



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES September

Fri 27th Charity Walk
Cancelled due to weather
conditions

October

Wed 2nd
Science club Trip

Thurs 3rd
Yr 11 Trip Thorpe Park

Mon 7th
Yr 9 & 10 Splendid Theatre
Workshops

Wed 9th
Yr7 Settling In evening

Headteacher's message
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. Last week was an important and productive time for our Year 11 students as they participated in our annual Success Day, which was entirely dedicated to helping them prepare for the year ahead. The day provided an invaluable opportunity for students to focus on developing the skills and mindset necessary for success in their upcoming GCSE exams.

We were pleased to welcome an external group, Live N Learn, who led engaging and interactive sessions throughout the day. These sessions focused on key areas such as self-motivation, time management, and developing strategies for staying calm under pressure. It was an incredibly positive experience for our students, giving them the tools to approach their final year with confidence and clarity.

Parents were also invited to participate in an evening session, where they received advice on how best to support their children through the challenges of the GCSE exams. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance, and I'm certain that the information shared will help strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring our Year 11s have the best support possible as they navigate this critical year.

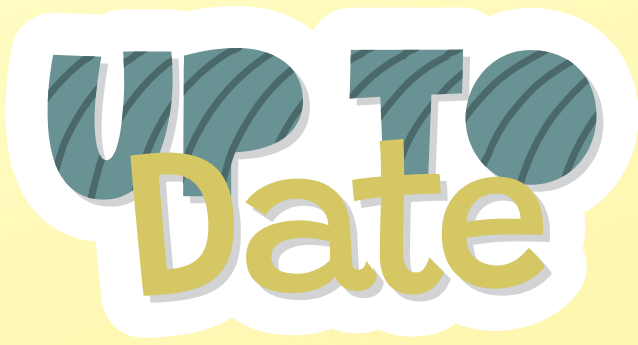
In addition to Success Day, we were proud to see our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze group take on their practice expedition over the weekend. Despite the heavy rain, they showed fantastic resilience and teamwork throughout the journey. Although conditions were challenging, this experience was an excellent preparation for their full expedition later in the year.

On a less fortunate note, we were unable to go ahead with our charity walk today due to poor weather conditions. We know how much our school community looks forward to this event, and we will be making a decision shortly about when we can reschedule it. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Finally, this week's assemblies have been led by our Modern Foreign Languages department in celebration of the European Week of Languages. It's been a wonderful opportunity for students to explore and appreciate the diversity of languages and cultures, further enriching our school's inclusive ethos.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the exciting events and opportunities ahead as we continue to work together for the success of our students.





Keeping your information up to date
We are undertaking our annual review of
information we hold on pupils and parents.
Please can you email
office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk if any of your
information/family circumstances have
changed since your child first started with us.

Mrs Findley
Office Manager

EUROPEAN BAKE OFF

Thank you so much to everyone who brought in entries for the cake competition on the European Day of Languages. The entries were stunning and a huge amount of effort had gone into all of them. Students enjoyed judging and tasting the cakes at lunchtime and it was great fun. The winner (by just one vote) was Eleni Konstantinou with highly commended going to Lorelai Van Geystel. They will receive their prizes in assembly next week.



Bookbuzz!

All students in Year 7 were delighted to receive a free book. Bookbuzz is a scheme run by Book Trust, the UK's largest children's reading charity to encourage reading for pleasure.

In the second week in September the students watched a video introducing them to the 16 books available. The selection ranged from non-fiction reads to fast-paced page-turners to make sure that Bookbuzz has something for everyone. After hearing a brief summary of the book from the authors themselves, our year 7 students had to make the difficult decision of which book they were going to choose.

The chosen books just arrived this week and it was wonderful to see the excitement when students received their books!

The English department

Ezandrie Voight

'I am reading Lizzie and Belle mysteries. I quite like the cover and the idea is 10 out of 10.'

Gerald Francis Thoman

'I am reading Animal record Breakers and I really like it. It's factual and it provides lots of evidence, which I am really fond of.'

Chloe Taylor

'Quiet Storm. I like the colours and the description of her character. I believe this book portrays what being shy and having anxiety is really like. I love it.'

Blake Dean

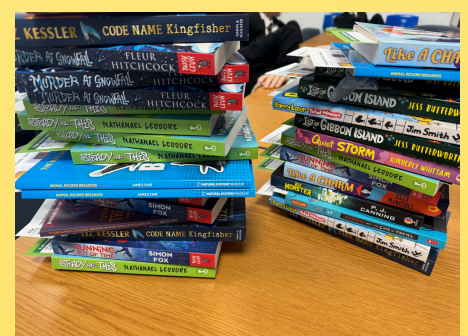
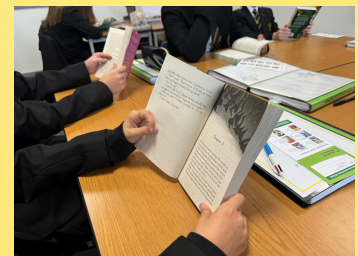
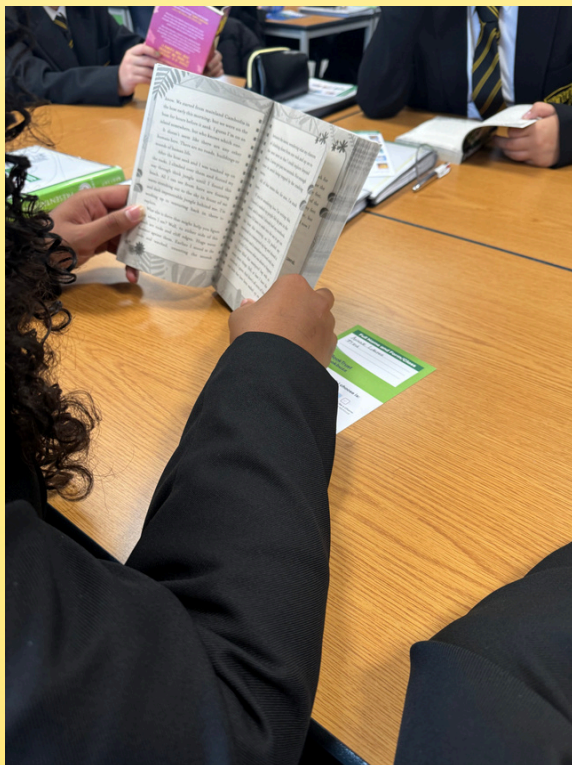
'Murder at snowfall. I really like the illustration on the front cover ad I love murder mystery and so far the book is class.'

Arthur Stewart-Gillham

'I like the theme of my book.'

Hollie Jones

'I like the books because they are all interesting. My favourite is Lara Bloom. I just like teenage drama.'



Extra-curricular opportunities

We are excited to announce our extra-curricular opportunities for terms 1 and 2 of the academic year 2024/2025. Remember, you will need to book your space. For safeguarding reasons, and for us to be able to plan activities, we need to know exactly who we will have in school attending each activity. Some of our clubs are incredibly popular and over-subscribed, so if you book a space and your child does not attend, we will remove them and inform you that we have done so, so that others have the chance to attend. Equally, students cannot turn up to activities without being booked on in advance. We have an excellent pastoral and SEND team who are happy to support you with this process, should you need it.

Once students' activities have been assigned, they will be added to their timetable on Class Charts.

The only club that has an associated cost is First Tech Challenge. This is a new STEM club for this year. It requires commitment from students and involves both regional and national competitions. We have secured a bursary for this club and are awaiting clarification on how much this will contribute. The cost to be passed onto parents is anywhere between £20-£50 per student, for a two year involvement. This will be covered by the school if the student is eligible for free school meals. This club is invitation only and Miss Freemantle will send out more details to those who are eligible.

Some clubs have limited numbers; if the requests exceed the places, we will draw names at random. There will be further opportunities throughout the year if you are unsuccessful this term.

Touch Rugby will only run for Term 1 and Darts Club won't start until Term 2.

The Duke of Edinburgh award will be running in addition to this programme.

Full details can be found on our website via the following link
<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/curriculum/extra-curriculum/>

Mrs Blake
Assistant Headteacher



The Stonehenge School Presents

Lionel Bart's

POSTPONED

*By special arrangement
with Cameron Mackintosh*

Oliver! JR!



16th -18th October 2024

Main Hall

Tickets can be purchased via the school website and a limited number will be available on the door.

Refreshments available during the interval.

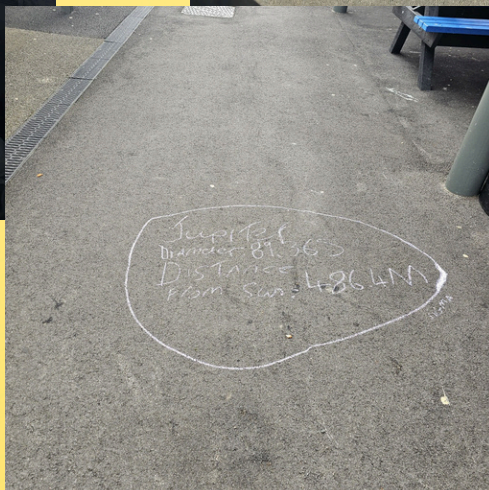
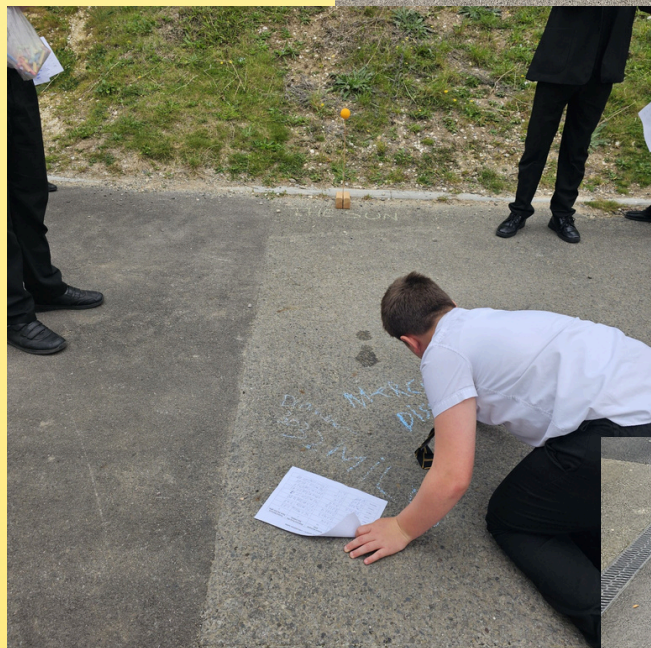
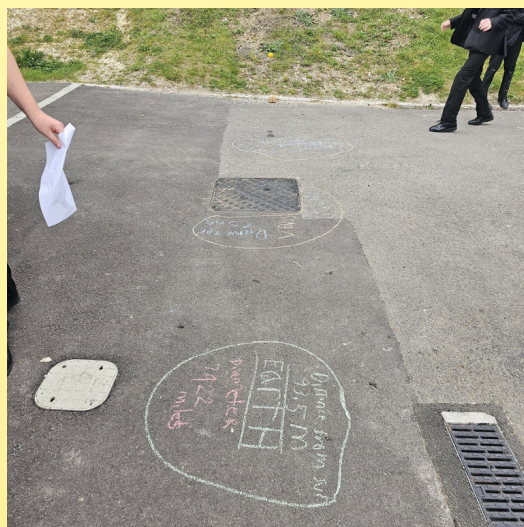
7pm -
8:30pm



Tickets
£6

This amateur production of "Oliver Jr" is presented by arrangement with Musical Theatre International

In between the gaps in the rain this week our Year 9's were out and about on the school site drawing a model of the solar system. Just as we got it finished the rain started again to wash it away all their hard work.



LEGO® Fest 2024

Lego layouts & displays for kids of all ages

Date: Saturday 12th October 2024

Time: 10:30am - 4:00pm

Venue: Winterbourne Glebe Hall (SP4 6HA), free parking

Entrance fee: £1 for adults and children 5 and over

Activities - Build a Minifigure - Lego for sale - Refreshments



**CRICKET &
FOOTBALL
SESSIONS**

**SPORTS
ACTIVITIES**

**CIRCUS &
AERIAL ARTS
RIG**

**FLIGHT
SIMULATOR**

**GIRLS
BRIGADE &
SCOUTS**

YOUTH FAIR

Do you want to find out about what youth organisations and activities are available for teens in your local area?

Free activities, free refreshments and much more!

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Durrington Recreation Ground, SP4 8HH

Free shuttle bus available



2pm: Meet at the entrance of Larkhill Primary School, Wilson Road, SP4 8QB

4pm: Pick up at Youth Fair and return to Larkhill Primary school



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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

October is **Black History Month**. This year's theme is "Reclaiming Narratives," and marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

This theme underscores a commitment to correcting historical inaccuracies and showcasing the untold success stories and the full complexity of Black heritage. It's about taking control of our stories and honouring our heroes while challenging the narratives that have often overlooked the contributions and achievements of Black individuals both in the UK and globally.

You can use the hashtag #ReclaimingNarratives on social media to find real life stories from people all over the world.



There is a dedicated space on the BHM website that showcases all the related events happening online and across the UK. From learning about afro hair to the black heroes of Mathematics, there is something for everyone.



If reading is more your thing than attending an event, this blog showcases 10 Books by Black British Authors You Should Read. How many have you already read? Which is next on your reading list?!



Another interesting and important topic when considering ethnicity is how the colour of your skin impacts you in the corporate world. In an ideal environment, it shouldn't. However, some companies are still working to improve their diversity and inclusion. You can read more using the BHM's Diversity Dashboard which includes interesting stories from employers such as Coca-Cola, West Yorkshire Police and the Army.



How many black male teachers teach you? Not many, right? That's because there is a lack of black males coming into the education sector. Read more here.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Building
Surveyor

Building surveyors evaluate the quality of buildings and offer advice on how to improve them. They are involved in new buildings, surveying existing buildings and the maintenance of buildings with historical or architectural importance. Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and qualifications needed.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

A study found that 25% of Black professionals were interested in forming their own businesses compared to just 7% of white professionals. Why do you think this is?
Source

If you have any questions or need support, please email office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



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In today's fast-paced job market, AI-driven skills are in high demand, yet many talented individuals lack access to the knowledge needed to leverage these powerful tools. This program enables individuals to confidently use tools like ChatGPT Enterprise and Azure CoPilots across various roles, opening up new career opportunities and ensuring they can contribute meaningfully in modern workplaces. By answering 6 simple questions right now, you can discover which types of careers are most likely to suit you and the website will then direct you to amazing work experience opportunities and inspirational talks to help bring your career ambitions to life. Join Lynne Hugill from Teesside University as she explores the world of fashion and fashion communication. The insight provides four sessions which cover;



- The relationship between fashion and identity.
- The specifics of sustainability in fashion and poses the question: is fashion destroying our planet?
- How technology has made a mark on the industry
- Why promoting sustainability is vital for the fashion designers of tomorrow

Lynne also offers some guidance of where the fashion industry is going, and tells you how you can prepare for the future of the industry. Join Iyi Ogiehor as he explores the dynamic world of modern banking and finance. He begins by introducing you to what banking and finance actually are, why it is important to study them together, and the current trends shaping modern banking and finance. Iyi then takes a deep dive into digital banking, exploring what it is, how it has developed and the key technologies that enable it. He also considers the impacts - both good and bad - of digital banking, and the role of regulation in this area. He then turns the focus to globalised finance, exploring how globalisation shapes banking and finance today, where it originates from, and the core principles that underpin it.



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Finding the right opportunity can be difficult, but we make it simple. No matter which area of the business you're interested in, we can help you find the role that's right for you. You just need the enthusiasm and drive to get the most from your experience. And if you do, there's no limit to how far you could go." Read more about PwC Careers [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"For more than 400 years discoveries and advances from the University of Edinburgh have changed the way the world is understood. Today, we continue to make our mark, with world-leading experts educating the pioneers of tomorrow. Choose to study at Edinburgh and you'll be investing in an education that will help you build a successful future." Read more about [The University of Edinburgh Courses](#) [here](#).

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SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS Supporting Kids with School Anxiety Introduction to Facing Defiance	26 SEP 24 OCT
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV



24th Septemebr 2024

TRUSTEE VACANCY

We are delighted to inform you of upcoming vacancies on the Trustee Board of The Wessex Partnership. This is the board of trustees for Brunel College, an alternative provision in Salisbury. It caters for vulnerable children who are unable to succeed in mainstream schools across South Wiltshire.

Brunel College is a place where young people can learn through supportive interaction, experience and success. We aim to provide a safe environment for both young people and staff so that the emphasis can be placed upon growing, learning and fulfilling the potential that exists.

We are committed to improving the life chances of our young people by removing barriers to participation and achievement. As equality and diversity is very important to our Board, we welcome nominations from all cultures, races, religious beliefs, ages, genders and disabilities.

The role of the Trustee Board

The school's Trustee Board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight, and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance.

Members of our Board are collectively passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. The role is voluntary, but the rewards are immense in knowing you have made a real difference.

The role of a Trustee

As a Trustee, you'll work with other Trustees to ensure the Board effectively carry out the duties referred to above.

To be a Trustee you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for all students.
- A passion for secondary education.
- A willingness to challenge in a positive and constructive manner.
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills.
- A willingness to work with other Trustees.
- Willingness to commit time to being an effective Trustee and engage specific skills required to ensure the Trustee Board delivers effective governance.

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BRUNEL COLLEGE

The Wessex Partnership Trust

"Students feel safe, valued and cared for"

Expectations of Trustees

If you join our Board of Trustees, you will serve for a four-year term. Please be aware that being a Trustee does require time and commitment and is more than just attending meetings. There are 6 full Board meetings per year and each Trustee will serve on one of three committees as well as perhaps taking on the Lead Trustee role for one of the strategic focus areas.

You will also need to set aside time to prepare for meetings, visit the school, support school events and undertake training. We do have meetings in person, however, to allow more flexibility for everyone to participate, some meetings are held virtually via Teams.

How to apply

If you have any queries about the process or would like to find out more about the role and the school, please feel free to contact me on the email address below. All Trustees are subject to a Disclosure and Barring check and Safeguarding training.

Yours sincerely

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STAFF VACANCIES

FURTHER DETAILS ON ALL THE VACANCIES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE VIA -
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Teaching Assistant

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