



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES JUNE

Mon 15th - Thurs 18th
Year 10 Aspirational
Conferences

Thurs 18th
Bold Voices (Year &)

Fri 19th
Sports Festival

Wed 17th - Sun 21st
New York Trip

Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd
'Big Day Out' trips to London

Wed 24th
Last day of term early closure.
Students leave at 12.30 and
buses and taxis are at 1.00 pm

**END OF TERM WEDNESDAY
24TH JULY**

MONDAY 2ND TD DAY

**YEAR 7 STUDENTS ONLY
RETURN ON TUESDAY
3RD SEPTEMBER**

**ALL STUDENTS RETURN
ON WEDNESDAY 4TH
SEPTEMBER**

**AMENDED FROM
PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER**

Headteacher's message

This has been another busy week within the life of the school. On Monday we were proud to host 'Stonehenge: The Musical!' which was an event organised by ex-headteacher of a local primary school Colin Martin, celebrating the history of our namesake monument, and providing pupils from our local primary schools with an opportunity to perform in our main hall. A band of musicians accompanied the children's songs, and children also narrated the story, providing their parents with a lovely memory and display of their talents.

We had 3 days of Year 5 Taster days during the week with at least 60 pupils each day. They all had the chance to enjoy a range of the lessons on our broad curriculum, and a chance to meet a wide range of our wonderful staff. We hope that they really enjoyed their time with us.

Tuesday evening saw talent from across year groups being displayed at our Summer concert. A range of musical and singing talents were displayed across lots of different musical genres, headed up by Mr Rogers, Mr Woods, Mr Cooper and our peripatetic music teachers Mr and Mrs Sherburne. The audience were in awe at the beautiful voices and musical talents of our students and they did themselves and the school community proud.

Mrs Freemantle has been in charge of increasing the opportunities for our pupils to enjoy STEM activities. There are lovely photos inside showing some of the students' efforts.

This weekend we will be making our second attempt at skydiving for Alabare. Hopefully the weather will be on our side, and we will be able to share more on this next week!



SPORTS FESTIVAL 2024

THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL
19TH JULY 2024



We are thrilled to introduce a new format for our annual Sports Day, now called the 'Sports 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 Sports Festival to ensure it continues to be a key event in our school calendar.

New Venue and Format

This year, the Sports 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 (refer to the attachment for this year's organised events) that appeal to a broader spectrum of interests, encouraging more students to take part and enjoy the activities.

Event Details:

- All year groups: Friday, 19th July.
- Registration & P1: With tutor completing house activities
- 10:00 - 14:30: Holders Playing Fields.

Students will compete in House tournaments/events and choose from various activities 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 disqualification from participation
- Students must attend morning registration as usual and will return to school in time for lunch.
- 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.
- Please ensure your child carries any necessary medication, such as asthma pumps, during the event.

Safety and Security

For safety reasons, the event will **not** be open to parents/carers. We will secure the boundaries and entrances to ensure the well-being of all students.

We look forward to a fun and inclusive Sports Festival where every student can find something to enjoy.

Kind regards,
Mr A Protheroe

Sports Festival - Food Availability for FSM Students

Please complete the form on the link below for your child's free school meal choice on Sports Day - Friday 19th July. All forms need to be returned by 16th July.
<https://forms.office.com/e/UpwALpNJAz>

The hot food token will allow your child to get a burger, vegetarian burger or hotdog from the food van. If your child would prefer we can offer a sandwich bag instead.

There will be water available at the field but please be aware that your child will may need cash if they wish to purchase ice creams or additional food from the burger van.

Food available on Sports Day

We have a variety of food vans on Holders Field on the day where food such as burgers and ice-creams can be purchased or your child can pre-order a sandwich bag on ParentPay if they would prefer a cold lunch.

Hot Food

We have a burger van selling Hot dogs @ £2.50, Burgers @ £3.50 or a Vegetarian burger @ £3.50. Various ice creams will also be on sale from £2.00 up to £3.50. These can be purchased on the day with cash or a debit card.

Cold Food

You just need to choose which bag your child would like (Sandwich Bag 1, 2 or Baguette bag) and make payment on ParentPay. Once purchased your child will receive a form to choose their choice of sandwich etc.

Sandwich Bag 1 - Cost £2.50

- Sandwich - Chicken mayo, tuna mayo, ham, cheese or egg mayo
 - Cake - Shortbread
- Drink - Radnor splash - strawberry, watermelon, lemon and lime flavour or plain water bottle

Sandwich Bag 2 - Cost £3.40

- Sandwich - Chicken mayo, tuna mayo, ham, cheese or egg mayo
 - Cake - Brownie or flapjack
- Drink - Radnor splash - strawberry, watermelon, lemon and lime flavour or plain water bottle
 - Fruit - Apple or banana

Baguette bag - Cost £4.40

- Baguette - Ham, ham and cheese, chicken and bacon mayo, chicken tikka, tuna and cucumber or cheese
 - Cake - Brownie, flapjack or iced sponge
 - Pop chips - sour cream, bbq or hot and spicy flavour
- Drink - Radnor splash - strawberry, watermelon, lemon and lime flavour or plain water bottle
 - Fruit - Apple or banana

A cold lunch must be pre-ordered prior to sports day. You will be able to purchase on ParentPay until the end of the day on **Tuesday 16th July**.



RACE TO THE LINE

The Race To The Line competition objective is simple: Student teams must design and make the fastest rocket powered car they can and compete with to find the winner!

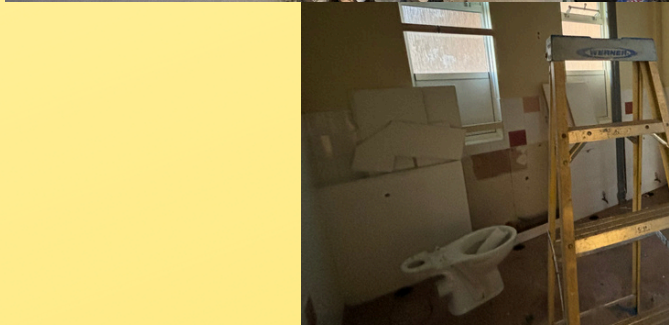
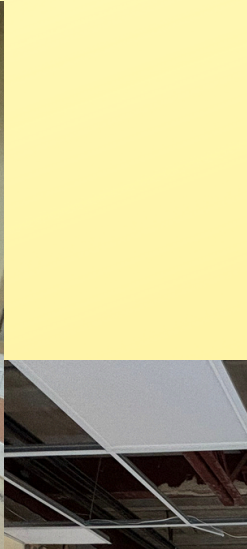
Every team's car will use the same methods of propulsion and compete over the same track distance. The winning teams on race days will have the cars that have the most efficient aerodynamics, have lower mass and that have safe, well designed wheels that reduce friction and can survive the forces of a high-speed run.

Every student in the challenge can have an opportunity to refine their designs. The key challenges for student teams are:

- to shape and adapt the foam block into the most aerodynamic and lightweight shape possible within the safety guidelines and rules. They can explore adding fairings and aerodynamic stabilizers as needed to reduce drag and improve stability if they think they will help,
- to create efficient wheels and axles that are safe and strong and meet competition size limits,
- to develop a precision timing solution to measure the performance of their cars,
- to devise and carry out tests to evaluate, refine and improve their designs.



The start of the work taking place over the summer starting with the refurbishment of the middle school toilets. This will bring them up to the standard we have in our new buildings and improve the student facilities.





Last weekend, 13 Year 10 students set off on their qualifying expedition for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award. They had to walk for several miles each day, navigating the route for themselves, and camping each night. Here is Abigail's experience:

- Day one: On day one, we started from a car park in the New Forest. We followed a marked trail through woods and fields. We also took a short cut which ended up to not be a short cut as we found ourselves in a knee deep bog. Early on, we faced a navigational error that led to a huge detour. This tested our problem-solving skills and patience but ultimately strengthened our teamwork. Although it was hard, tiring, cold and wet, spirits were still high and we were still smiling.
- Day 2: This was the longest day, we reached the top of significant hills, providing breath-taking views of the forest and wildlife. We saw the Portuguese Fireplace, some beautiful rivers, streams and lakes.
- Day 3: A combination of woodland paths and open moorland leading to our final checkpoint. Everyone was mentally and physically exhausted but we kept smiling thanks to the terrible jokes, singing and games of Uno. We kept pushing through all the rain and the wind until the very end where we all raced each other back to the bus.

My Silver DofE expedition was a transformative experience that pushed my physical and mental boundaries. It highlighted the importance of preparation, teamwork, and resilience. The challenges faced and overcome have instilled a greater sense of confidence and an appreciation for the outdoors. We laughed and almost cried, but mainly laughed. We overcame many obstacles and achieved goals.

Students are now busy planning a presentation on their experience, which is their final task.

We run both Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh experiences for our students and we will be launching this for Year 9 and Year 10 students in the next academic year. Watch this space!

Mrs Blake.



School Canteen Limited Food Availability from Monday 22nd July

From Monday 22nd July we will only have limited hot food and snacks for sale but will have cold food and drinks available in all areas. This is to allow the catering staff to pack the kitchen up for decoration work in the summer holidays.

Work Experience

This week, a significant number of our Year 10 pupils have been busy on their work experience placements. With students working in a wide array of fields, from care roles to finance and car mechanics to conservation, and as far away as London, it's been a joy to see students making the most of this amazing opportunity. Staff, who have visited the students on their placements, have come back full of praise for our students, who have worked really hard and learnt lots of new skills.

Thank you to all the companies and organisations who have kindly welcomed our students into your workplaces, to the students for their hard work, and the staff who have given their time to visit them and help them find placements.

Particular thanks must, of course, go to Miss Bowie for her ceaseless work behind the scenes to facilitate this fantastic opportunity.



Swim Healthy

As we approach the summer holidays, and we will hopefully have some warmer weather, the Government have issued guidance on safer swimming on their website '[Swim Healthy](#)'



Swim healthy

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END OF YEAR REMINDER

ALL BOOKS NEED TO BE
RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY
BY THE 19TH OF JULY



REMINDER



The department was fortunate to win Wimbledon tickets in the ballot, but the weather was more fitting for a rainforest, with heavy rain. Despite this, everyone's spirits remained high, and we even appeared on live television and spotted numerous celebrities. The group's laughter and camaraderie were commendable, and everyone represented the school admirably.

Highlights included trying to get celebrities to sign Ethan's tennis balls and his memorable 'slip' on the steps in front of thousands of spectators.

We'll enter the ballot again next year, hoping for better weather

Mr Protheroe



Time Out For Parents (Dads Group)

Calling all Dads!



Scan me

Are you the father/carer of a child(ren) aged 3 to 16?

Time Out for Parents (Dads) is for you! Learn how to increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to make relationships with your child(ren) even better.

For more information or to book a space contact us on:
0800 970 4669

Join us at:
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Wiltshire
BA14 8JN
2nd August - 6th September 2024
10am - 12 pm

Family Hub
Wiltshire Council

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FUEL Programme

FUEL is the holiday activity and food programme (HAF) that is funded by the Department of Education. FUEL provides eligible school-aged children with free access to enriching activities, nutritious meals and healthy eating information during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays.

The HAF programme is delivered in Wiltshire using the brand FUEL (Food, Unity, Energy, Laughter) and the programme is a direct response to the growing issue of holiday hunger.

Who is eligible for the FUEL Programme?

The FUEL Programme a bespoke provision for school aged children from reception to year 11 who receive benefit-related free school meals.

Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

Further information on eligibility for Free school meals.

The FUEL Programme is also available to children that meet any of the below:

- children that are refugees
- children that are currently in the care system
- young carers
- children that are referred into the programme by a professional service (eg. Local authority, schools, social service)

For further enquiries, please email fuelprogramme@wiltshire.gov.uk (opens new window).

FAQs

How do I know if my child is eligible for FUEL activities?

Information about eligibility can be found on the FUEL Programme web page.

My child has Free School Meals in school because they are in Reception Class or a KS1 Class. Are they eligible for FUEL?

No. Your child is only eligible for FUEL if they would be entitled to benefit related Free School Meals. Information about eligibility is on the FUEL Programme web page.

Do I have to sign my child up for every day of the activity programme?

No, you can sign your child up for as many or as few days as you would like for them to attend.

My child has food allergies and/or other dietary requirements; how are these catered for?

Please make sure that you highlight any of these when you complete your child's details. Our food provider can cater for food allergies and intolerances. The information about dietary requirements will be shared with them and activity providers.

I have changed my mind about the activities and dates I have selected for my child; how do I let activity providers know?

You can alter your bookings on the FUEL booking page. Wiltshire Council will pass that information on to activity providers.

My child's medical information details have changed since I set up my account and made bookings; how do I make changes to these?

You can make changes in the FUEL booking system. Any changes you make will be passed to food and activity providers as appropriate.

I booked a place for my child some time ago but it is showing as 'requested', what does that mean?

It means that the information is still being checked and has not been passed to the activity provider for follow up. The space is still reserved in our system.

Can I book more than one activity per day?

You can only book one activity per day per child.

I am trying to book activities for my child but I cannot see their name when I go into an activity, why is that?

If your child's name does not appear, then it is probably because you have made changes to their details. You need to access the child's details via the Summary page and re-confirm their details.

I have tried to book my child on to an activity but the ones I am interested are now full. Can I be added to a waiting list?

You can express an interest in an activity that is fully booked, using the booking system. We will contact you if a space becomes available. Please do still book spaces on alternative activities if they are available.

If you have any questions please contact fuelprogramme@wiltshire.gov.uk

STAFF VACANCIES

FURTHER DETAILS ON ALL THE VACANCIES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE VIA -
WWW.STONEHENGE.WILTS.SCH.UK/VACANCIES

SITE OPERATIVE

Start Date: As soon as possible

Salary: Grade D or E depending on experience £23,144 - £24,702 per annum with 26 days holiday to be taken in school holidays

Hours: to be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Contract: Permanent

This post will remain open until filled

Site Operative 2024 Booklet

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

You will support the Site Manager 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.

Exam Invigilators

Scale B point 2, £11.59 per hour (pending pay award)

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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This is an open vacancy we are always looking to increase our team of invigilators, therefore, please submit your application form as soon as possible.

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