

THE STONEHENGE

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UPCOMING DATES September

Mon 14th Geography Trip

Tues 15th Salisbury Cathedral

Fri 18th Year 11 Science Drop Dwon Day

Fri 18th Panatholon - SEND Students

Sat 19 & Sun 20th DofE Legacy Bronze Qualifying Expedition

> Mon 21st Trips Day

Tues 22nd TD Day

Wed 23rd TD Day

Thurs 24th - Fri 1st END OF TERM 1 HOLIDAY

CAREERS FAIR

Students have been taking part in a Careers Fair with numerous employers and colleges taking part. Lots of interesting conversations being had with all the students telling them of the opportunities available. Huge thanks to Mrs Colvin, Careers Adviser, for organsing the day





THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Stonehenge School's Governing Body has a number of vacancies so I am inviting you to consider whether you would like to become a Parent Governor.

The Governing Body, along with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school and Governors have three core strategic functions: Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; Holding Headteacher to account for the educational performance; Overseeing financial performance of the school, ensuring money is well spent. No special qualifications or skills are needed, simply a positive interest in the school and a willingness to engage in the Governing Body's work.

From a commitment perspective, as a minimum you will be expected to attend 6 meetings per year, usually on a Thursday at 6pm. Further to this, other commitments may be requested, and you will be expected to undertake training including free induction training for new governors.

To be considered as a Parent Governor please complete the attached Form as follows:

- Provide personal information see Section 1;
- Read the Legalities see Section 2;
- Provide details for a Reference see Section 3;
- Process Acknowledgement see Section 4;

The legalities which you should be aware of are provided in the attached form, along with the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor.

If you wish to nominate another parent/guardian, please seek their consent before submitting. Please return the completed form to me, to be received no later than Wed 23rd October 2024. This form can be found on our website by clicking <u>here</u>

If more nominations than vacancies are received then a parent election will be necessary and further information will be sent separately.

I look forward to hearing from you if you are interesting in becoming a Parent Governor.

Regards,

Clerk to Governors TaylorK@Stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



As I sit here on the runway at Heathrow airport, bound for South Africa, I begin to think about how it all started and how I got to this point: representing my country in the Masters World Cup in Cape Town. Growing up I was involved in every sport you can think of; you name it, I did it! Coming from a sporting family, I was always encouraged to give everything a go. So, when I started secondary school and hockey was listed on the extra curricular clubs, I thought why not! Little did I know then that I would be sat here nervous and excited to play for the Over35s Irish team at my first World Cup.

This would not have been possible without the support of Mrs Dean, Mr Protheroe, the entire PE department, Mrs Roberts and of course 8AFL who are going to be so well behaved, nobody will even know I'm gone. I feel both privileged and lucky to be able to embark on this adventure, with the support of the school and will do my best to bring back a gold medal. We have a challenge on our hands as we face the hosts, South Africa, in our opening game of the group on Saturday at 4:15pm. We then face Argentina, a huge hockey nation, on Sunday at 4:15pm, followed by an Australian team at 8:00am on Tuesday. If we qualify from our group, we could face England in the quarter- final or semi- final. Please accept my apologies in advance. Most of the games will be streamed on YouTube and I will keep the PE team updated on the knockout games.

Wish me luck! Mrs Lawrence



Year 8 Rugby Team

On Monday 7th October our year 8 boys team had their first rugby match of the year. A team comprised of a handful of experienced players combined with students who have really impressed us as a department in lesson time. We started the game very strong and with some great team play the ball found itself in the hands of F. Mathews who managed to use his power to cut through defenders to score the first try of the match. We soon got into our rhythm which saw us put the ball over the line another two times with tries from S. Walker and another from F. Mathews. We unfortunately then got caught on the back foot allowing wyvern to get 5 points on the score board. This didn't deter Stonehenge for long as they soon came back with a strong scrum and a try from J. Pitt. A fantastic start to Year 8 boys rugby journey and I am excited to see what they can do next!



November Fordingbridge Rugby Day

Venue: Fordingbridge RFC

Date: Friday 1st November

Time/Price: 10am-13pm £35 U9 - U16

Age Range: U9 - U16

Book a place: Contact James Kaminski

NO:07538703508

Email: jkcoachingandmentoring@qmail.com







STONEHENGE TRIPS AND VISITS

We offer a range of trips and visits throughout the school year, but we'd like to clear up any confusion about how places are awarded for these activities.

Rewards trips: they are for everyone, but are tied to a range of criteria. They are a way for us to recognise and reward those who maintain our high standards regarding attendance, punctuality and behaviour. They are not linked to curriculum learning, but do offer important social and cultural experiences.

Day trips/residential/foreign trips: these are not rewards trips and are usually linked to an aspect of curriculum learning. As many of these activities are very popular, we ask parents to register their interest in the trip first. If the number of requests outweigh the number of spaces available, we will pick names at random to ensure fairness. We also track the opportunities the students are offered, so in the recent case of Year 7, those who were randomly selected for Harry Potter, were then not offered the chance to go and see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. Inevitably, some students may have missed out on both, but the number of places we can offer are often limited by the availbility given to us by the providers.

We try to ensure that not only do we have a wide range of opportunities on offer, but that we consider allocation of places fairly.

School trips and visits in 2023/2024

We will endeavour to communicate with you about up-coming opportunities at the earliest opportunity to allow payments to be spread out. This list is subject to change, and additional opportunities will be offered throughout the year. Currently, this is what we're planning to offer to students this academic year:

When?	Where?	Who?
Thursday 5 th October	Legoland	Selected SEN students
Thursday 5th October	Thorpe Park	Year 11
Thursday 12th October	Bristol University: German	Year 9
Friday 13 th October	Geography field visit to Portsmouth	Year 9
Thursday 9th November	Bath University- Sports Science workshop	Year 9
Friday 24th November	Imperial War Museum	Year 9
Monday 27 th Wednesday 29 th November	STEM Live conference in London	Year 11
Monday 22nd January	Poetry Live!	Year 11
Friday 2 ^{nd-} Sunday 4 th February	Poland, including Auschwitz	Year 10 and 11
Wednesday 7 th -Saturday 10 th February	Barcelona	Year 8, 9 and 10
Thursday 22 nd - Friday 23 rd February	Belgium Battlefields visit	Year 8
Saturday 20 th - Sunday 21 st April	Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition (practice)	Year 10
Wednesday 1st May	Bath University- Chemistry workshop	Year 10
Saturday 4 th - Sunday 5 th May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition (practice)	Year 9
Monday 6th May	Salisbury treasure trail	Year 7
Tuesday 7 th May	Whitechapel and London Dungeons	Year 10
Sunday 12th- Friday 17th May	Pencelli residential	Year 8
Friday 24 th - Sunday 26 th May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition (practice)	Year 10
Wednesday 5 th June	Geography field visit to Swanage	Year 9
Wednesday 7th June	Sparsholt college	Year 9
Tuesday 11 th June	Geography filed visit to Lulworth Cove	Year 10
Thursday 13th June	Theatre trip to Wicked	Year 10
Saturday 15 th - Sunday 16 th June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition	Year 9
Wednesday 19th June	Marwell Zoo	Year 8
Friday 5 th Sunday 7 th July	Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition	Year 10
Wednesday 17- Sunday 21st July	New York	Year 10 and 11
Monday 22 nd July	Big House Day out to Central London	All
Tuesday 23rd July	Big House Day out to Central London	All

Science Club Alpaca Trip to Somerset

This is our first Science Club trip and we were lucky enough to travel down to Carys Alpacas in Somerset. Miss Hermosa drove us down and we had a fascinating talk about Alpacas and how they evolved and came to Britain. We then took them on a walk. Ali led the way with Grace, the oldest alpaca who was 18. Alpacas love to walk in herds for protection. They have two sets of teeth and two lips. One set of teeth is used for fighting and we were very grateful they were filed down. Students gave the trip 10/10 and were fascinated how they loved to eat from the tress and bushes all the way round on our walk. Their fur is very soft, unlike a llama. We were able to feed them and stroke them with the back of our hand.





Toys- Having a clear out? Charity shops are waiting for you.

Each year some parents have a clear out of toys after Christmas, donating the unwanted items to charity shops. Did you know that charity shops would love your unwanted toys before Christmas so that parents wanting to get something for their child can do so before the big day.

If you know your child is going to get lots of presents this year, by clearing out your cupboards a few weeks early you could make another child's Christmas a lot more



TAKPART THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

FREE REHEARSAL SPACE

24-25 OCTOBER, 10AM & 1:30PM, SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE

The Rehearsal Room will be available in three hour slots and is available to anyone aged 14-25, whether you are an individual, a band, or a group of friends wishing to have some fun and make music together!

CREATIVE CAREERS DAY 28 OCTOBER, 10AM-3PM, SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE, £15

An opportunity for young people aged 13-19 to gain insight into a range of creative roles which take place at Salisbury Playhouse. Attendees will have the chance to bring a script to life through practical workshops in lighting, sound, acting and stage management.

DRAMA SCHOOL AUDITIONS: TRAINING DAY 29 OCTOBER, 10AM-3PM, SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE, £5

Aged 17+ and applying to study drama or performance subjects at university or drama school? Get support with audition speeches, find out what to expect in the application process, ask questions about your applications, or share experiences and advice with other group members.

BAND NIGHT 2ND NOVEMBER, 7PM-10PM, SALISBURY ARTS CENTRE, £3

A night of live music from Salisbury's hottest up-and-coming talent! An exciting platform for aspiring young bands, singers, songwriters and musicians to perform live on stage at one of the city's most established venues. Ages 14+.







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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

10th October is **World Mental Health Day**. This year's theme set by the World Federation of Mental Health is workplace mental health. The theme highlights the importance of addressing mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, for the benefit of people, organisations, and communities.

There are lots of ways that you can take part in World Mental Health Day. You can use the social media hashtag #WMHD2024 to see what companies are doing to celebrate and raise awareness, this may be wearing a green ribbon to show support, holding a Tea & Talk, or getting running an event to showcase how they support their employee's mental health.



Talking is good for your mental health. And talking about mental health is important. But starting a conversation isn't always easy. Whether you'd like to talk to someone about how you're feeling, or check-in with someone you care about, here are some tips that can help.



Every year 1 in 4 of us will experience a mental health problem. Nearly 2 million are waiting for NHS mental health services, and since 2017 the number of young people struggling with mental health has doubled. Mind have set out the steps the new UK government must take towards a future where there's no mind left behind.



If you're thinking of a career in mental health, here are some job roles that you may wish to consider: Mental Health Nurse | Child Psychotherapist | Occupational Therapist & Art Therapist



In this video from the NHS, people with lived experience of mental health describe the "huge impact" that great mental health care had on their recovery and their lives, and some of our mental health nurses explain why there's "...no greater gift than supporting someone and seeing them prosper and flourish."

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

JOB OF THE WEEK



Mental Health Therapist

Mental Health

Therapists are qualified professionals who treat the cognitive, behavioral, and emotional aspects of mental health conditions. They work with individuals, families, couples, and groups in a variety of settings.

Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and qualifications needed.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

875,000 workers suffered from work-related stress, depression and anxiety in 2022/23. This makes Mental Heath the 5th most common reason for sickness/absence from the workplace in 2022. Source



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Did you know that there is an instant messaging platform called Unibuddy that allows you to speak to current university students studying all over the UK? You can filter by subject or university and get honest answers to any questions you have about the university or course. The Government's Apprenticeship application website has made it easier for you to ensure you're applying to the right level apprenticeship Instead of using the terms "intermediate", "advanced" etc, they now tell you the level and what it is equivalent to. For example "Level 3 - Equal to A Level". If you don't have much planned for October break and would like to spend your time helping your future self, an online work experience opportunity could be perfect. They can help you to decide if an industry is right for you and they will look great on your CV, apprenticeship applications and university personal statement. Here are a few options... You have probably heard of accountancy and advisory services before. Think you know what professionals in this field really do? Embark on this virtual work experience to explore the world of accountancy and advisory services with BDO! This varied programme will introduce you to a wide range of areas within the housebuilding space. From construction and site careers to marketing and tech roles, you'll come to understand how rewarding a career in property can be. With over 350 roles in the healthcare sector, each with a unique purpose, it's time to discover your path. This programme provides valuable insights into health and social care careers, helping you take your first steps in this area. From an introduction to the sector to exploring different opportunities and responsibilities, you'l engage in quizzes, activities, and conversations with leading industry experts. Join us for a fantastic programme that prepares you for a fulfilling career in health and care professions.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"A career in Civil Engineering is an exciting and dynamic one. Not many industries make such a tangible difference to our civilisation, and we need to ensure that we have the best talent to meet the everincreasing demands of our society and the everchanging face of our infrastructure needs." Read more about Tony Gee Careers here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

open-minded thinkers and doers, where everyone is empowered to reach their full potential. Together, we'll work hard to build a better future—for you and the wider world. You can choose from 300+ degree courses. you can tailor components of your degree to suit your own interests & ambitions." Read more about Cardiff University Courses here.

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



Tennis Camp

29 - 31st October 9:30 -15:30

Salisbury Lawn Tennis Club, **SP2 8D0**

Fun Games · Coaching · Friendly Matches · Competitions. Halloween arts and crafts Prize for spookiest outfit on day 3!

> **DBS, First Aid and LTA Oualified Coaches**

> > Spooky Sweet Hunt on Day 3...

Bring Drinks, Snacks and a **Packed Lunch**

AGES 3-15 Contact Rory WELCOME

07446 841582 info@farsports.co.uk

£40 per day or£110 for 3 days Mr Rory Stirling Smith 04-00-75 39976823

10% reduction when booked before 1st Oct





Keeping your information up to date
We are undertaking our annual review of
information we hold on pupils and parents.
Please can you email
office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk if any of your
information/family circumstances have
changed since your child first started with us.

Mrs Findley
Office Manager



Wiltshire Family and Community Learning

HELPING MY CHILD WITH ANXIETY AND WORRY



Online Course

Tuesday 22 October 10am - 12noon

Booking closes 15 October

Positive and realistic help for family life

- Explore the difference between anxiety and worry
- · Understand how anxiety can affect learning
- Learn practical techniques and calming activities
- · Manage anxiety and support wellbeing

Our courses are free if you are 19+ and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+years and meet eligibility criteria. Please see our website or contact us for more information.

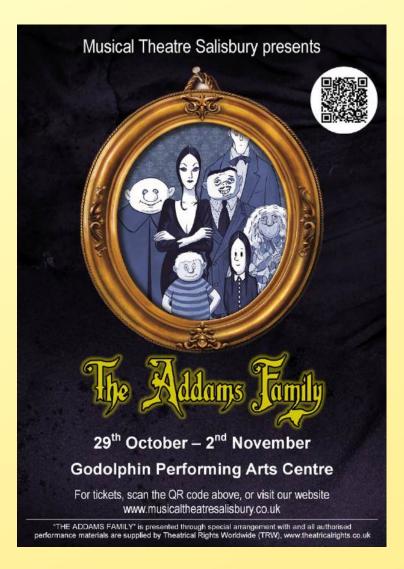


https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/ 01225 770478

familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council









When: Thursday 10th October

4-6 Years 4.15-5.45pm



FREE TASTER SESSION

Help your child discover the performing arts!

To join us for a FREE Taster session scan the QR code or enrol at salisbury@stagecoach.co.uk

SALISBURY

Where: Greentrees Junior School, Salisbury, SP1 3PG

When: Saturday 12th October

Time: 4-6 Years 11.15-12.45



STAFF VACANCIES

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

Science Technician

·Required as soon as possible

·30 Hours per week, term time only (this includes TD Days)

·Working days Monday - Friday with working hours to be agreed, either 9.00am - 3.30pm with a 30-minute unpaid lunch, or 9.30am - 4.00pm with a 30-minute unpaid lunch. Some flexibility offered for the right candidate.

·Wiltshire Council pay Grade E Point 6 - 8, (£12.38 - £12.80 per hour) actual salary £16,663 - £17,227

·Closing date: Monday 14th October 2024 ·Interview date: Monday 21st October 2024

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

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