



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES APRIL

Wed 17th
DofE First Aid Training
Bronze Girls

Fri 19th
DofE First Aid Training
Bronze Girls

Thurs 25th
Year 8 Looking Forward
Evening

Mon 29th
DofE First Aid Training
Silver Boys & Girls

Message from Headteacher

After the Easter break students have come back in to school and settled into lessons well. Our Year 11's are on the final stretch of preparation for their upcoming GCSE exams starting in May and should hopefully have been revising over the break.

We have had three new members of staff join us -

Mr Firth our new Head of Geography/
Business Studies



Mr Sherburne our new English teacher



Miss Fowler the new History teacher.



We hope their first week has gone well and they have settled into Stonehenge School life.

April is the Month of the Military Child.

This is a month dedicated to celebrating and understanding children and young people from services families. Being a service child comes with many challenges, such as coping with the deployment of a parent, to moving schools and having to make new friends. Lily in Year 7 has worked with BBC Newsround recently to discuss her experiences of being from a services family. If you would like to see this feature, please use this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/68765614>



Here at The Stonehenge School we currently have 391 students identified as being from services families and we are situated near many military bases. We also have many staff associated with military services. With that in mind, it's important that our students understand that children and young people from services families sometimes face challenges which are unfamiliar to those who aren't from services families. In response to this, we invest heavily in our pastoral support team, ensuring there is a dedicated Pastoral Manager in each year group ready to support those students who may face some of these challenges. We've also been able to offer the opportunity for some services students to visit Bath Spa University, to discuss their experiences with others, and for them to come to us to work with Year 9 services students on their career aspirations. The fantastic charity, Little Troopers, has been used here within school to support students and give them the opportunity to share experiences.

This month, to celebrate The Month of the Military Child, the charity Never Such Innocence have launched a competition in celebration of children and young people from services backgrounds and we will be sharing this competition with students during tutor time sessions next week. The title of the competition is: 'Life as a Dandelion'. Did you know the official flower of the military child is the dandelion? Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere they grow, and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates. Military children bloom everywhere the wind carries them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

Children 15 and under will need an adult to enter on their behalf. You can find a link to this, as well as more information about the competition here: <https://www.neversuchinnocence.com/month-of-the-military-child>

All students will be awarded +3 for entering, so please let us know that they have done so. There are also other amazing prizes being offered by the charity such as Amazon vouchers and even a trip to London!

We thank all services for their hard work to keep us safe and we look forward to celebrating this special month.

YEAR 5 TASTER DAYS



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

Year 5 students are invited to visit us on one of our school 'Taster Days' for a preview of what The Stonehenge School has to offer.

Discover our new building and find out about our exciting Phase 2, also the varied curriculum Options we have..



DATE & TIME

Tuesday 9th July 2024

Wednesday 10th July 2024

Thursday 11th July 2024



8.45 AM - 2.30 PM

Call For More Information



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CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRONZE AWARD

Mrs Devlin's departure from The Stonehenge School means that we have needed to re-assess how The Duke of Edinburgh scheme will run for those currently taking part. We have two excellent members of staff who are stepping in to support on a voluntary basis, Mrs Thompson and Mrs James. We have also secured the support of Wiltshire Council's outdoor education team, whom we have been working with to ensure the awards continue.

They have assessed what training the teams still require, as well as their own availability to run the expeditions, and unfortunately we are postponing both the practice and qualifying expedition for the Bronze award until Term 1 of the academic year 2024-2025 (September to October). Once I have new, confirmed dates for training (likely to be after school), practice and qualifying expeditions I will be in touch.

Students should continue with the other three sections of the award in the meantime: volunteering, physical and skills.

We understand that this postponement is disappointing news, but securing the support of this new team means that all students will still complete their Bronze award.

Kind regards,

Mrs Blake.



EXPEDITION CHANGES OF DATES FOR SILVER AWARD

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They have assessed what training the teams still require, as well as their own availability to run the expeditions, and have proposed the following dates for both a practice, and a qualifying expedition:

21-23rd June: practice expedition

5-7 July: qualifying expedition (as per the original calendar)

They have also recommended 3 additional training sessions, after school, and I will confirm when these will be when I have the dates.

Students should continue with the other three sections of the award in the meantime: volunteering, physical and skills.

When I have more concrete information, I will be in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Blake.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD FIRST AID TRAINING

At lunchtime with Mr Vickery in his classroom.

Wed 17th April - Bronze girls

Friday 19th April - Bronze boys

Monday 29th April - Silver (all)





A ROYAL INTRODUCTION

Last term Year 9 student Jack Ryan met The Princess Royal as part of her visit to Devizes where she dedicated a brand new community support unit to St John's Ambulance and met volunteers.

Well done Jack, an amazing experience in recognition of the dedication that you show to the service when you volunteer.

A photograph of Jack with The Princess Royal.



EX STUDENTS SUCCESS

Ex Stonehenge School pupils Isla and Siobhan Bennett, 16, have been announced as shortlisted nominees for the Young Supporter of the Year award at the RAF Benevolent Fund's 2024 Awards on April 25.

Members of the public were invited to make their nominations earlier this year via the Fund's website, and the shortlist was finalised by a panel of judges.

We wish them both the best of luck when they attend the presentation of the awards on 25th April.



THE DOGS TRUST - SCHOOL CHARITY 2023 - 2024

The Dogs Trust have sent us a lovely email in response to the money you all raised for them as our charity for the last year.

Dear Stonehenge School,

From offering a safe, caring kennel environment to providing training, behaviour and veterinary care – our Dogs Trust dogs are at the forefront of everything we do and this is only made possible because of generous and thoughtful donations. Therefore, thank you so much for your very kind donation of £1,896.75, which will help us care for the many dogs that need us.

With around 14,000 dogs coming into our 22 rehoming centres each year, some as a result of the current 'cost of living' crisis, we continue to work tirelessly to look after them, with the aim of finding them a loving new, forever home – and as you may already know, we never put down a healthy dog.

We are truly grateful for your donation and for any support you have given our dogs in the past and continue to give in the future. So, thank you once again for helping our dogs - such as Logan, the 8yr old Siberian Husky and Ace, the 6yr old Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross, as well as all the other dogs we are currently looking after at Dogs Trust Salisbury Rehoming Centre.

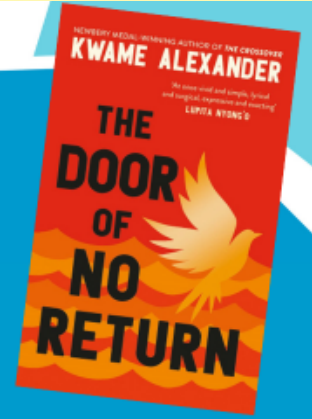
If you would like to see the work we do and how we put your donations to good use, please don't hesitate to contact me at justine.salkeld@dogstrust.org.uk or 01980 629853. I would then be more than happy to arrange a personal tour for you and any family or friends of the School at your local rehoming centre.

With warmest wishes,
Justine Salkeld
Supporter Relations Officer
Dogs Trust Salisbury



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**OUR NEW CHARITY FOR 2024 – 2025 ,
WATCH OUT FOR OUR FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS.**



The Door of No Return- Kwame Alexander

Synopsis

The story begins following our protagonist Kofi Offin through his life in the village of Upper Kwanta (or 'Upper' as the characters refer to it). Kofi Offin is content with his life of tradition; spending most of his time with his friend Ebo by the river or talking to Nani; listening to his ancient stories. The only character at this point with an outside influence being his English-loving teacher Mr. Goodluck Philip, who- though important to Kofi Offin, due to his enjoyment of Shakespeare- has his views overshadowed by the overall traditional community of the village. Kofi Offin begins to face some hardships in his family as a rivalry arises between him and his cousin whilst his brother Kwasi makes a grave mistake at their local festival. However, these challenges soon seem trivial as Kofi Offin is taken far away from the home he holds dear, meeting new friends as he discovers there may be no way to return.

My thoughts

I believe the unique writing style throughout this book was an excellent choice in keeping the reader engaged through some of the hard topics Kofi Offin faces throughout the story. It also succeeds in adding a sense that we are only to think at Kofi Offin's pace; allowing the reader to take in Upper (and the rest of Kofi Offin's world) at a slower pace. This later keeps the reader in suspense as Kofi Offin is taken and attempts to figure out why and what is going to happen down the line for him.

Audience

I think this book would be great for a teenage audience interested in learning more about the actuality of slavery for the people on a more personal level, rather than through the cut and dry facts given in history lessons. Although not a conventional read for me, it was interesting to branch out into a different kind of story.



The CPD Standards Office
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2024-2025
www.cpdstandards.com

CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.
National Standards CPD accredited sessions
All sessions booked & delivered online via facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Tuesday
16 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Introduction to OCD
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
Looking at the complexity of this serious condition.

Thursday
18 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Understanding Addictive Behaviour
Screens, gaming, social media. What is happening to the brain and body and how can we control it.

Monday
22 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and start the talking.

Thursday
25 April

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereo types and explaining how this condition impacts on the child and giving ideas on how we can support them.

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*



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/>

HEAD OF MFL

Start Date: September 2024 or earlier if possible

Salary: MPS/UPS plus TLR 2d - £7847

Contract: Permanent Contract

Closing Date: 10th May 2024 9.00 am

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.