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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Staff departing at the end of summer term.

I should like to congratulate **Mr Stuart Hershbein** on his promotion to the position of deputy subject leader for PE at Melksham Oak School. Mr Hershbein has been an enthusiastic and committed member of our PE department for 8 years and he has coached many of our sporting teams to success, including football, cricket, athletics and badminton.



I am pleased to congratulate **Mrs Rachel Edmunds** on her promotion to an Assistant Headteacher post at a secondary school in Bath. Mrs Edmunds completes her second spell at the school, having served as a Lead Practitioner for two years focusing on improving the achievement of different pupil groups. In her first appointment here she held the positions of Progress Leader then Subject Leader for mathematics.

Both Mrs Edmunds and Mr Hershbein are exceptionally talented and skilful practitioners and we will miss them next year but would like to wish them both every success in their new posts.

Mr Danny Young (PE / mathematics) and Miss Simone Pavey (PE) join the school in September. The names will be familiar to you, I'm sure, as both trained at The Stonehenge School, qualifying in 2015.

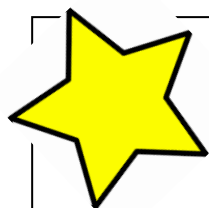
An update on our £7 million extension / rebuild project.

It has now been agreed to begin Phase 1 of the rebuild on the existing site on Antrobus Road. This will lead to a new building with the capacity for 300 pupils. Construction work should start during May 2017 and the new build open in September 2018. Planning approval hasn't yet been sought but the area to the north east of the existing campus is the most likely location. Phase 2 may follow Phase 1 quite quickly; this will involve extending the Phase 1 extension and the demolition of the Lower School building, converting this part of the site to playing field. I will update you again in September.

May I wish everyone a lovely summer holiday.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Well, we've reached the end of our first year of secondary school, and all in all it has been a fantastic year. Year 7 have come such a long way from when I visited them in their primary schools in year 6 and they truly are going to be fantastic role models to the new year 7s coming up. It really has been a pleasure working with the year group. Next year Mrs. Roberts will look after them for one year before they come back to me in year 9. I look forward to hearing from Mrs. Roberts how well year 8 has gone for them also!



Year 7 Celebration Award Winners



On Monday Year 7s had their rewards assembly.

Here the list of those who impressed their teachers in the summer term:

- ⇒ **Top ATL:** Holly Godwin, Katie Hillier, Paige Scott, Tegan Worall
- ⇒ **Highest Climbers:** Molly Dannatt, Lucy Dawn, Rosie Parker
- ⇒ **100 % Attendance:** Taryn Thomas, Hannah Moser, George Jordan, Maddison Steele, Rosie Parker, Tom Bowhill, Josh Finlay, Ellie Henderson, Erin Jeeves, Rohan Shetha, Isabella Adams, Liam Gater, Sam Hunter, Toby Foster
- ⇒ **Subject Awards:** Tommy Brown (Maths) Songdisa Angdembe (Science) Ellie Henderson (Art) Cameron Muir (Resmat) Abi Cotty (Creative Design) Lucy A'court (ICT) Byron Lloyd-Gilmour (Boys PE) Caitlin Willis (Girls PE) Ryan Campbell (History) Elise Shaw (Music)

A gentle reminder that all students are expected to wear the new school uniform from September 2016. Please help your son/daughter get off to a positive start to the new academic year and ensure they have this available to them.

In the next Newsletter: A report on our trip to the Science Museum and who did what at Sports day!

Mrs Staker

Year 7 Progress Leader

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YEAR 8 NEWS

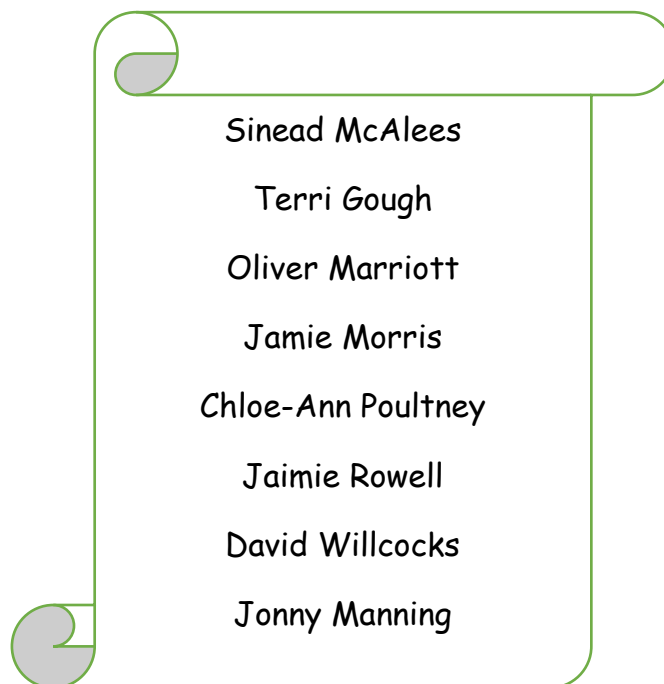
The End of Year 8

So, year 8 has ended with a bang - Sports Day and our trip to Moors Valley as well as English and Maths week.

Lots of pupils have left us in recent weeks so good luck to them in their new schools, some in far flung corners of the world.

This year has seen many challenges for pupils including choosing their options and also lots of positive experiences both in and outside the classroom.

I would like to congratulate the following pupils for 100% attendance all year:



Well done to George Nightingale, Jonny Manning, Amy Adlam and Emily A'Court for being the top pupils in the Attitude to Learning League Table across the year.

I hope that you all have a lovely summer and return in September ready to start your GCSE subjects in Year 9.

Mrs Jackson

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YEAR 9 NEWS

When I first took over from Mr. Edmunds this time last year, I had no idea just how brilliantly the year group would rise to the challenges of GCSE studies. Year 9 have grown and matured no end over the course of the year and I think Mr. Edmunds would be exceptionally proud of them if he could see them today. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all this year and can't wait for year 10 where we will continue to work towards a fantastic set of GCSE results.



Year 9 Celebration Award Winners

Top ATL: Georgia Church, Abi Churcher

Highest Climber: Jayden Hunt

Top Pars Points: Haydn Waters

100% Attendance: Archie Forden, Jayden Hunt, Holli Mortimer, Jac Randle, Oliver Rasey, Georgia Sommerton

Subject Awards: Haydn Waters (Maths) Sophie Gallagher (English) Jac Randle (Science) Beth Lawson (Art) Devon Collins (Resmat) George Simpson (ICT) Noah Main (Boys PE) Sophie Gillett (Girls PE) Georgia Sommerton (Geography) Ben Collett (History) Taylor Alman (Music) Tyler Mealing (Computing)

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Year 9, you thoroughly deserve to enjoy your summer break. Wishing you all a fantastic summer holiday and see you in the next academic year!

Mrs Staker

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In the next Newsletter: A report on our trip to London and who did what at Sports day!

YEAR 10 NEWS

New Tutors

We have taken the opportunity with the Class of 2017 moving into their final year to re-shuffle the tutor groups. Students are aware of their new tutor and should report to their respective classroom on the first day of term.

The new tutors are -

Miss Bowie

Mr Busby

Mr conrelius

Mr Woods

Mr Wooster

First Day Back

Year 11 (yes Year 11!!) are in school on Friday 2nd September. This will be a Week 2.

Students should report to their tutor room at 8.35 am

11SBO—ROOM 49

11MSB—ROOM 34

11MAC—ROOM 56

11DPW—ROOM 51

11GJW—ROOM 38

The whole school Years 7—11 will all be in on September 5th. This will be a Week 1.

Work Experience

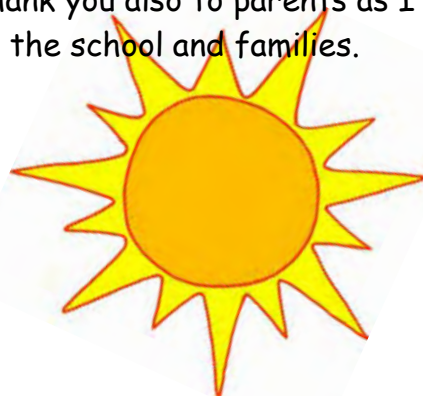
The majority of Year 10 had a fantastic time on their Work Experience fortnight. Having visited a number of pupils it was great to see them acting maturely, taking on responsibilities, showing initiative and enjoying themselves. Thank you also to parents as I am aware that the 2 weeks do take some organization by both the school and families.

Enjoy the Summer holidays.

Miss Harris

Year 10 Progress Leader

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Area athletics

By Songdisa Angdembe 7EJF

STONEHENGE SPORT

Reporter

50 students represent the school at area athletics

Going for gold in the area athletics minors Chloe Dimmer has gained a 1st in the shot-put event, winning a gold for Stonehenge and earning the title of best shot-put female minor in Amesbury. We may not have any more gold's but we have two participants in the top 5. Maddie Burden dashes into 5th place in the 100m sprint whilst Hannah Moser leaps into 5th in the hurdles event. Chloe Dimmer takes the chance to sneak into the top 8 by throwing her way into 8th in the javelin. For the boy's they've had some tough competition so no gold but we do have Byron Lloyd-Gilmour coming in 4th in both 100m and 1200m sprint. Following in pursuit, Bradley Robinson snatches the title of 8th in the 1200m sprint. Toby Foster leaps his way into 6th place in the long jump.

Meanwhile in area athletics junior Ellie Ringwood gains 3rd in the long jump. Kelera. Sui sprints into 6th in the 100m sprint, while on the other end of the scale Lauren Simpson sneaks into 7th in the 1500m sprint.

Will Haslam runs his way into 6th place. Jon Mi-Ria slithers into 2nd in both the shotput and discus events, showing one strong arm. Coming 3rd in the triple jump is Tyler Mealing and just behind is Taylor Alman in 4th. Oliver Rasey comes at 4th in the long jump. Dean Smith racing his way to catch Jon Mi-Ria gains 6th in shotput. Grasping onto 7th is Owen Earnshaw in the javelin.

Morgan Ringwood gives a new meaning to going for gold as she attains two 1st places in both the long jump and high jump, proving to us just how powerful her legs really are. Whilst on the inter boys' side Brandon Kruger gained 5th place in the hurdles event.



Congratulations to the following students who were all selected to represent Salisbury at the county finals; Morgan Ringwood (high jump & long jump), Jonathon Mi-Ria (Shot & discus), Chloe Dimmer (Shot), Ellie Ringwood (Long Jump), Kelera Sui (Javelin).



Year 7 Castles Project

All year 7 groups have made castle or medieval weaponry models this year, the History Department's favourites are always made out of cake!

This has been the best year for a while with all classes showing their creative skills and many models being dropped at reception because they were too big to be carried around by the students.

Thank you so much to both students and parents for your support with this creative and fun homework, we really enjoy looking at what you have made and the students love playing with the models in class.

Awards:

Best Castle Cake: Michael Narruhn 7S and Emily Iveny 7O

Best Spear: Tom Bowhill 7O and Charlie Harris 7S

Best Mace: Songdisa Angdembe 7S

Best Catapult: Alastair Crawford 7S

Best Axe: Jake Sherring 7S

Best Sword: Bailey Smith 7T

Top 10 Castle Models:

1. Sophie Yexley 7O
2. Ed Price 7S
3. Caitlin Stanwix 7N
4. D'arcie Marie Higgins 7T
5. Carter Whitfield 7N
6. Christina Gurung 7N
7. Lucy Ferguson 7T
8. Phoebe Smith 7T
9. Teigan Langford 7N
10. Heather Newton 7S



Winchester Science Centre Trip - 2016

Year 7 and 8 were invited during maths week to the Science Centre in Winchester and, with the coach leaving at 10 am, there were still pupils coming to maths at 8:30 and asking to go!

After arrival and a briefing from the staff about safety aspects of the place, we were all led into the Planetarium - the dome on the right hand side in the picture above - which is the biggest one in the UK. We spent the next 45 minutes involved in a live presenter-led show leading us through space from the planets in the Solar System, to the far reaches of the known universe and beyond. A truly incredible experience.



After lunch in the Science Centre section, the pupils were given a quiz sheet to work on, and given the opportunity to explore the hundred or so exhibits that were on display in the 2 storey section of the Centre.

As well as Science exhibits to make pupils think, the Centre provided a good combination of "fun" items, where students could see how the principles of science were put into practical use.

The quiz was won by three year 7 girls - Izzy Adams, Holly Godwin and Teagan Worrall - that worked together to get as many of the questions right as they could, and prizes will be given to them during the final year 7 assembly before Stonehenge School breaks up for the Summer holidays.

The trip proved to be an ideal educational outing both in terms of science items exhibited in the centre combined with the comparative close proximity of the Centre in Winchester.



With a hundred pupils from years 7 and 8 having had a very enjoyable day out, I'm sure this is a facility that will be visited by The Stonehenge School in the future.

Mr Faulkner



Two Weeks with the Queen

By Morris Gleitzman



Our students have been reading a book called *Two Weeks with the Queen* by Morris Gleitzman. In the book the main character Colin writes to the Queen so our students did too! Here they are photographed with their personal letters received from Buckingham Palace after they wrote.

Mrs Doole

Great Talk From Mimi Thebo

Mimi came in to talk to Year 7 about her books, her love for bears, her history, her inspiration and many more. I loved it when Mimi came in because she told us how she became inspired to write. This is what she said "When I was fourteen years old, I died in a car accident. Of course, it was only temporary, but my injury was long lasting. My voice box was crushed. So had to start writing things down. I loved it! That is when I started to get the hint I was going to be a writer." Mimi was inspiring, funny, and unique.

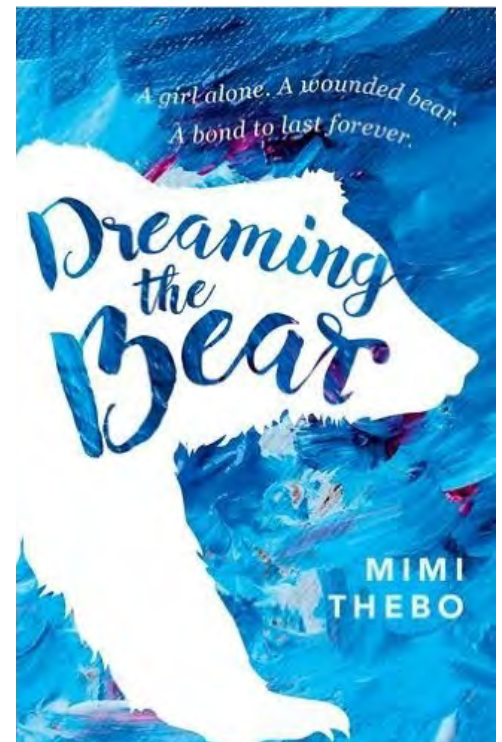


I would highly recommend Mimi's book (*Dreaming the Bear*) because she read some of it out to us when she came in and I was instantly intrigued. Her book is about a young girl named Darcy who goes to live with her dad in the snowy wilderness of the US. But she doesn't want to be there and instead she wants to be back home in London, wearing makeup, hanging out with her friends and going to real school. She's been sent to live in the wilderness because she has pneumonia. She hates it, until she finds the bear.

The bear is an adult with a wound in her shoulder. It was waling along with her cubs, and the rangers shot her in the shoulder and took her babies away.

I can't tell you anything else because I'm going to spoil the story!

Teagan Worrall



On Tuesday 21st of July we had a once in a lifetime opportunity to speak to the author of *Dreaming the Bear*, Mimi Thebo.

We entered the hall clueless, not knowing what exactly was going on. The exam tables were dotted around the room in the diagonal line order that they would be in for an exam. All of us students were petrified, thinking there was an exam that we hadn't revised for. Luckily the teachers reassured us that it was not an exam. We sat down at our individual desks and saw that at the front a woman waltzed towards the towering cut out of bears. Above her was the front cover of her book. A hand stuck out from behind a child and handed her a microphone. At this point everyone in the room went silent as her calm, soothing voice echoed around the hall. She was very humorous and apologised that her voice was quite croaky. She explained how when she was fourteen she had been in a life threatening car crash that left her unable to speak for 3 years. By then half the

hall full of people could have burst into tears. Mimi then swiftly moved on and introduced her book and read an article from it. It was amazing and everybody looked sad when she stopped. She explained the story line of the book and then said that she was releasing a new book called 'Hospital High' which was all about her teenage years and how she was in and out of hospital. She also mentioned that when should not speak she had to write on a whiteboard, this is where her English skills mostly developed. After that she said that she could be asked anything about bears and should would know the answer. Question after question was fired at her but she knew the answer to every single one!

The assembly was drawing to a close and she carried on as her humorous self. She told us what it was like to be a writer and her morning routine which mainly consisted of going to get her breakfast then walking down to her writing shed where she does her work. The bell went, signifying that the assembly was over and some students jumped out of their skin as they were so interested in what Mimi was talking about..

Mimi called out a group of children's names and they received a free signed book from her. Throughout the whole assembly Mimi kept a big smile on her face and after everything she has been through, this makes her my hero!

Jessica Buttress

Draw

If you would like to join please visit our website -<http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/news/100-club>

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ENGLISH WEEK

Year 7 Theatre Production

To open English Week, we welcomed back the M & M theatre Company to stage a performance for Year 7. This year's play was a dramatization of the 19th Century novel *A Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

As with last year's production of *Treasure Island*, the play was imaginatively staged and delivered with huge energy and skill, with scenes moving seamlessly between India and London thanks to the impressively-engineered set.

The four-person cast worked incredibly hard to fill nine roles between them, and Year 7 found the performance funny, sad, and always engaging.

After the performance came a 45-minute workshop, where Year 7 were shown the backstage secrets of a travelling theatre company, and were given insight into how the sound, lights, and costumes were handled by such a small group of actors. They were also invited to take part in an acting class, where they explored characterisation through movement and speech.

Year 8 Creative Writing Workshops

As the finale to English week, author Rebecca Westcott (*Dandelion Clocks*, *Five Things They Never Told Me*) returned to school to do a series of creative writing workshops with the whole of Year 8.

Focusing on inference, our students learned how tiny details could show a reader a great deal of things about a character in a story. To illustrate this, Year 8 watched a music video and, led by Rebecca, turned what they saw on the screen into a piece of creative writing.



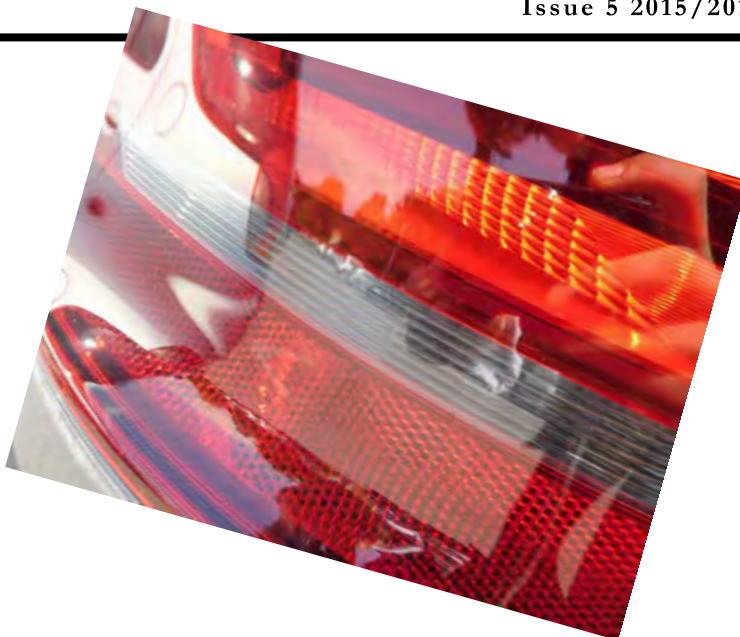
As always, some striking work was produced, and some students surprised themselves with what they had achieved by the end of the hour-long workshop. It was significant how many students lingered into Break and Lunchtime so that they could show their writing to a published author, and how many of them said that they too would like to become writers.

Attendance Reminder - Please notify the school immediately if your child is absent from school via the absence line on 01980 676650 or email admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Medical appointments should be made out of school hours where possible. In the case that an urgent appointment has to be attended, the appointment letter/card needs to be handed into the school office to enable the absence to be authorised.

Miss Wrighton
Attendance Officer

Our thanks must go to Cara Glass and Amesbury Town Council for their contributions to the cameras we were able to buy this year, many year 10 pupils were able to take high quality photos for the starting point of their unit 2 Art GCSE coursework. This one was taken by Josh Arnold, for use on his theme of close ups and reflections.



Mrs Havery



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Rotary Club of Amesbury Young Writer Competition 2015-2016

Congratulations to the students who took part in the above event and received their certificates. Three of the students involved are pictured with Mr Roper.







**Wishing everyone a restful
holiday.**

**A reminder that Year 7 &
11 students return on Friday
2nd September and all
students return on Monday
5th September.**





The ICT Dept. will be offering a short 6 week course in IT skills for parents wanting to brush up or learn some IT skills. The course will start in the new academic year so please look out for the application form

In the mean time so the course can be targeted at the skills most needed please can you indicate what you would like to learn

Tick all that apply

MS Word Skills including how to lay out and format a business letter

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