEHENGE

## SCHOOL

### Weekly Newsletter

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#### UPCOMING DATES FEBRUARY

Mon 5th  
Silver DofE Training (all)

Wed 7th  
Bronze Girls DofE training

Fri 9th  
Bronze Boys DofE training

Mon 29th - Fri 9th  
Year 8 Milestone Exams

Wed 7th - Sun 10th  
Year's 8, 9 & 10  
Residential trip to  
Barcelona

Fri 9th  
Valentines Delivery  
Service

Fri 9th  
END OF TERM

12th - 16th  
HALF TERM

Mon 19th  
STUDENTS RETURN

Thurs 22nd - Fri 23rd  
Belgium Battlefields  
Year 8 Residential trip

Mon 26th - Fri 8th March  
Year 11 Milestone Exams



Message from the Headteacher ...

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that we were having a review conducted by the Local Authority. One of the areas that was focused on was behaviour across the school, and the different aspects to our provision that we have in place. It is a delight to share some of the key areas of feedback from the report, which stated the following:

- Students' behaviour both in and out of lessons is positive and respectful.
- Prefects carry out their break and lunch duties responsibly
- The implementation of Bold Voices across the school is allowing students to reflect on their use of language, what is appropriate to say to others, and the dangers of 'banter'
- Students who have been educated within our Redworth Alternative curriculum Centre recognise its effectiveness in helping them stay in school
- The Student Parliament are very proud of their role and their school
- The Reset room has a positive feel and is well-staffed
- The LEARN acronym is clear and well understood by pupils
- Attendance monitoring and incentives are effective
- Students speak about the relational approach that the staff body exudes.

It is important to remember that all of these positive aspects are based on the hard work and partnership between the school and parents. What is always noticeable is the support that we receive from the vast majority of our parents, and what a credit our pupils are.

Reminder of Home-school communication policy

At various intervals, it becomes necessary to remind parents of our home-school communications policy. It is really important that we strike the right balance between keeping parents up-to-date, answering queries and responding to important issues, with the fact that staff time is generally dedicated to being child-facing and working with the pupils themselves. Whilst we endeavour to respond to all communications, it often isn't possible to meet demand especially in the day and age of high levels of email traffic.

A key quote to draw your attention to is:

The school's primary function is to provide a high-quality education to the pupils of The Stonehenge School. Its resources, and therefore staff time is heavily focused on this moral purpose, and it is important that means of communication supports this. Staffing is a finite resource and therefore the school needs to strike a clear balance in order to ensure the progress made by pupils is maximised, and that the most effective means of communication is utilised.

The full document can be found here:

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2023/01/Home-to-School-Communications-Policy-2023.pdf>

Dear Parents

Please find below a link to our Stonehenge School Parental Questionnaire.

We very much value your thoughts and opinions and thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it.

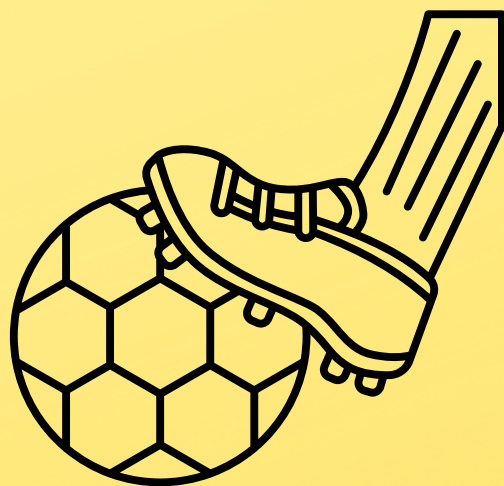
The Survey closes on Friday 9th February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1s3Y4siExA>



### THE YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL 'B' TEAM

The year 7 boys 'B' team travelled to Reading City School on Wednesday to compete in the last 32 of the national cup. Reading were a very strong side and dominated for large parts of the game but were kept out by goalkeeper Max who made numerous outstanding saves. Credit to Stonehenge who worked tirelessly throughout to remain in the game and in the dying minutes went on to win a penalty. Shakur stepped up confidently and slotted the penalty into the top corner to send Stonehenge through to the last 16 in the country, the furthest the school has ever gotten. They will now go on to play Plymouth based school Ivybridge in the next round. Congratulations to all players listed below who were involved in the game- Max P, Sammy W, Clayton L, Freddie M, Rocco L, Sachtegh R, Dylan T, Jacob J, Shakur C, Tommy D, Stephen K & Harry D. Players of the match were voted to be Shakur and Max.



*The Class of 2024*

THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

*Prom  
Night*

*July 5th | 7:00 - 11:00 PM*

*The Stones Hotel*

Dresses, dances,  
photobooth, food & dazzle

*TICKET WILL BE PRICED AT APPROXIMATELY £35 PER  
STUDENT (TBC). WITH A 50% REDUCTION IF YOUR CHILD  
IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROM PASSPORT*





# Valentine's Day

**Delivery Service  
Friday 9th February 2024**

## **PRICES:**

**PERSONALISED CARD - £1**

**A ROSE - £1**

**A ROSE AND A CARD £1.50**



**PAYMENTS TO BE MADE ON PARENTPAY**





4x WEEKS COACHING

FOR JUST £10!

Junior & Adult group  
badminton coaching

Weekly sessions at Five  
Rivers Leisure Centre  
Salisbury and Amesbury  
Sports Centre



NEXT GEN  
JUNIOR PROGRAMME

REGISTER AT  
NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK/PLAY



Dear Parents,

As part of our program to support the children to overcome exam stress, we are offering a 6 week program parent workshop that you can join online. The attached flyer will give you all the information that you need.

If you would like to join the workshop please fill in the following 'form' by Monday 19th February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/DfUzQWJEZs>

## RESILIENCE IN NAVIGATING EXAMS

### STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE EXAM PREPARATION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT



#### ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS

This course is designed to equip you with the tools and strategies to help your child navigate exams with resilience and manage anxiety. Areas covered will include:

- building sustained motivation and confidence
- developing effective study habits
- easy-to-use tools to manage stress and anxiety
- supporting emotional wellbeing during exam season
- goal setting and planning
- actionable steps to build resilience.

The workshops will take place within a supportive and caring space, with plenty of opportunities to ask questions and discuss any issues with myself as well as other parents.

#### TAKING PLACE IN TERM 4, 2024

The programme consists of 6 online workshops on Saturdays at 10:00am. Each workshop is 90 minutes long, including time for questions and discussions.

To secure a place please contact your school.



##### Meet the facilitator - Nicola Pearson

I'm a teacher and education consultant with over 20 years of experience in the UK and overseas. As a mum and educator, I'm passionate about helping parents raise confident, resilient children and supporting the wellbeing of both children and their parents/carers. I deliver workshops to parents on building resilience in the UK and overseas in addition to providing e-courses through my education website.



Place2Be's

**CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK**

5-11  
FEB  
2024

**Place2Be launched the first-ever Children's Mental Health Week in 2015 to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.**

From 5-11 February 2024, schools, families and communities across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is My Voice Matters, and Place2Be wants all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – “My Voice Matters”.



### GET INVOLVED

Every year, Place2Be's expert team develops resources to help people participate in the week. From activity ideas and assembly guides to top tips and fundraising ideas, their free resources will help you explore mental health and wellbeing with the children and young people around you.

To learn more, and download your free resources today, visit

**[childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)**

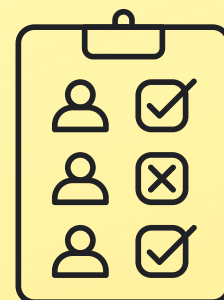
**#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek**

## HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE .....

Reminder to parents on how to report an absence. Please use only the methods listed below, do not reply to or use School Comms as this email inbox is not monitored.

I need to report an absence

1. Report the absence via Class Charts
2. Report the absence via the absence line on 01980 676650
3. Report the absence via the [absence@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk)



Please refer to our attendance section on our website for more information:

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/attendance/>

Examples of query

- Reporting a child's absence (on each day of the absence)
- Notification of medical appointments (in advance of the date/time)

Reading for pleasure is **the single biggest indicator of a child's future success** – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.\*

\*OECD

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
2 MARCH 2023



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## You have what it takes for a rewarding career in fostering

- n Your everyday experiences and skills are transferable into a foster carer role, from providing emotional support to teaching life skills.
- n Our fostering roles are suitable for individuals, couples, or families from all walks of life. All children are different, so our foster carers are too.
- n We offer many different types of fostering roles, including short-term, parent & child, therapeutic and long-term.
- n Be part of our professional team and receive our ongoing comprehensive training.
- n Receive generous fostering allowances, benefits and tax relief.

**As a foster carer, you could provide a safe and stable home environment for a vulnerable child whilst enjoying a flexible and rewarding career that's literally life changing.**

# STAFF VACANCIES

We are currently looking to fill a number of vacancies in the coming months. Further details can be found on the website via <https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

## LEAD CAREERS PROFESSIONAL

Required from 15th April 2024 (After Easter holidays) 37 hours per week;

9.00am - 5.00pm Mon - Thurs

9.00 am - 4.30pm -Friday

Term time only job to include TD days plus one week to be agreed during school holiday time.

Grade H points 15 - 17, £25,820 - £27,669 (actual salary)

Closing date - Monday 19th February 2024

Interviews - w/c 26th February 2024

## TEACHER OF BIOLOGY

Start Date: September 2024

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Thursday 29th February 2024, 9am

**Teacher of Biology 2024**

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

Required as soon as possible

31 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (including all 5 TD Days)

Permanent Contract

Monday - Friday 8.30am -3.00pm, (30 minutes unpaid lunch)

+ 1 hour after school club each week

## TEACHER OF MATHS

Start Date: September 2024

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 9am

Interview: Week beginning Monday 27th March

## TEACHER OF MATHS (MATERNITY COVER)

Start Date: September 2024 or earlier if possible (May half term)

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 9am

Interview: Week beginning Monday 27th March

## 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)

**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/>**



**WE ARE HIRING!**

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**SENIOR TEAM LEADER/CLEANER  
5 HOURS A DAY, 3PM-8PM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
£14.00 PER HOUR**

**PLEASE CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE AT:  
[RECRUITMENT@IMPERIALCLEANINGSERVICES.CO.UK](mailto:RECRUITMENT@IMPERIALCLEANINGSERVICES.CO.UK)  
OR TEL 01225 282525**

The logo for Imperial Cleaning Services is displayed on a dark blue rectangular background. It features a stylized green and blue swirl icon above the word "Imperial" in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below "Imperial", the words "Cleaning Services" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

**WE ARE HIRING!**

Imperial have an exciting opportunity for you to join their growing cleaning team at a Secondary School located in Amesbury, Wiltshire.

1 x position - 5 hours per day

£10.50 per hour

3.00pm - 8.00pm Monday - Friday

Please contact us to find out more:  
[recruitment@imperialcleaningservices.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@imperialcleaningservices.co.uk)  
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