

THE STONEHENGE

S C H O O L Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 18th Open Evening 4.30 -7.00 pm

> Fri 19th Year 11 London Dungeon Trip

Fri 19th Tempest Photographers Years 7 & 10

> Thurs 25th Year 11 Success Evening

Fri 26th Year 11 Thorpe Park Trip

OCTOBER

Wed 1st Alpacas - Science Club Trip

Fri 3rd Year 8 Maths -Salisbury Treasure Trail



Headteacher's Message ...

It has been fantastic to see the way pupils have settled so positively back into school routines. Uniform standards are high, pupils are well-equipped for learning, and there is a real sense of readiness in lessons. Thank you for the support you are giving at home to make sure your children arrive at school prepared and organised - it really does make a difference.

We have, however, noticed that a number of pupils are arriving late in the mornings. Please remember that if a pupil is late three times in a term, this will impact on their ability to attend school trips. We ask for your support in helping them get into good habits - setting an earlier alarm, leaving home a little earlier, and ensuring that they are in their tutor bases by 8:30am sharp, not just walking through the gate at that time.

This week pupils have also had the opportunity to explore our extensive extra-curricular programme, which continues to grow as more staff volunteer to run clubs and activities. Appropriately aged pupils have received information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and we also held information evenings for those interested in taking part. When we had our DofE review towards the end of last year, it was highlighted that we are one of the most affordable providers in terms of the costs we ask parents to contribute - something we are proud of, as we want as many pupils as possible to take part.

To round off the first full week, today we held 'Phone Call Friday' - an initiative where staff make a positive phone call home to a pupil who has really impressed them so far. Well done if you have received one of these calls - it shows that you have made a fantastic start to the year. Looking ahead, next week we host our Open Evening on Thursday from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. This is a chance for prospective families to see our facilities, explore what happens in each subject, and hear from me about our school. If you have children in Years 4, 5 or 6, I would strongly recommend attending to begin shaping decisions about secondary school places.

Mrs Dean



Important Notice: Vehicle Access Restrictions - Effective from Monday 15th September

As part of our continued commitment to safeguarding and ensuring the health and safety of all our students, we will be introducing new vehicle access restrictions from Monday 15th September.

To reduce traffic on site and to keep students safely separated from vehicles, the vehicle gates at the Holders Road end of the school site (near the Sports Centre) will remain locked. This change is being made due to increasing traffic and the associated risks to student safety.

Key points for parents and carers:

- The vehicle gates at the Holders Road end of the site will remain locked.
- The Antrobus Road entrance will remain open for pedestrian and staff vehicle access only.
- If you drive onto site to drop off your child, you will be unable to exit via the Holders Road gates once
 they are locked, causing delays or requiring you to reverse or turn around, which creates a serious
 safety risk.
- Please do not drive onto the school site to drop off or collect children at any time. Instead, we ask that
 you use nearby locations such as Tesco or B&M car parks, which offer safer alternatives and reduce
 congestion around the school.
- Please respect all 'No Entry' signs. The school operates a one-way traffic system, and the car park is for staff use only.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all students and staff



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Tree nuts or peanuts ☐ Sesame seeds ☐

Sulphur dioxides/sulphites (used to preserve dried fruit) □

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At the start of the new academic year, the Governing Body of The Stonehenge School has a number of vacancies for Parent Governors. If you have not received the relevant paperwork to apply, then please feel free to contact the Clerk to Governors via this email

<u>TaylorK@Stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk</u>

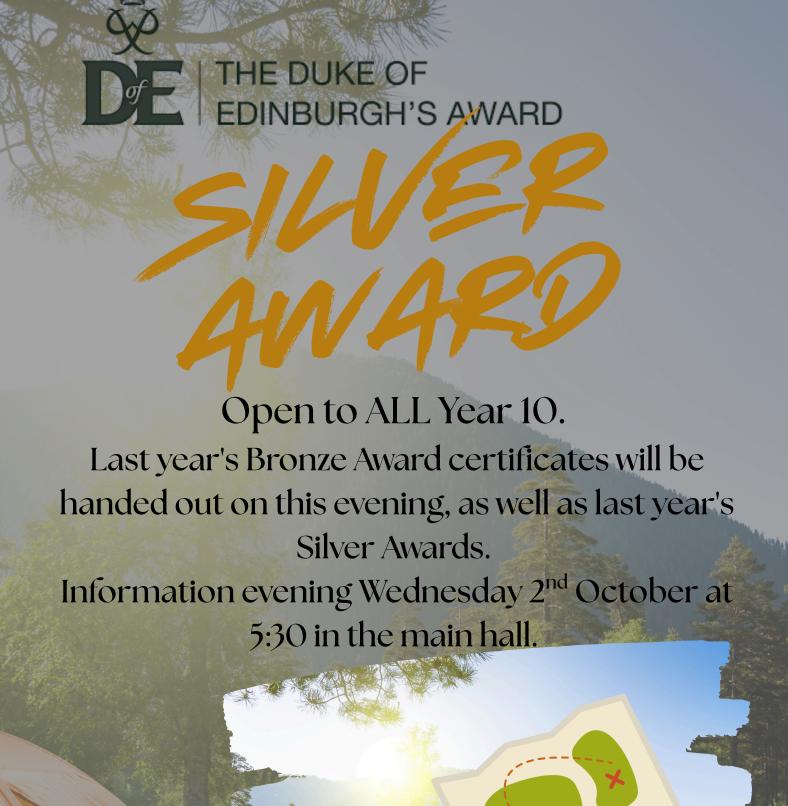
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The link to booklet is <u>here</u> and will inform you about the extra-curricular clubs and activities we are able to offer. Please discuss all activities with your child before booking them a place; students will receive the information booklet as well via Class Charts, but not the booking form.

Please read it carefully so that you select the correct option on the booking form. You will not be able to book onto First Tech Challenge as this is an established, time-limited activity. If your child is already part of this group, they will automatically be added to the register.

You will not be able to book onto The Duke of Edinburgh Award. Information evenings about this qualification are coming up this term.

Please complete this booking form by Sunday 14th September: https://forms.office.com/e/P3Scczpcsp



https://www.dofe.org/

STAFF VACANCIES

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

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

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

Caretaker

Start Date: 3rd November or as soon as possible thereafter Salary: Grade E, point 6 - 8 (£25,989 - £26,824 per annum)

Hours: 37 per week, all year with 26 days paid holidays, plus bank holidays

Contract: Permanent

Closing date: Friday 17th October 12noon Interview date: To be confirmed

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 be part of a team of 4 to keep the school a safe and engaging environment for our students to learn in. This will involve carrying out routine preventative maintenance routines and minor repairs.

Duties will include:

- Acting as a key holder, security of the school buildings including locking up and the setting of the alarm system (including problem solving) when required
- Setting up and taking down furniture requirements for exams, events and lettings
- Carrying out compliance checks
- Identifying and acting on any potential fire and/or health and safety risks
- Undertake routine maintenance and minor refurbishment of premises, fixtures and fittings as necessary.
- Gritting of the site in the winter
- Ensure the school buildings and grounds are free of litter and graffiti
- Any other duties arising from use of the buildings or ground

The right candidate will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of Health & Safety and hygiene procedures and precautions
- Demonstrate good communication skills that allow effective communication with all levels of school staff, governors, pupils, contractors, and outside users of the school (lettings)
- Be willing to work flexibly, if required, to cover other members of the Site Team and the school's opening hours
- Demonstrate previous experience and 'DIY skills' to identify, monitor and carry out minor repairs, maintenance and redecoration.
- Demonstrate knowledge of moving and handling.

What we can offer you:

- A generous Local Government Pension Scheme
- 26 days paid holiday plus bank holidays
- Free parking
- A friendly working environment
- Good induction and onboarding procedures
- Continued professional development opportunities

Please see further detail below on how to apply on our website by clicking here.

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

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Pastoral Manager

Start Date: As soon as possible

Salary: Grade G, point 12-14 (actual salary £22,914 - £24,458 per annum). Term time only, 39 weeks p.a., including 5 TD days across the year.

35 hours per/week: Monday - Friday8.30am -4.00pm (30 minutes unpaid lunch) Contract:

Permanent

Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2025, 9.00am

We are seeking to appoint a new Pastoral Manager in order to meet the needs of our families and students.

The Pastoral Manager will be assigned its own year group and will provide effective and efficient pastoral and administrative support to the respective Progress Leader. Employing a range of interventions, the Pastoral Manager will promote positive attitudes to learning and behaviour that maximises the achievement and wellbeing of students in the year group. You should also be willing to cover absent colleagues should the need arise.

A comprehensive training programme will be provided to support and develop the successful candidate. Informal visits to the school are welcome.

Application form and further details are available on the school website and should be returned to:

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Email: harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk Website: www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk





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Join us Virtually on Microsoft Teams; Thursdays 11th, 18th, 25th Sept 2025 6pm - 7pm







Re-openingMonday15 September

A reminder of the protocols for purchasing rewards:

- Rewards can be ordered at home or on the school computers at break and lunchtime. Not during lessons.
- Rewards that have been ordered can be collected from the library desk during morning break only. Not during lessons or lunchtimes.
- The library desk will not give out pupil codes, point balances, or order items for students. All these things are within the student's responsibility.
- Only one of each item may be ordered at a time (except charity donations), any multiples will be cancelled and the points refunded.
- Rewards must be collected within the week they are ordered. All uncollected rewards will be cancelled at 3:30pm on Fridays and the points refunded.
- The Amazon voucher rewards are ordered on request so will not be available for collection until they arrive. A notice will be sent on Class Charts when they are ready.

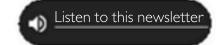






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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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



Nowin its 22nd year, Recycle Weekis RecycleNow's flagship annual event. A celebration of recycling across the nation, galvanising the public to recycling more of the right things, more often. Continuing last year's campaign theme, 'Rescue Me! Recycle', Recycle Week 2025 will run from 22 to 28 September, watch this space for more information coming soon.



National Parks throughout the United Kingdom are inspiring future generations to embrace incredible landscapes and connect with nature. Green Pathways – our collection of programmes and learning resources for outdoor educators and youth leaders – is designed to support accessible and inclusive opportunities for young people wherever they live. There are three Green Pathways to explore – Green Shoots, Green Beacons and Green Leaders.



Building a Greener Future: Constructing a Sustainable World with Deborah Bunce from University College Birmingham. In this experience, you'll discover how sustainable construction is essential for reducing environmental impact and protecting our planet. Try this university course before you apply!



Are you considering going to university, but are not sure how to choose the right course and university for you? The University of East Anglia webinars are live online sessions that include a short presentation, after which you can ask questions via text chat. Free to join, click here for more.



On Thursday 25th September, join Dr Johanna Forster, an environmental social scientist, as she discusses "Coast to Coast – Livelihoods, Gender, Disasters, Environmental Change & Governance – A Social-Ecological Systems Approach". Register here.

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

JOB OF THE WEEK



Nature Conservationist

Nature conservationists manage and protect the natural environment for current and future generations by promoting sustainability, educating others and and shaping policy. You will visit natural sites as part of your fieldwork. Office work incudes planning, data analysis, reporting and other admin tasks. Learn more by watching the video.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) indicates in April-June 2025, people got 1.5% more work done per hour than before COVID. This means workers are a bit more productive than before and may be working fewer hours, but getting more done in that time.

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This free service from Middlesex University aims to help

students write a personal statement that stands out. Get your















personal statement reviewed here. The virtual work experience programme from DEFRA will introduce you to the Environment Agency in England, and its critical role in creating better places for people and wildlife and supporting sustainable development. Check out the University Application Masterclass series from Unifrog, with top tips of applying, portfolios, personal statements and interview tips. Watch here. Listen to the Careers BU Podcast from Bournemouth Uni Careers Service. Hear from alumni, students and employers to find out about different careers, explore opportunities available to you and discover how to stand out to employers. Working with the Environmental Agency means protecting and improving the environment for generations to come, tackling issues of national importance across a huge early careers offerings here. The number of new 18-25-yearolds choosing to join the National Trust grew 39% in the last jobs at the National Trust here. Science, Why Bother? - Ecology. Watch this video from MYPATH to understand how science studies can link to the world of work. We invite you to bring your imagination, passion, and ambition to Arcadis. Whether you're a graduate, intern, or apprentice, you'll play a crucial role in our community. Read the Early Careers brochure here.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Arcadis is theworld's leading company delivering sustainable design, engineering, and consultancy solutions for natural and built assets. We are more than 36,000 people, in over 30 countries, dedicated to improving quality of life. At Arcadis, we see a world of new opportunities, we are committed to delivering positive change and improving quality of life through the work we do."

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Whateveryour time with us has in store for you, it'll be an exciting journey – from meeting lifelong friends in halls, to your experience on placement, exploring the local area or joining a club or society. Your university experience should offer both a great course and a great environment. That's our focus. We value you and your contribution, and provide an environment to help you realise your ambitions and make a difference." Find out more about what life at BU has to offer.

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





BIKE REGISTER

Wiltshire Police are inviting Students and staff to bring along their bikes to have them registered on the National Cycle Database.

This will take place in school by the cycle shed at the Holders Road gate at 3.00 pm on Tuesday 14th October 2025.



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