

THE STONEHENGE

S C H O O L Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

APRIL

Sat 26th & Sun 27th DofE Bronze Practice Expedition (Year 9)

Mon 28th Pencelli Parents' meeting in main hall at 5.30pm

Mon 28th - Thurs 1st May Year 11 Final Language Speaking Exams

Tues 29th - Fri 2nd Year 11 Fashion & Textiles Final Exam

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Thurs 1st Year 8 Looking Forward Evening

> Fri 2nd Area Athletics



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has brought some powerful and moving moments to our school community, and I wanted to take a moment to share them with you.

Raising Awareness with Escapeline

All year groups took part in a one-hour workshop led by Rhys from Escapeline, a charity that works to prevent child exploitation. These sessions were designed to raise awareness among our students about the risks posed by criminal exploitation, particularly around something known as County Lines.

For parents who may be unfamiliar with the term, County Lines is when gangs and organised criminal networks exploit children to transport drugs and money between urban and rural areas - often across counties. The young people targeted may be groomed and manipulated into becoming involved, and this is sadly a growing concern nationally and, at times, locally too.

Rhys' sessions were honest, informative, and age-appropriate. They gave our pupils practical advice on how to stay safe and who to talk to if they're worried about themselves or someone else.

Jake's Garden - A Lasting Tribute

This week also saw the official opening of Jake's Garden - a beautiful, dedicated space created in memory of Jake Swinscoe, a much-loved student we tragically lost last year.

Jake's friends, his family, and members of our wider school community have worked together to create this garden as a place for reflection, peace, and remembrance. Local businesses, especially garden centres, have kindly donated plants and materials, and contractors who have worked with the school gave their time and support generously.

A time capsule has also been planted in the garden, containing meaningful items chosen by those who knew Jake best - ensuring a part of him will always be here with us.

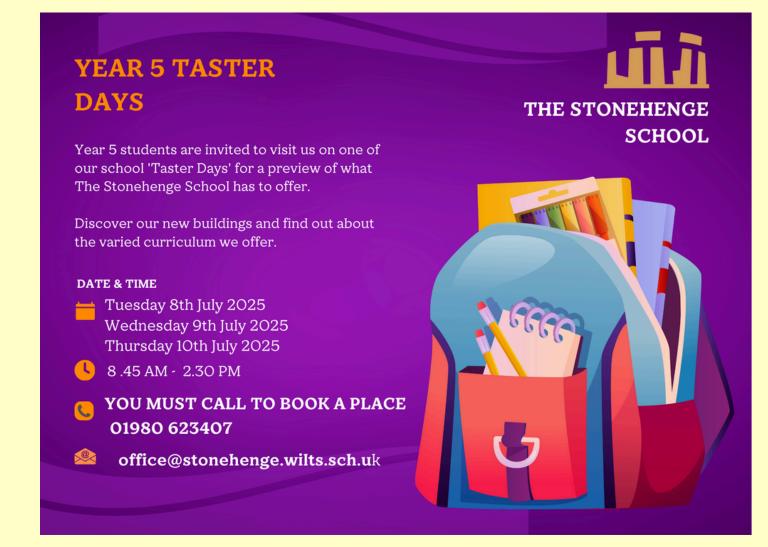
It was a moving moment to come together as a school to celebrate Jake's life and the strength of community that has grown in his memory.

Year 8 Parents' Evening and Looking Forward to Options

Thank you to all the families who attended the Year 8 Parents' Evening online this week. It was a wellattended virtual event and an important opportunity for you to hear directly from your child's teachers about their progress.

This marks the beginning of an important time for Year 8 as they begin to think about their subject choices for next year. As part of this, we're holding our Looking Forward Day and Evening on Wednesday 1st May, where both students and parents will receive detailed guidance about the options process. We encourage all families to attend and take advantage of this support as your child starts to shape their future.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are proud of the way our school community comes together - whether it's to learn, reflect, or celebrate one another. Warm regards, Mrs Dean









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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

Earth Day takes place on 2^{2^d} April each year. The theme for Earth Day 2025 is <u>OUR POWER</u>, <u>OUR PLANET</u>, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. **How?** By joining us in Earth Action Day, encouraging all to take action - educate, advocate, and mobilise.

Test your knowledge on important topics such as Plastic Pollution, Activism and Sustainable Fashion by using these online quizzes.



Do you know you want to do a job that helps the planet, but you're not sure what? Take the <u>BBC Bitesize</u> quiz to find out more about green careers and which one might suit you.



Here are <u>videos from four different people</u> working in green careers. Learn more about what they do, how their work helps the planet and hear their answers to questions from other students.



Want to know what it's like to do a Degree Apprenticeship in technology? Ethan from Not Going to Uni sat down with Lache from BAE Systems to chat about career opportunities, skills, and what to expect. Watch the recording here.

If you'd like to learn more about studying a subject at university that focuses on sustainability, check out these virtual subject spotlights:

- <u>Sustainable Engineering</u> with Dave Knapton from the University of Sunderland
- <u>Biological Sciences</u> with Dr Charlie Outhwaite from UCL
- <u>Sustainable Fashion with Lynne Hugill from Teesside</u> University
- <u>Sustainability in Architecture and the Build Environment</u> with Louise Ciotti from UWE Bristol
- <u>International Relations with Professor Tamsin Bradley</u> from the University of Portsmouth

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JOB OF THE WEEK

Listen to this newsletter

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Agricultural Engineers apply engineering principles to solve problems and improve efficiency in farming and related industries, such as forestry and horticulture. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Did you know the creative industries are the UK's fastest growing sector? Estimated to grow by 26% this year, contributing £132.1 billion to the UK economy, creative subjects don't just have to be hobbies... You can turn them into a career! Source

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Are you ready to embark on an exciting journey towards a fulfilling and rewarding career in the world of railways? Look no further than Network Rail! Your gateway to a world of possibilities, innovation, and endless opportunities. You can see their current apprenticeship opportunities here. Get My First Job have teamed up with Microsoft to offer four training modules Extra-curricular activities are any events that you participate in outside of your regular academic work. They can be anything from sports and clubs to volunteering and part-time work. Click here to read more and see what extra-curricular activities you could take part in. These events are for the parents and carers University of Portsmouth are running a series of online sessions understanding how universities will support your young people there is a helpful webinar for everyone. We know that understanding how student loans work can seem intimidating and often off-putting so in this session, Falmouth University wil break it down for you, give a clear overview of how the system works for UK students, and show you why it doesn't have to be as scary as it might seem. This session takes place on 7th May at 4pm. The University of Exeter have a series of events that focus on interesting and helpful topics to help you consider courses and understand the support on offer at university. The events run from 6-7pm. Here are some topics you can register for:



- <u>12th May: Subject session: Law</u>
- <u>22nd May: Studying as an LGBTQ+ student at the University</u> of Exeter
- <u>5th June: Making Friends and Creating Support Networks at the University of Exeter</u>

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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

<u>'Looking</u> for variety, unrivalled experience, and expert training? Millions of people use our network. That's over 20 of the UK's largest stations, 20,000 miles of track and 30.000 bridges, tunnels, and viaducts. So, you'll gain immense pride and career satisfaction from knowing that what you do matters to millions across the UK too.' more Network Rail Careers here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"With over 25,000 students, Southampton is home to a vibrant community. You'll be taught by expert academics and have access to some of the best teaching facilities in the UK. Most of our degrees are made up of 8 modules each year. We allow you to study from another subject as part of your optional Read more about University of Southampton's Courses here.





MONDAY MAKERSPACE

Use the library equipment to make badges, bookmarks, etc.

TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Come together and share your love for reading

WEDNESDAY

Quiet time for reading, revising and working on the computers

GAMES DAY

A selection of puzzles, cards and board games available

FRIDAY FIRST CHAPTERS

Hear and follow along with the start of a new book each week

Outside of these activities the library remains a place for students to work and enjoy reading in a calm and quiet environment. Any student not upholding these standards will be asked to leave.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR SITE ALSO HAS A STOCK OF PROM DRESSES!

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STAFF VACANCIES

Further details and an application form for all our vacancies can be found on our website via the following link - <u>https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/</u>

Informal visits to the school are welcome; please contact the Head's PA, Debra Harker on 01980 676660 or e-mail <u>harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk</u>

Caretaker

Salary: Support staff grade E £25,183 - £25,992 per annum with 26 days holiday to be taken in school holidays Hours are to be discussed with the successful candidate but would be 37 per week, working Monday - Friday The post will be effective as soon as possible; this is a permanent position.

This position will remain open until filled

We are seeking to recruit a reliable, enthusiastic, and efficient Caretaker to join our Site Team to be responsible for maintaining our school premises.

You will support the Premises Manager to keep the school a safe and engaging environment for our students to learn in. This will involve carrying out both reactive and planned maintenance tasks which may include some plumbing and decoration both internally and externally.

You should provide detail outlining your skills applicable to the role and reasons for applying. This should be returned to Mrs D Harker, The Headteacher's PA, The Stonehenge School, Holders Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7PW

Cover Supervisor

Required as soon as possible 32.50 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (this includes TD Days), Permanent Contract Monday - Friday 8.15m -3.15pm

Wiltshire Council pay grade F Point 9 - 11, (£13.69- £14.36 per hour) actual FTE salary £19,952 - £20.936 per annum Closing date - Friday 7th March (We reserve the right to close this position if a suitable client is found prior to the closing date)

We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Cover Supervisor to join our dedicated team. You will be working to support young people and to cover for absent colleagues, and ensuring that they carry out the work tasks set by the teacher with designated responsibility.

The role will include being a Tutor for which training will be provided. You should be a good classroom practitioner with a genuine enthusiasm for teaching and learning. You should be able to work with pupils covering the full range of age and abilities at our school.

The position would be a beneficial experience for anyone who was considering following a teaching career. We have an incredibly strong record of 'growing our own' teaching staff, from roles with extensive support given in terms of professional and career development, in a collegiate and supportive environment. A comprehensive training programme will be provided to support and develop the successful candidate.

There are a variety of hours/working patterns available up to a maximum of 35 per week. Applications from part time candidates are welcomed as job shares will be considered.

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Exam Invigilators

Scale B point 2, £12.26 per hour

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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