



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES FEBRUARY

12th - 16th
HALF TERM

Mon 19th
STUDENTS RETURN

Mon 19th
Silver DofE Training (all)

Wed 21st
Bronze Girls DofE training

Fri 23rd
Bronze Boys DofE training

Mon 29th - Fri 9th
Year 8 Milestone Exams

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

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

Message from the Headteacher ...

The end of another busy term with students taking milestone exams, out on overseas and UK trips, taking part in competitions and quizzes, sporting fixtures etc. Students out on trips have been praised for their exemplary behaviour and how well they have represented the school. A reward for the winning house team was hot chocolate and down time. This all packed into what was a relatively short term and further details can be found in the Newsletter.

As a follow on from last week's message that provided a reminder of the home-school communications policy, I would now like to draw your attention to the Parent Code of Conduct that is approved by our Governing Body.

It can be found here:

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2023/01/Parent-Code-of-Conduct-2023.pdf>

The key sections I would like to draw your attention to in particular are on the following page.

I wish you a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Dean



3. BEHAVIOUR THAT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches, classrooms, an employee's office, the main office or any other area of the school grounds)
- Disturbing school staff and trying to speak to them whilst they are supervising children
- Breaching school security and safeguarding procedures, or attempting to gain entry to any part of the school without permission and appropriate supervision
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
- Threatening another member of the school community
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Abusive, persistent or threatening emails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media
- Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on social media platforms (see additional advice regarding social media)
- Use of physical punishment against your child while on school premises
- Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult
- Disciplining another person's child - please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention
- Smoking or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Behaving in a manner that compromises the safeguarding of children within our school

4. INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools or to share inappropriate information, e.g. naming children involved in incidences, sharing confidential information regarding an aspect of school life, making allegations or accusations or sharing false news.

The Stonehenge School considers the use of social media websites or Apps in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the leadership team or the Headteacher, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carers of a child/ren being educated in the The Stonehenge School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites or Apps, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carers or pupil removes such comments immediately.

In cases where a parent wishes to make/has made a complaint to the school, at any level, posts on social media regarding the complaint would be deemed to break confidentiality. In order for complaints to be resolved as quickly and fairly as possible, we request that complainants do not discuss complaints publicly via social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Complaints will be dealt with confidentially for those involved, and we expect complainants to observe confidentiality also.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.

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



This year we have teamed up with the Jon Egging Trust, the trust was set up following the tragic death of pilot Jon Egging. It was set up to realise Jon's dream of creating links with the RAF and other inspiring environments to help young people develop their talents and be the best they can be.

15 of our Year 8 pupils have been chosen to take part in a 3-year programme called Blue Skies to help them develop teamwork, communication and leadership. This week they were fortunate enough to spend the day at the Army Flying Museum in Middle Wallop where the students learnt about the different aircrafts and put their teamwork skills in to practice. All 15 students were outstanding and stepped out their comfort zones to give a talk to members of the public about different WW1 artefact's.

We have received an email from the museum staff praising our young people on how well they behaved and engaged they were.

"Just a quick email to say thank you for Tuesday. The children were amazing and the museum staff have sent me the following to be forwarded on to you.

"We would like it fed back to the teachers and their School that the students were a pleasure to work with and all the staff here remarked on their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. In the evening on the staff WhatsApp group, colleagues here all were commenting on how much they enjoyed the day".

We have lots more trips planned and in school activities coming up over the next few months to look forward to with the Jon Egging Trust.

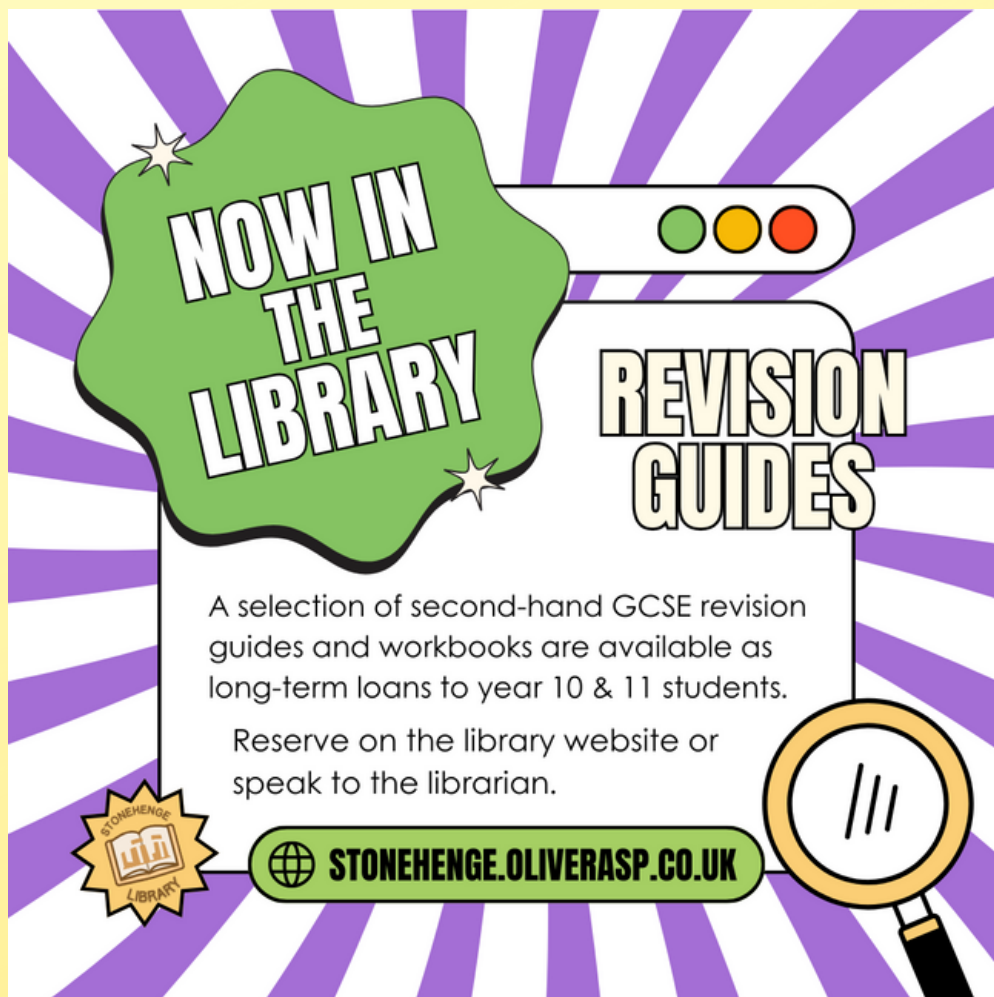


Cosmic Quest: The Galactic Rescue

Welcome, young astronauts, to the Galactic Rescue mission! Your spaceship, The Starlight Explorer, has crash-landed on an unknown planet, and you must solve a series of math puzzles to repair the ship and make a safe escape. The fate of the galaxy rests in your hands.

Are you ready for the Cosmic Quest?

Thanks to Miss Freemantle and the Maths Team who promoted STEM by delivering an Escape Room activity to much of year 8 on Wednesday. The students worked in teams to solve space themed problems to escape' The atmosphere in each class was one of excitement; it was great to see. Boldly going where no man has gone before, victorious team were Jayan P, Edward C, Daniel C-M, James C, Barney R.



**Dr Frost
LEARNING**

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

Year 7	Ollie B	Miles J
Year 8	Hayden C	Gordon L
Year 9	Joshua N	Toby D
Year 10	Elise R	Adam McG
Year 11	Isabella S-W	Jacob W

Netball

Year 11 Netball

Last week the Year 11 went to play netball against Devizes School, the first game that they had played for a long time. Unfortunately, they were up against a very strong Devizes team and lost the game 9-23. There was some very good play throughout the court and the girls kept fighting until the end of the game. Well played to all of those that took part in what will probably be the last time they represent the school in Netball. Well done to all of them over the past 5 years in the games that they have played.

Year 9 Netball

On Wednesday Year 9 returned to Dauntsey School to play again, this time against one of their higher team. A few changes were made to the team due to one of the team being on a school trip. Everyone played really well throughout the court with the defence making some great interceptions to turn the ball over for us as well as good shooting from both the shooters. In the final quarter we were trailing by one goal and in possession of the ball with about a minute to go. Unfortunately Dauntsey were able to intercept a pass and came out 13-11 winners. Players of the match were awarded to Abi and Jairuslyn.

Year 10 Netball

On Thursday Year 10 also returned to Dauntsey for a second game against them this season. We got off to a strong start finishing the 1/4 2-0 up. As we started the second 1/4 it started to rain which made the ball slippery and it was much harder to play. Everyone worked well as a team and there was turnover from both teams. By the end of the third 1/4 we were still winning 7-4. The rain got heavier in the last 1/4 which unfortunately affected us more than Dauntsey's and we unfortunately ended up losing 8-10. Although it was a loss for the team that had all played very well against a strong Dauntsey's team that was made up of year 11 students with some sixth formers.



COUNTY CUP QUARTER FINAL WIN!!

Congratulations to the Year 7 Girls Football Team who beat South Wilts Grammar School 4-0 in the Quarter- Final of the County Cup. The girls displayed excellent skills, teamwork and tenacity to overcome a strong opposition. Well done girls. Bring on the Semi- Finals!

Vandalism on Holders Playing Field

We have recently fallen victim to trespassers on Holders Field which has resulted in the vandalism and criminal damage of school football nets. This is a concerning issue that can have significant consequences for the school and the students. School football nets are essential equipment in the teaching of football. If they vandalised it has an impact on our ability to teach this sport. This is not in the best interests of our students.

The financial implications of vandalism to school football nets are also significant. Schools have limited budgets, and repairing or replacing vandalised nets can be a burden. These funds could have been allocated to other educational needs, such as improving facilities or providing student resources. Moreover, the time and effort required to repair or replace the nets can significantly disrupt the school's daily operations.

If you have any information or knowledge of who may have trespassed on Holders and vandalised this piece of school property, please contact me by email - protheroea@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk.

The incident has also been reported to the police.



Phase 2 road widening and levelling of the old school site continues.





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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.

Congratulations to Eliana Soobramanian and Elise Ross on becoming our schools Wiltshire Youth Councillors. Also congratulating Megan Basey on winning the position of Deputy Wiltshire Youth Councillor.

Good luck girls and well done.



Another pair of amazing students winning their way through to the next round of the Young Chef competition.

Erin and Robert took part in the second round of young chef award. The competition was tough and only 2 people could go through to the districts.

Both got through! Robert won again and Erin came second again!

Thank you to Mrs Cable for the encouragement and the quick dash to Romsey to support the pair.

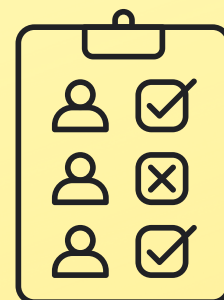


HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

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



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

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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

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

Closing date - Friday 16th February 2024

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/>



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£10.50 per hour

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Please contact us to find out more:
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