



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES September

Wed 11th Yr 11 Astronomy Trip
to Stonehenge

Thurs 12th Yr 7 Music
Peripatetic Evening

Mon 16th Yr 11 Geography Trip

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



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am delighted to welcome you and your children back to The Stonehenge School for another exciting academic year. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

This week has been an important one, especially for our new Year 7 students. On Tuesday, they had their first day at our school, and I'm pleased to report that it was a fantastic start. The day was dedicated to helping them find their way around, spend time with their tutors, and settle into the new environment. They also attended their first lessons, setting the stage for a successful year ahead.

On Wednesday, the whole school returned, and it was wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm that the pupils brought with them on their return. The day began with assemblies and tutor time, giving everyone a chance to reconnect and get prepared for the term ahead.

This year, we are introducing study journals for our Year 7 and Year 10 students. These journals contain knowledge organisers for all subjects, along with helpful tips on how to use them to master key factual knowledge. We believe these will be an invaluable resource throughout the year, and we encourage you, as parents, to support your child in using them at home each term. Working together, we can help them achieve their best.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some important school policies. Mobile phones should not be seen on the school site at any point during the school day. This policy ensures that our students remain focused on their learning and fully engage with the school community.

Additionally, all pupils will be bringing home a Parent Handbook, which contains essential information to support you and your child throughout the year. The handbook also provides clear guidance on uniform expectations and school rules to ensure consistency and pride in our school community.

Please be aware that new statutory attendance guidance has been implemented by the Department for Education. Regular attendance is crucial to your child's success, and we are committed to working with you to ensure they are present and engaged every day.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks in advance for your support this year. Together, we can create a positive and productive environment where every student can thrive. I look forward to working closely with you all as we embark on this new academic journey.

Best wishes for the year ahead,



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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AN URGENT REQUEST TO PARENTS DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS, PLEASE DO NOT USE THE DISABLED BAYS.

ON FRIDAY WE HAD BOTH BAYS TAKEN UP BY PARENTS PICKING UP STUDENTS WHICH PREVENTED THEM BEING USED BY OUR PERMITTED USERS.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN KEEPING THE BAYS CLEAR.

MY DAY OUT IN LONDON

This is a reminder about the competition running focused on our very successful Big House Day Out to London in the summer. I am inviting all those who went to complete a 'My day out in London' report. Students can choose how they do this: scrapbook, video, written report with pictures etc. The report should focus on what they've seen, what they've learned, what they'll remember the most etc. and can include photographs they took on the day.

If you want some sentence starters either see Mrs Blake or check ClassChart for them if you are choosing to do a written report and to provide some ideas, and this video may help too: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=likN0_OLO6g

If they prefer less writing, they can present it in another format and they can be as creative as they like.

I will award prizes for each House: 1st, 2nd and 3rd: an Amazon voucher for the winner and edible prizes for the others. The deadline for completed entries has been extended to Friday 13th September. They can be directly handed in to me in my office, or room 38, or sent via e-mail to blakeh@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

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

BARROW
SOLSTICE

ARCHER
SARUM

Music Peripatetic Evening

Year 7 parents are invited along on Thursday 12th September from 7.00 until 8.00 pm to see what our music department has to offer. Come and meet staff to talk about lessons that are available to students.



Mr Rogers
Head of Music

YEAR 10 DUKE OF EDINBURGH ACHIEVEMENTS

The following pupils have achieved and received their Bronze Award this academic year and we are very proud of their achievements.

Ciaran Ashford-Wells
Abigail Cooper
Jonas Duoplys
Joshua Hall
Adam McGarry
Maria-Lucinda Richardson
Niyara Sherpa
Kasea Thompson

Olivia Berry
Robert Dale
Ellie-Anne Gough
Chloe Heatley
Joshua Mensah
Elise Ross
Erin Strange
Katie Waters

Olly Cheetham
Camron Dean
Molly Granfield
Amy Hoffman
Charlie Pearson
Daniel Samways
Oscar Thompson

Alex Griffiths has achieved her award through the scouts and Corban Blake got a Certificate of Achievement. 13 students completed their Silver assessment expedition and are on their way to completing the next level of the award. Students have made great contributions to our community picking up litter, helping in after school clubs and the Scout movement.

Assessors have reported the following:-

- She has proved herself to be a great asset to the unit and is well loved by the girls- helper at Brownies.
- Her positional sense and movement are an asset to the team, she works hard to provide an option to her team mates when they are under pressure. She has also developed the confidence to suggest dynamic changes mid game once she has watched the opponents and is willing to play anywhere for the good of the team.
- Managing spirited behaviour from the U8s with his easy charm and humour- volunteer coach.
- Being given tactical instructions and implementing them in a bout takes a lot of self-courage. Cameron worked ridiculously hard in training to make this a success by repeating drills consistently before his bout.- report for boxing.

Joshua Hall is making a boat with his grandfather for his skill



Katie Waters is making jewellery for her skill



ANGUS RAFFLE - EX STUDENT

We have just received this wonderful message from Angus Raffle's mum.



“This young man who ran from school is now a Navy Weapons Engineer Naval Recruit. This is him at his passing out parade, where he won the RNA trophy. This prize is awarded to the recruit who maintained a sense of humour throughout their training and contributed to team spirit which is voted by staff, veterans and fellow recruits.

I'm an extremely proud mummy but he would not have made this journey without the support of all you and the collaboration with all the SEN teams.

Thank you!”

How amazing, good luck to Angus in his future career in the Navy.

**COMING
SOON**
*Extra Curricular
Clubs*

Extra-curricular clubs and activities up until Christmas are ready to be launched. This will be done via Class Charts where there will be a booking form and an accompanying booklet with all the information you need.

Deadline for signing up to clubs will be Thursday 12th September. Clubs will start on Monday 16th September.

Being a Parent

For parents of
children aged 2-11

A 9-week course for
parents

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Full of practical ideas
and support for you
as a parent
.....

For more information call
us on:

0800 970 4669

Or visit our website:

Wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether

Join us at :

**The Haven Centre
Lowa road
Tidworth
SP9 7BT**

Childcare Spaces
Available

**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

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