

## THE STONEHENGE

## S C H O O L Weekly Newsletter

#### Issue No. 36|4th July 2025

#### UPCOMING DATES

#### Keeping Our Pupils Safe at the End of the School Day

#### JULY

Fri 4th Year 11 Prom

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Taster Days

Thurs 10th Year 7 Parents Evening

18<sup>th</sup> - 20th DofE Silver qualifying expedition (Year 10)

> Tues 22nd Sports Festival

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF TERM, EARLY CLOSURE 12.30 PM

BUSES AND TAXIS AT 1.00 PM



We want to raise awareness this week of a concern shared by a parent who witnessed significant safety issues outside the school during pick-up time. With children crossing the road between tightly parked cars, coaches struggling to pass through Holders Road, and cars stopping in yellow boxes and across driveways, the area outside the main reception has become congested and, more worryingly, unsafe. These issues also affect younger children attending the nearby nursery and users of the sports centre.

The parent highlighted that children are finding it difficult to cross the road safely because of the sheer volume of cars and the number of drivers who do not stop to let them cross. As a result, our Reception Team had to support a parent collecting a child on crutches who could not safely access the school site due to the parking situation.

We have also received a number of complaints relating to parking that blocks our neighbours' driveways and the surrounding roads. One concern that has been raised is whether emergency services would be able to get through the restricted roads.

We know that many families need to collect their children by car and that not all parking problems are caused by our own parents. However, we are asking all members of our community to support us in doing the right thing:

- Only collect by car when absolutely necessary.
- Do not park on grass verges, in disabled bays (unless entitled), yellow boxes, or across driveways.
- Use Tesco and B&M car parks for waiting and collection whenever possible both are just a short walk from school.
- Be aware of pupils and younger children trying to cross safely.
- Never use the staff car park for pick-up or drop-off.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours' driveways and blocking surrounding roads.

We are currently reviewing what further steps we can take to improve safety in this area. We have already spoken with the Local Authority to explore options for traffic calming and enforcement, and we are considering how we might increase adult presence at key pinch points without pulling critical staff away from other safeguarding duties.

## SAFE SCHOOL ZONE



#### **Redworth Focus Centre**

At Redworth Refocus Centre, we continue to provide meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that support our pupils' personal growth and independence. As part of the ASDAN Foodwise course, pupils' explored healthy eating, by researching healthy food groups, selecting a nutritious one pot recipe and creating their own shopping lists. With support from staff, they visited Tesco to purchase ingredients and spent the afternoon preparing their dishes. The activity not only built practical life skills but also fostered confidence and collaboration - reflecting Redworths commitment to nurturing every pupil's potential.





### SCHOOL LOCKDOWN

As part of our Safeguarding practices within the school we have several procedures in place to ensure pupil and staff safety, for instance fire drills. One of the procedures that we are advised to have is the Lockdown procedure.

The purpose of his is to prevent an intruder or another threat outside the school from causing potential harm to pupils and staff. It means that the entrances to the school must be secured in an effort to prevent any threat entering, and staff and pupils must find a suitable place to protect themselves.

Thankfully this is a procedure that we have rarely needed to use , and it is important to understand that there are no known threats to our students, staff or school at this time.

We have practised this procedure this week.

It is important to understand:

- Parents should be reassured that the school will do everything possible to ensure your child's safety.
- Pupils should not be texting or calling you to let you know that we are having one.
- Parents will be updated via Classcharts as and when it is possible/necessary
- Please do not call the switchboard during this time as we will not be able to answer phonelines need to be clear to communicate with emergency services
- Please do not arrive at the school during this time
- If you are in school for an appointment at this time, please follow staff instructions so that you immediately enter a classroom or office space (wherever is closest)
- Parents should wait for the school to contact them about when it is safe to collect their children.

Students will not be released to parents during a lockdown. We sincerely hope that we will never have a situation where we would need to use lockdown but we will all feel reassured that there is a procedure in place and that all staff, parents and students know what to do if it were to happen.

You can support the school in safeguarding your child by talking about this at home and reassuring them it is unlikely to do an emergency lockdown for real, but the drill is to reassure them that if we ever do, we all know what to do. We expect students to respond maturely to ensure their safety and the safety of other if this situation were to arise. This procedure would also over-ride any toilet card or time-out card permissions.

### **Notice to Parents:**

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We would like to inform you in advance that the Drove Gate (on Cold Harbour Road) will be permanently locked starting in September 2025.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please use alternative entrances at either Antrobus Road or Holders Road moving forward.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Full details of the day can be found on our website via the following link https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2025/07/Sport-festivalhome-communication-2025\_-002.pdf



## Sport Festival 2025

## Home communication Day format and catering options:

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

We are thrilled to continue with our new format for our annual Sports Day, now called the Sport Festival, designed to involve and engage more students in a wider variety of activities. Considering our school's increasing size and rising costs, we have revamped the Sport Festival to ensure it continues to be a key event in our school calendar.

#### Venue and Format

This year, the Sport Festival will take place at Holders Road Playing Fields, our secure and well-maintained grounds. This new format enables us to provide a variety of activities that appeal to a broader spectrum of interests, encouraging more students to take part and enjoy the activities.

Event Details:

- All year groups:
  - Tuesday, 22nd July.
- Registration & P1: With tutor completing house activities
  - Holders Playing Fields.

 10:00 – 14:30: Students will compete in House tournaments/events (athletics, touch

rugby and rounders) and choose from various festival activities (see next page) in specially designated areas.

Important Information:

- Students are required to wear their school PE kit; failure to do so by wearing the incorrect kit will result in disgualification from participation
- Students must attend morning registration as usual and will remain at Holders for the duration.
- We recommend bringing caps, suntan lotion, and plenty of water.
- Each student will receive one bottle of water.
- An ice cream van will be on-site, and in response to student feedback, there will also be food stalls featuring a burger and hotdog van and a mobile coffee van.
- Please ensure your child brings any necessary medication, such as asthma inhalers, to the

#### Year 7 VR Space Workshop

As part of our STEM enrichment opportunities, some Year 7 students took part in an exciting VR Space Workshop on Monday delivered by the Education Group. Using individual VR headsets and immersive audio, students explored planets such as Mars, Mercury, and Venus in incredible detail.

In small groups, students were guided through a virtual journey across the solar system, piloting research vessels and experiencing the wonders of space up close. The session included interactive questions covering a range of space-related topics such as planet names, orbital periods around the Sun, numbers of moons, and geographical features like craters and volcanoes.

It was a fantastic experience that brought science to life and inspired plenty of enthusiasm for space exploration!



### **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 email <u>harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk</u>

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

### Teaching Assistants x 2

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 - Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 9.00 am Interview - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Due to staff progression and increase in pupil numbers, we are looking to recruit enthusiastic people to become an essential part of the Teaching Assistant team here at The Stonehenge School.

The role requires you to support the learning of specific students with additional educational needs either within the classroom or 1:1, or in intervention groups. You will be working as part of a supportive team.

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

## 11+ Years

# For parents/carers of children with or without additional needs. Need some ideas on how to support your child to cope with CHANGE?

Join us for an engaging session to explore how to:

- Recognise the signs of change in your child's life
- Understand the impact of those changes on their wellbeing
  - Explore effective strategies to support your child through transitions

Whether it's starting school, moving home, or changes in routine, learn how to guide your child with confidence and care.

### For more information contact us on: 0800 970 4669



Or scan to find else what else we offer!

www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk Wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether

In partnership with...

Drop in...

Monkton Park, Monkton Hill, Chippenham, SN15 1ER Tuesday 22nd July 2025, between 10am-1pm.

County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN Thursday 24th July 2025, between 10am-1pm.

**Five Rivers Leisure Centre,** Hulse Rd, Salisbury, SP1 3NR Wednesday 30th July 2025, between 10am-1pm.

## Wiltshire Council

## Wiltshire Family Hubs



www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk

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## Supporting Families with children with SEND

At The Family Hub, we understand the unique challenges faced by families with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our commitment to providing tailored support and resources is at the heart of everything we do. From parenting courses and informational Let's Talk Sessions to sensory spaces, we are here to empower families on their journey.

Did you know we offer parenting courses to support families with children with SEND?

For parents of children aged 3-12 years **and** 

For parents of teenagers Go to our website page to find out more and to register your interest. CLICK HERE

Visit the page on our Website for more information about support available and for a list of specialist services in Wiltshire. Sensory Play Spaces available free in our Flag Ship Hubstalk to us about what you need.





## Summer Safety

A BBQ and the ground underneath it can stay hot enough to cause a serious burn for a long time after it's been used. So stay alet and keep children well away from the cooking area until it's completely cooled Open windows warning

- Keep low furniture away from windows so that children can't climb up and fall out.
- Install window catches to limit how far they can open.



Click here for more information



Contact us by email: wiltshirefamilyhub@spurgeons.org Contact us by phone: 0800 970 4669 THE STONEHENGE

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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 <del>underlined</del>.

## **OPPORTUNITIES** DisabilityPride Month takesplaceeveryJulyintheUKsince2015and

celebratespeoplewith disabilities, their identities, culture and their contributions to society.



Did you know that employers can sign up to th<u>e Government</u>'s Disability Confident Scheme to showcase that they are an inclusive employer? The Disability Confident scheme has 3 levels that have been designed to job seekers and employers on their Disability Confident journey. Employers must complete each level before moving on to the next. <u>Here are some other links that you may find interesting</u>:

- The Top 7 Disability Inclusive Employers
- Grants and Schemes to help Disabled People into work
- <u>Evenbreak</u> The only global disability job board run by and for people with lived experience of disability.



Thinking about your career as a series of static jobs is a thing of the past. By learning about your strengths, skills, and values, you can easily work out a pathway that's right for you. <u>Take the</u> <u>CADI Career Cluster quiz here</u>.

#### Dualuhmight into University course! It is a



comprehensive Virtual experience for Students in Years 11-13 which allows you to explore STEM studies at TOP Universities including Degree Apprenticeships and the Career opportunities that these subjects can lead to. The course will run over 8 weeks, (30thJune - 22nd August 2025) giving you the flexibility to complete it at your own pace and around other commitments. For full information and to apply click here. EDT are running a parent and carer webinar on 17th July at 4pm for those interested in learning more about supporting their young person into STEM based careers. You can sign up here.

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

### **JOB OF THE WEEK**



動 Listen to this newsletter

A midwife is a healthcare professional specialising in pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care. They provide support, guidance, and care throughout the entire childbearing process, from antenatal care to postpartum care. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

#### LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

10% of respondentsto the Early Careers Survey had already altered their career plans due to Al. Those who changed their plans because of Al were more likely to have felt uncertain about their careers (46%) compared with those who had not made changes (37%).

<u>Source</u>

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## **CAREERS NEWSLETTER**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

<u>Prospects Early Careers</u> Survey 2025 reports the career aspirations and experiences of more than 4,000 students and gradidatlest Thesquired by reshaping



graduate career expectations, pushing many to rethink their paths. While 11% of graduates have already changed plans due to job displacement fears, AI is also creating new opportunities and empowering job seekers. This dynamic shift means graduates are not just reacting to change, but actively using AI tools to navigate and shape their future in an evolving landscape. Click here to read more.

We're sure your summer is filling up with exciting plans, but if you do find yourself with some free time, here are some things you can do to get ahead:

1.If you are currently finishing on a 2 year GCSE or A Level Programme, you can revise what you have learnt this year and/or begin pre reading for next years content.
2.Complete a reflection journal to consider your learnings from this academic year.

3.Make a list of new things you'd like to try next year, consider what skills you would gain from taking part in these things. For example, if you joined a team sport it is likely you would gain teamwork, communication and leadership skills. 4.Take part in a <u>Springpod Virtual Work Experience session</u>. 5.Do a Social Media clean up... Did you know that nearly 70% of employers now routinely check candidates social media profiles?

6.Create a LinkedIn account. H<u>ere is a guide from UCAS to</u> help you with this task.

7.Year 12s should consider doing a Personal Statement prep. You can draft bullet points of key experiences, achievements, and skills developed over the past year, ready for writ<u>ing your personal statement</u>.

8.Year 10s should be preparing for college and sixth form open days. Review the courses you're interested in and create a list of questions you have. Year 12, you should be doing the same but for universities!

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

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Network Rail's role is to runasafe, reliable and efficientrailway, serving customers and communities. We're a company that is on the side of passengers and freight users; that is easy to engage with and is an efficient and dependable partner; a company people are proud to work for; instinctively recognised as an industry Read more about National Rail Careers

### **UNI SPOTLIGHT**

"Imperial offers a worldleading and inclusive evidence-based education, embedded in a vibrant research environment. The mixture of science and business is what makes an Imperial education unique. Everyone belongs here. We're a can be yourself, find your people and pursue your passions." Read more about Imperial College London's Courses here.



## **Support We Offer**

Spurgeons

Wiltshire Council

We are here to help with a whole range of topics including:

Ideas around implementing routines and setting boundaries.

Help to understand your child's needs and build your confidence as a parent.

Help around finances, housing applications, debt support and accessing benefits.

Supporting you 'back to work'

Volunteering opportunities

## We can help families access:

**Baby Bundles** 

Healthy start vitamins

Advice on local childcare and applying for funding.

Introductions to other services

## Facebook

Our Wiltshire Family Hub Facebook page is another way for families to stay up to date with current services. Make sure you like and follow to stay in touch with us. Simply click here:



## Get in touch with us

If you have any questions or would like more information about our services please call us on one of our numbers below or check out our website:

### Freephone: 0800 970 4669

wiltshirefamilyhub@spurgeons.org

Other useful numbers:

Health visitor - Single Point of Access 0300 247 0090

National Breastfeeding helpline 0300 100 0212

Fearfree (Domestic Abuse support Service) 01225 775276

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Click here to visit our website www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk Family and Community Learning



#### Positive Futures Online Course

Starts Tuesday 22 July 11am - 1pm 5 weekly sessions until Tuesday 26 August (no session 5 August)

Booking closes Tuesday 15 July



#### Make small changes for a brighter tomorrow

- Have more control with your daily life
- Learn strategies for more positive thinking
- Understand mindfulness and why it works
- Recognise the links between diet, exercise and wellbeing

#### Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 scan the QR code or visit



#### https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/ Our courses are free, if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over

three years (some immigration status exempt, including resettlement schemes), have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet any of the following criteria: earn less than £25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military or ex military family, forter exercises the environment of the provide status of the scheme and the environment of the scheme and the environment of t





#### Supporting My Teen to Understand Their Skills Online

#### Tuesday 29 July 10:00am - 12:00pm

- 🗸 Support your teenager to recognise their unique contribution
- ✓ Develop communication skills that nourish your teenager
- Appraise skills, interests and personal qualities with your teenager
- 🗸 Explore how to nurture resilience and independence
- $\checkmark$  Support your teenager to use their strengths to plan for their future

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk or call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 Visit https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/ or scan the QR code



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#### Family and Community Learning

## Online

#### Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing Tuesday 22 July 10:00-12:00

Booking Closes Tuesday 15 July 2025



- Understand the changes in a teenage brain
- Learn techniques to promote wellbeing
- Explore positive psychology



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## Join Ditch the Label's Youth Advisory Board



## Aged 14–25 and living in the UK? Want to share your voice and help shape support for young people?



#### Why join?

Make a difference on issues like mental health, identity, bullying, and relationships Collaborate with other young people passionate about change Build experience and gain gain access to training and development opportunities Influence the direction of Ditch the Label's services, campaigns and community

#### **Details:**

Voluntary role starting October 2025, with a one-year term Monthly online meetings (1–2 hours) Open to young people across the UK

We strongly encourage individuals from all backgrounds to apply. We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive YAB team where everyone feels welcome.

Apply by **14th September 2025** Visit **www.ditchthelabel.org/youth-advisory-board** Questions? **Email us: yab@ditchthelabel.org** 



## **Dyslexia Friendly Schools**

As part of the ongoing work as a Dyslexia Friendly School we are being asked to complete a short survey by Wiltshire Council. Please can I ask that you complete the survey using the QR code or the link below by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/a3zuqt Thank you for your continued support.



Wiltshire Community Foundation offers grants of up to £1,000 for young people who need support with the costs of vocational training for courses at school, college or sixth form or for training through an apprenticeship.

Grants can be used towards:

- educational resources or equipment
- IT equipment
- course related study/field trips
- travel costs.

- you, your parents or guardians receive one means-tested benefit or you are in the care of the local authority
- you are 24 or under at the time of application
- you have been living in Wiltshire or Swindon for at least two years\*
- will be studying at school, college, sixth form or doing an apprenticeship.

\*There are some exceptions to this so please call us to discuss.

For more information visit our website www.wiltshirecf.org.uk or call 01380 738985. Registered charity no. 1123126



## JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a **FACE School Annual Membership** which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff** get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

## Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay. Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Monday 28th 1၄စ္သရာန္- 11:30 £24 recording available

Tuesday 29th July 10:00 - 11:30 £24 recording available





## **Facing Defiance**

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

## **Anxiety Based School Avoidance**

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

## info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

facefamilyadvice.co.uk.

31st July 19:00 - 20:00 **FREE** Monday 21st July

Thursday

10:00 - 11:30 £24 recording available







SALISBURY & AMESBURY



## SHOW IN A WEEK SUMMER WORKSHOP

 DATE: 28 JULY - 1 AUGUST
 DATE: 28

 TIME: 9.45AM - 3.45PM
 TIME: 10A

 AGES: 4 - 6 YEARS
 AGES: 6 

 COST: £203
 COST: £2'

 (SIBLING/BOTH £182.70)
 (SIBLING/PARABLE)

DATE: 28 JULY - 1 AUGUST TIME: 10AM - 4PM AGES: 6 - 18 YEARS COST: £210 (SIBLING/BOTH £189)



Scan the QR code to book.

## MAD ON MUSICALS SUMMER WORKSHOP

DATE: 11 - 15 AUGUST TIME: 10AM - 4PM AGES: 4 - 18 YEARS COST: £210 (SIBLING /BOTH £189) 9-5 WRAP-AROUND CARE AVAILABLE



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## **Camp Locations** Upto sixteendaysateachlocation from 28July







## Saturday 12th July 2025 10.00am to 4.30pm

Join us forour ever-popular,annual fundraising event- Wallop, Wheels and Wings . For our fifth year, we will once again welcome a spectacular array of historic aircraft, classic and super cars, motorbikes and much more for a fantastic day for all the family.





#### **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 , be confident and able to offer reassurance during exams