



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES September

Tues 17th Yr 11 Live N Lean

Tues 17th Yr 11 Success
Evening

Thurs 19th OPEN EVENING

Fri 20th Yr 11 London Dungeon
Trip

Sat 21st 'Oliver Musical' all day
rehearsal

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd
DofE Legacy Bronze Practice
Expedition

Thurs 26th DofE information
evening

Fri 27th Charity Walk

OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
FROM 4.30 - 7.00 PM**

**HEADTEACHER'S SPEECHES
AT 5.00 PM AND 6.00 PM IN
THE MAIN HALL**





THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
FROM 4.30 - 7.00 PM

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR OPEN EVENING AND MEET THE HEADTEACHER ALONG WITH THE SENIOR TEAM. SPEAK TO STUDENTS AND STAFF ABOUT WHAT LIFE IS LIKE AT THE SCHOOL.



TAKE PART IN EXPERIMENTS, SAVOUR THE DELIGHTS OF OUR FOOD TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT, WATCH PRACTICAL PE DISPLAYS AND GET TO LOOK AT OUR NEW PHASE TWO BUILDING.

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY.

(PARKING IS LIMITED SO ADVICE WOULD BE TO POSSIBLY USE TESCO OR B & M CAR PARKS IF COMING BY CAR)

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PARKING ON OPEN EVENING WILL BE VERY BUSY AND WE WOULD ADVISE IF POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO PARK IN EITHER B & M OR TESCO CAR PARK. PLEASE NOTE ALSO WE NOW HAVE A ONE WAY SYSTEM THROUGH THE SCHOOL SITE WHICH MEANS YOU HAVE TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL VIA ANTROBUS ROAD.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.



CATERING AT THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

The school have 5 different areas where food can be purchased at break and lunchtimes - all of these areas now sell hot food. We have been monitoring these areas over the last 2 weeks to keep an eye on the queues and so far, all areas have served every child waiting before the end of break and lunch service.

For our new Year 7 students at the start of term, the queues can seem quite daunting and this can be due to the fact that there is such a choice of food which they are not used to in a primary setting. The Year 7 students like to look at what is available and also ask questions to kitchen staff. If you could show your child the menus on line and remind them to think about what they would like to order before they get to the till this will help speed up service. Often the queues do begin to ease towards the end of September as students start to know what is available each day.

We hope your child is enjoying the fabulous variety of food we are able to offer on a daily basis.



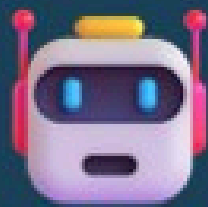
Stonehenge Lunar Standstill

On Wednesday the year 9 astronomy option class and four year 11 STEM prefects went to Stonehenge to model the lines of the major lunar standstill. After the photo was taken we had a few minutes to go inside the circle and look at some of the features including the stone carvings of a dagger and axe heads.

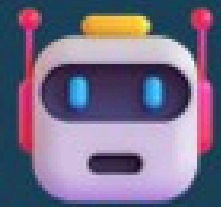
We then went to the classroom and had an explanation by the archaeoastronomer Fabio Silva of what a lunar standstill is and how it might be linked to part of the wider Stonehenge landscape. The morning was rounded off by a brief discussion about how to get into archaeology by two post graduate students from Bournemouth University.

Niyara Sherpa described the morning as a fun experience and Katie Waters said that the people from English Heritage and Bournemouth University explained everything in an extremely fascinating way.





FIRST TECH CHALLENGE UK CLUB



Your child is invited to apply to be a part of the brand new First Tech Challenge Club at The Stonehenge School.

The club is all about working in a team of 15 over a period of two school years to design and build robots that will compete in regional and national challenges. You can find out more information by scanning this QR code.



SCAN ME

All equipment is provided by FirstUK, but there is a cost of £20 per child for the two year period. We will meet weekly 3:15pm - 4:15pm after school on a Monday in room 67 - you must attend all sessions in order for your team to work at it's best!

Please register your interest by completing the Forms survey by 9am Monday 16th September. The 15 students will then be randomly selected from those who register their interest. If you have any questions about the club, please email freemantleb@Stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

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**More
Than
Robots**

HOUSE SYSTEM CHANGES

I'm writing with some significant changes to the House system. With immediate effect, the way Houses are assigned to students has changed. Now, all students in the same tutor group will also be in the same House.

This will also mean that most students' Houses have changed. The reasons for this are:

- This helps to develop a sense of community within the tutor group
- It is beneficial to friendship groups, allowing those who are already friends to also be in the same House
- It supports the management and running of inter-house competitions
- It increases student motivation, as there's a sense that the whole tutor group are one team
- It increases a sense of belonging
- Better support is available from the Head of House, who can easily visit their Houses during morning registration
- Better opportunities for House assemblies, to share vision, plans and competitions

All changes have already been made on Class Charts and this does not affect the new Year 7 cohort.

In line with this, the need for students to wear a House badge is no longer required. We have found them to be unreliable in their ability to remain attached to blazers and are exploring other ways of students being able to identify themselves with their House. If you had bought a new one over the summer, we have refunded your order. There is no need to purchase one for this year.

To finish, we are pleased to announce that our House reward day this year will be on Wednesday 2nd April. The winning House (based on points) will be offered the chance of a trip out of school (we are currently exploring options), whilst other students will be offered an in-school experience to enjoy. We are informing you now so that any costs associated with this can be budgeted for.

Students have been told all of this information in tutor time.

Mrs Blake

Assistant Headteacher

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Childcare Spaces
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**Fri 20th Sept -
Fri 22nd Nov 2024
10am - 12pm**



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PENALTY NOTICES FOR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

EDUCATION ACT 1996

Information for Parents and Carers

With effect from 19 August 2024

The Education Act 1996

Section 444A and section 444B of the Education Act 1996 give powers to the local authority (LA) to issue penalty notices where the parent/carer is considered capable of but unwilling to secure an improvement in their child's school attendance.

Why are Penalty Notices used?

Reducing pupil absence from school is really important. Missing school reduces a pupil's educational attainment chances. Absence from school makes a child more vulnerable to anti-social behaviour and other crime. A child is less likely to get a job or training when s/he leaves school if they have been regularly absent from school.

What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is an alternative to prosecution and is used to try and improve a pupil's school attendance without the need to appear in court.

If the fine is paid, a parent or carer cannot be fined or prosecuted again for the period covered by the penalty notice.

Penalty notices are issued to each parent for each child and payment is required for each penalty notice issued. Who issues them?

The Local Authority through the Education Welfare Service.

How are they issued?

By post to your home.

Unauthorised absence is where the school has not given permission for the absence or where no justifiable reason has been given to the headteacher or when a child does not register either in the morning or the afternoon before the school register is closed.

Why have I received this leaflet?

Either – you have received a Notice to Improve School Attendance warning of the possibility of a penalty notice being issued as your child has had at least 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10 week period.

Or – your child has unauthorised absence which has not been agreed by the school but support is not deemed appropriate (eg for a family holiday). You will not have received a Notice to Improve School Attendance in this situation.

What can I do now?

If you have been issued with a Notice to Improve School Attendance due to unauthorised absence, you should make sure that your child does not have any more unauthorised absence from school.

You should make contact with the school and arrange to discuss the support available to help improve your child's attendance

Can I get help if my child is not attending school regularly?

Yes, talk to your child's school.

The Education Welfare Service may also help:

Please email: EWS@wiltshire.gov.uk

What are the costs?

If this is your first penalty notice then payment of £160 is required within 28 days of receipt of the penalty notice; this sum is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. If this is the second penalty notice to be issued to you in respect of the same child within 3 years of the first penalty notice, payment of £160 is required within 28 days of receipt of the penalty notice. If the penalty notice is not paid in full within 28 days the LA is required to start proceedings in the Magistrates' Court for your child's poor school attendance. If you plead guilty, or are found guilty, the courts have a wider range of options which could include a maximum fine of £1000. In addition a Parenting Order could be imposed.

Can I be prosecuted if I pay the penalty notice but my child is still missing school?

Not for the period included in the penalty notice – payment discharges your liability in this respect.

However, legal proceedings might be considered for further periods of poor attendance not covered by the penalty notice.

When are they used?

- When a parent/carer continually fails to provide a reason for a

Trip Mapping with Costs 2024 - 2025

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		
Term 1	Charity Walk (£3)		Charity Walk (£3)		Charity Walk (£3)		Charity Walk (£3)		Charity Walk (£3)
	Alpaca Science club (£15)		Alpaca Science club (£15)		Astronomy students trip to Stonehenge (free)		Philosophy Salisbury Cathedral (£10)		London Dungeon History students (£42)
	Longleat (£20)		Paulton's Park (£27)		Philosophy Salisbury Cathedral (£10)		Robinson College Cambridge (free)		Geography field work (free)
					Paulton's Park (£27)		Paulton's Park (£27)		Thorpe Park (£35)
					Bronze Duke of Edinburgh launch and registration (£32)				Philosophy Salisbury Cathedral (£10)
Term 2	Harry Potter studios (£40)		KS3 Science Live (£30)				Siver Duke of Edinburgh launch and registration (£40)		London STEM trip (£400)
Term 3					Hairspray theatre trip (£30)		Hairspray theatre trip (£30)		An Inspector Calls (£32)
					Cologne (£527)		Cologne (£527)		Cologne (£527)
							STEM Paris (£577)		National Gallery art students (£17)
Term 4	KS3 Science Live (£30)		Battlefields (£220)		Rome (£650)		Rome (£650)		
	Lion, Witch and Wardrobe (£30)		Lion, Witch and Wardrobe (£30)				Globe theatre (£33)		
							Geography field work (free)		
							Tate Modern (£17)		
Term 5			Pencelli (£420)		DofE Bronze practice expedition (£15)				
					DofE Bronze qualifying expedition (£20)				
Term 6			Marwell Zoo (£18)				DofE Silver practice expedition (£20)		Prom (£35)
							DofE Silver qualifying expedition (£30)		
							Geography Field work (free)		
							Andover college visit (free)		

STAFF VACANCIES

FURTHER DETAILS ON ALL THE VACANCIES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE VIA -
WWW.STONEHENGE.WILTS.SCH.UK/VACANCIES

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 - 27th September 2024 9.00 am
Interview - W/c 30th September 2024

Exam Invigilators

Scale B point 2, £11.59 per hour (pending pay award)

We require additional Exam Invigilators to work with us at The Stonehenge School. We are looking for enthusiastic and supportive individuals 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.

Previous experience is not essential, as all training will be provided.

Ideal candidates will be

- Reliable and flexible
- Have good communication skills
- Confident and able to offer reassurance during exams
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This is an open vacancy we are always looking to increase our team of invigilators, therefore, please submit your application form as soon as possible.

**Applications to be returned to Mrs D Harker, Headteacher's P.A. at The Stonehenge School,
Holders Road, Amesbury, Wilts SP4 7PW. Tel: 01980 623407 or e-mail:
admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk**