



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

Tues 22nd
Ski Trip 2029
(Yr 7 & 8) Information
Evening
6.00 - 6.45 pm

Wed 23rd
DofE Awards Evening &
Silver (Yr 10)
Informations Evening

Thurs 24th
Yr 11 Success Evening

Fri 25th
London Dungeons Trip

Message from the Headteacher ...

It has been another very busy and positive week at The Stonehenge School, with Open Evening taking centre stage.

Our departments did a fantastic job of showcasing their subjects and giving prospective pupils a real flavour of life at Stonehenge. There was a wonderful atmosphere around the school, with engaging activities taking place in classrooms and plenty of opportunities for families to explore our state-of-the-art facilities. The food samples prepared by our catering team also went down particularly well!

It was a pleasure to speak to all of the parents and pupils who attended. During my presentation, I was proud to highlight our position as a school with some of the strongest GCSE results in the area, excellent facilities and a strong, traditional ethos built upon high expectations, respect, kindness and personal responsibility.

Our prefects, ambassadors and subject helpers were an absolute strength of the evening. They welcomed families, supported departments and spoke confidently and warmly about their school. Many visitors commented on how impressive they were, and they represented Stonehenge superbly. We are incredibly proud of them.

This week, we also welcomed a Local Authority reviewer to conduct our whole-school safeguarding review. I am delighted to report that we fully met all compliance requirements, with the reviewer identifying many features of outstanding practice across the school.

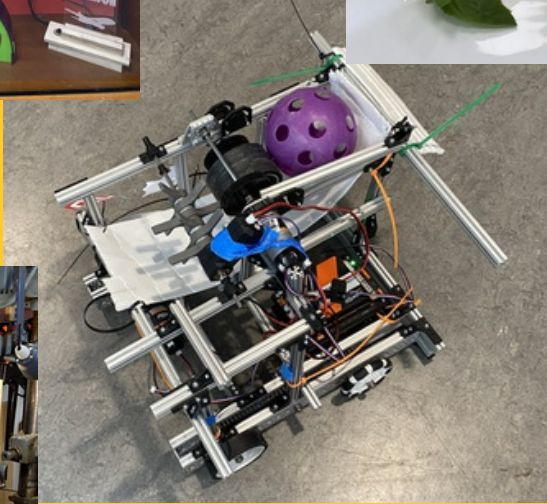
The feedback from our pupils was especially encouraging. They said that they feel safe in school, highlighting the visibility of staff—particularly during social times—and the positive relationships they develop with adults. They described staff as approachable and valued having access to quiet rooms when they need them.

Pupils also spoke positively about having a meaningful voice through the Student Council and seeing their ideas feed through the school to help bring about change. They were particularly enthusiastic about their PSHE lessons, which they feel provide a safe space in which to ask questions and learn how to keep themselves and others safe, including online.

Safeguarding is never something we can regard as 'done', but this feedback is a very positive reflection of how strongly it is embedded in our culture and everyday practice.



Some images from our Open Evening where there was lots to see and do as well as talking to staff and students.



We are delighted to be launching The Stonehenge School Ski Trip 2029, our first school-organised ski trip for some time!

The trip will offer our current Year 7 and Year 8 students the opportunity to experience skiing in Austria during the February half-term of 2029. Whether your child has skied before or will be putting on skis for the very first time, the trip promises to be a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence and independence, and make some brilliant memories with their friends.

We are holding a Ski Trip Information Evening on Tuesday 22nd September in the Main Hall, where we will share full details about the destination, travel, accommodation, skiing, activities, itinerary and cost of the trip.

Year 7 parents/carers - 6:00pm

Year 8 parents/carers - 6:45pm

We would love to see families who may be interested in the trip at the evening.

Attending does not commit your child to taking part - information about how to apply for a place will be explained on the night.

If you are unable to attend, don't worry - a letter containing the key information will be sent via ClassCharts the following day.

We hope to see you there and look forward to sharing what promises to be a very exciting opportunity for our students! ❄️🏂

Mr Roberts, Miss Bridewell & Mr Campari-Moss
Ski Trip Organising Committee



Learn
Belong
Achieve

THE STONEHENGE
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Together
Brighter
Futures

YEAR 11 SUCCESS EVENING



Information | Support | Success – Together

As your child begins their final year at The Stonehenge School and prepares for their GCSE examinations, we would like to invite you to our **Year 11 Success Evening**.



**THURSDAY
24 SEPTEMBER**



MAIN HALL
The Stonehenge School



6.00pm – 7.00pm

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?



A bespoke session delivered by Live-N-Learn, focusing on how parents and carers can effectively support their child through Year 11.



Practical advice on helping your child to organise their time and establish effective revision routines.



Guidance on the revision resources, tools and support available to students throughout the year.



An overview of how Year 11 will be structured, including the additional support students can expect.



Key Milestone, examination and GCSE dates to be aware of as we progress through the year.



How we can work together to ensure students remain focused, motivated and on track to achieve their potential.



The final year can pass incredibly quickly, and establishing the right routines and habits from the outset is vital. This evening will provide important information that will help you support your child confidently over the months ahead.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 parents and carers to attend and look forward to welcoming you.



SUPPORT



PROGRESS



SUCCESS

A Brighter
Future Together

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK 1 • THE RACE FOR THE TERMLY HOUSE REWARD

 **ARCHER**
1,690
4th

 **BARROW**
2,121
1st 

 **SARUM**
1,900
2nd

 **SOLSTICE**
1,883
3rd

WHERE DID THE POINTS COME FROM THIS WEEK?

CATEGORY	ARCHER	BARROW	SARUM	SOLSTICE
 House Challenge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
★ House Points	1,465	1,657 	1,462	1,427
● Attendance	100	250	400 	250
📖 Homework	5	4	8	16 
📖 Library Books	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
◆ Staff Points	120	210 	30	190
THIS WEEK'S TOTAL	1,690	2,121	1,900	1,883

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

-  This Week's Winner
BARROW
+2,121 points!
-  Biggest House Point Total
BARROW
+1,657 points!
-  Best Attendance
SARUM
+400 points!
-  Homework Heroes
SOLSTICE
+16 points!
-  Library Legends
N/A
+310 points!
-  Staff Stars
BARROW
+210 points!

Which house will take the lead next week?



HOUSE POINTS

WEEK 2 • THE RACE FOR THE TERMLY HOUSE REWARD

 **ARCHER**
7,591
4th

 **BARROW**
8,460
1st 

 **SARUM**
7,997
2nd

 **SOLSTICE**
7,747
3rd

WHERE DID THE POINTS COME FROM THIS WEEK?

CATEGORY	ARCHER	BARROW	SARUM	SOLSTICE
 House Challenge	65	63	71	69
★ House Points	5,556	5,850 	5,583	5,245
● Attendance	150	150	400 	300
📖 Homework	40 	36	33	40 
📖 Library Books	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
◆ Staff Points	90	240 	10	210
THIS WEEK'S TOTAL	5,901	6,339 	6,097	5,864

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

-  This Week's Winner
BARROW
+6,339 points!
-  Biggest House Point Total
BARROW
+5,850 points!
-  Best Attendance
SARUM
+400 points!
-  Homework Heroes
SOLSTICE and ARCHER
+80 points!
-  Library Legends
N/A
+310 points!
-  Staff Stars
BARROW
+240 points!

Which house will take the lead next week?



THE
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STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE, EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Small
donations
make a big
difference!

DONATE WATERPROOF JACKETS, TROUSERS & WELLIES

♥ Help us keep everyone outdoors,
whatever the weather!

We are looking for good quality, pre-loved
waterproof jackets, trousers and wellies
in all sizes to support our outdoor
learning and activities.

Cleaner,
happier, healthier
children



COULD DONATIONS PLEASE
BE HANDED IN AT RECEPTION?

Thank you! ♥

More outdoor
learning

Supporting
wellbeing

A kinder, more
sustainable community

Pre-loved gear. More adventures. ♥



Well done to all pupils for a great start to the new school year with Sparx Science.

The level of activity across all year groups has been excellent. Regular retrieval activities such as these are proven to embed knowledge. We hope this first week is the first step in developing a beneficial study habit that continues to grow.

Thank you also parents for supporting us with this. You may find this parent guide helpful in understanding the platform: <https://sparxscience.com/parents/>



Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	Lorelei BC	Jess B	David O	Joseph S	Louis B
	Liesl M	Bentley W	Lucas SM	Shanvi R	Eve W
	Charlotte C	Ollie B	Evie C	Mason B	Summer C



Yearly Leaderboard This academic year

	Esther J (year 8)
	Jess B (year 8)
	David O (year 9)



Online Course

Understanding School Anxiety

Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Two Dates Available:

Monday 12 October 10:00-12:00

Thursday 26 November 10:00-12:00

Booking
closes 7
days before
course start
date



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with school based anxiety and worry
- Practical ways to support school attendance
- Educational Psychologist available to answer questions

For bookings and enquiries: scan the QR code,
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years old on 31 August. They must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

Wiltshire Council

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



Online Course

Supporting My Teen with Anxiety

Tuesday 27 October 10:00 - 12:00



Book by
20 October
2026

- Understand the challenges teens face and how anxiety affects them
- Learn practical ways to boost your teen's emotional wellbeing at home
- Discover strategies to help your teen manage anxiety in everyday life

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick **one** of the following criteria: individual income less than £26,800 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.

Wiltshire Council

E-scooters & electric bikes - do you know the law?



E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

You therefore need to have:

- A driving licence
- Insurance
- MOT and Tax

It is against the law to ride them on the roads/ pavements or in public spaces. This includes car parks and play parks.

Legal electrically assisted pedal cycles can be ridden by people over 14 years old. To be compliant with the law:

- It must have pedals which you need to turn to propel it
- It should have a motor of 250 watts or less
- The electrical assist should cut out at 15.5 mph

If it doesn't meet these criteria, it is classed as a motor vehicle and needs a licence, insurance, MOT and tax to be ridden legally.

If you use an e-scooter or e-bike against the law, you run the risk of it being seized and destroyed. You may also be prosecuted.



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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 - <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

Head of Computer Science

Start Date: January/September 2027 or sooner if available

Salary: MPS/UPS plus TLR 2b £5, 348

Contract: Permanent Contract

Head of CS 2027

You will be leading a high-performing team of dedicated professionals who are always striving to get the best for their students in a valued and popular curriculum area. You will be supported by a Senior team who have a clear consistent vision for the school and join a team of enthusiastic Middle Leaders who help to drive school improvements.

We are looking for colleagues with:

- a commitment to raising achievement
- the ability to engage and support students
- an enthusiasm and deep knowledge of the subject areas
- A commitment to help all young people and staff to achieve their best is expected of all staff.

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

Please apply via a two-sided letter detailing your educational philosophy, experience to date, and how you would aim to make an excellent department even more successful. Application form and further details are available from the school website and should be returned to Mrs D Harker, The Headteacher's PA, The Stonehenge School, Holders Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7PW.

Email: harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

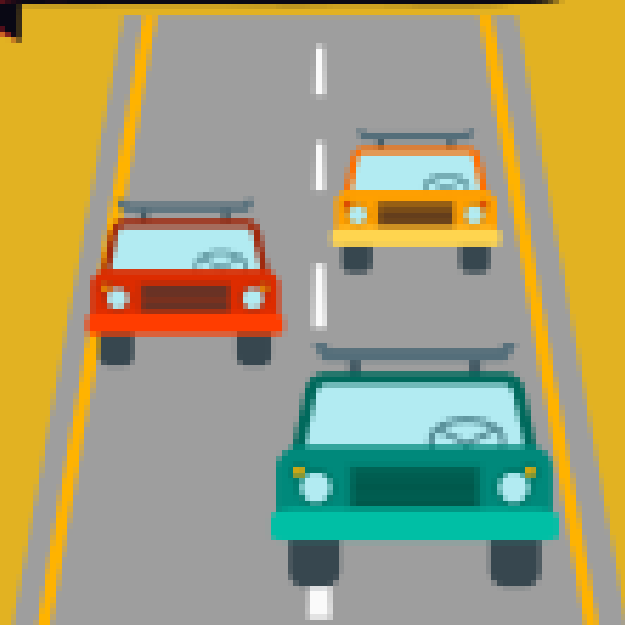
Interview date: TBC

SAFE SCHOOL ZONE

Help keep
our school
community
safe



CARS AND KIDS
DON'T MIX



Disabled parking for the use
of visitors to the school only



For drop off & collection
please use car parks at:



Tesco



B & M



Please do not drive
through the school site



Please do not use
visitor parking spaces



THE STONEHENGE
SCHOOL

Your Community. Your Crew. Your Call.



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Become a paid on-call firefighter
at Amesbury Fire Station and make a
real difference where you live or work



Come along to the fire
station on a Wednesday night
between 7pm and 9pm and
chat to your local crew.



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL



FREE SCHOOL MEALS – CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2026



From **September 2026**, the eligibility rules for Free School Meals (FSM) are changing, meaning more children will qualify.



WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE?

From September 2026, all children whose families receive **Universal Credit** will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of household earnings.

These current and newly eligible households should have now been contacted by Wiltshire Council.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES CURRENTLY RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The current transitional protection arrangements will end at the end of the 2025/26 **academic year**. This means that all current Free School Meal entitlements will be reassessed against the new national eligibility criteria by **Wiltshire Council**.

- You **do not** need to reapply.
- Eligibility checks will be carried out automatically in line with Department for Education guidance.



THE TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS



TARGETED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For families receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of **£7,400 or less** (excluding benefits).



- Free school meals (valued at £2.65 per day from September 2026).



- The school receives Pupil Premium funding to provide additional support. (support includes reduction in the cost of school trips for students)



- Annual entitlement to a free school blazer, tie and PE performance top



EXPANDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For families receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings **above £7,400**.



- Free school meals (valued at £2.65 per day from September 2026).



- The school does not receive Pupil Premium funding, so the additional uniform entitlement does not apply.



UNIFORM ENTITLEMENT

As the new Free School Meals eligibility criteria come into effect from September 2026, Wiltshire Council will reassess all Free School Meals claims.

We are pleased to provide the free blazer, tie and PE performance top based on your child's current Free School Meals status. However, if the reassessment determines that your child is no longer eligible for Free School Meals (or is entitled to Expanded Free School Meals only), the cost of any uniform items provided under this scheme will become payable by parents/carers.



Any charges due will be added to your child's **ParentPay** account. If required, a payment plan can be arranged to spread the cost over an agreed period. Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss this option.
office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?



- If you receive **Universal Credit** and your child is **not currently registered** for free school meals, you may become eligible from September 2026. We encourage you to apply via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals.



- If your child already receives Free School Meals, there is **no need to reapply**. Your eligibility will be reassessed automatically by Wiltshire Council under the new national criteria.

Registering for free school meals ensures your child receives their entitlement and, where applicable, helps the school access additional funding to support pupils.

SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS
BIGGER POSSIBILITIES!

JOIN OUR SCHOOL 100 CLUB!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & WIN CASH PRIZES!



100
MEMBERS
EACH MONTH



£1
PER MONTH

That's less than
a cup of coffee!



CASH PRIZES

3 PRIZES EVERY MONTH!

- ① 1st Prize Bigger Prize
- ② 2nd Prize Medium Prize
- ③ 3rd Prize Smaller Prize

More members = bigger prizes!



MONTHLY DRAW

**LAST FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

Winners will be contacted
and announced by the school.



SIGN UP TODAY!

IT'S EASY - JUST EMAIL US:

office@Stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Let's work together to support our school community!

TOGETHER,
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!

GOOD LUCK - AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online

Children and young people spend a huge part of their lives online — chatting with friends, gaming, watching videos and learning new things.

The online world brings many positives, but it can also expose children to harmful content, scams, bullying and unsafe contact.



The good news is that small, regular conversations at home can make a big difference.

START WITH CONVERSATION, NOT CONTROL

Try asking:



What apps are popular at the moment?



Have you seen anything online recently that upset you?



What would you do if someone online made you uncomfortable?



How do you know if something online is real?



Keeping conversations calm and non-judgemental helps children feel safe coming to you if something goes wrong.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR FAMILIES



Set up parental controls



Keep devices in shared spaces



Agree family expectations



Encourage critical thinking

SIGNS YOUR CHILD MAY NEED SUPPORT



Becoming withdrawn or anxious after using devices



Suddenly hiding screens or accounts



Changes in sleep or mood



Reluctance to attend school



USEFUL REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parental controls are helpful — but they work best alongside trust and open communication.



Open conversations build trust. You don't have to be an expert—just be there.



SUPPORT
GUIDE
EMPOWER