

THE STONEHENGE

S C H O O L Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES September

Wed 9th Yr7 Settling In evening

> 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 2st Trips Day

Tues 22nd TD Day

Wed 23rd TD Day

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



Access Through School Site & Parking at Front of Main Building

Further to our recent changes in what is now our one way system through the school site, we have had reports that cars have been leaving through the Antrobus Road gate. Can we ask that parents please do not leaving via this route and to follow the one way system out of the school.

Due to the need to have access to at least one of our disabled parking spaces at the start and end of the day due to one of our students being a Blue Badge holder. Could we please ask other Blue Badge holders to be considerate of this and if only picking a child use the other parking.

Thank you for your support with this, it makes for a much safer site for staff and students.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we move further into the school year. We appreciate your ongoing support and commitment to fostering a positive learning environment for all our students. This month, I would like to take a moment to highlight two essential policies that ensure clear communication and mutual respect between home and school.

Parent Code of Conduct: https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2024/09/Parent-Code-of-Conduct-2024.pdf

At The Stonehenge School, we believe that a strong partnership between parents, carers, and the school is key to the success of our students. To support this, we have a well-established Parent Code of Conduct which outlines the standards of behaviour expected from all those involved in our school community.

Our core principles are:

Respectful Communication: We encourage open, respectful, and courteous dialogue. Disagreements should be handled in a calm and constructive manner, allowing us to resolve issues efficiently.

Support for School Policies: We ask parents to support and adhere to the school's policies, ensuring consistency for the students.

Positive Role Models: Parents and carers serve as role models for students. Demonstrating respectful behaviour sets a good example and contributes to a safe and inclusive school environment. This code ensures that all interactions with staff, students, and other members of our community are conducted in a manner that promotes dignity and respect. In the rare instances where the code is not followed, appropriate steps will be taken to address concerns.

Home-School Communication Policy: https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2024/03/Home-to-School-Communications-Policy-2023.pdf

Effective communication between home and school is crucial in providing the best education for our students. Our Home-School Communication Policy is designed to ensure that parents, carers, and the school work together efficiently and transparently. Some key points from the policy include:

Preferred Channels of Communication: We recommend using email or the school's communication platform for non-urgent matters. Staff members will aim to respond within 5 working days. For urgent matters, a phone call to the school office is the most effective method.

Meetings with Staff: If you wish to meet with a teacher, please make an appointment in advance. This allows us to ensure that staff are available and prepared to address your concerns.

Social Media Use: Please refrain from using social media to discuss or resolve concerns related to the school. Direct communication with staff is the best approach for resolving any issues.

We are committed to keeping lines of communication open and responsive, and we value your input as an integral part of our school community.

Thank you once again for your continued support in making The Stonehenge School a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow. Should you have any questions about these policies, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Schools and Colleges Early Support Service:

Parent and carer live webinars

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to attend our webinar series specially tailored for parents and carers of adolescents.

The topics have been chosen to reflect core developmental processes in adolescence and common difficulties parents can struggle with. The content is psychoeducational, strategy-based and solution focused. The webinars will cover the following topics:

- How to support your young person with low mood
- Anxiety in adolescence how can parents and carers help?
- Emotional based school non-attendance (EBSNA) practical tips and strategies to support your young person
- Understanding the impact of bullying on a young person's mental health
 practical strategies to help you support your young person to get through their experience and feel okay again
- Adolescent self-harm how to make sense of it and when to seek support
- Supporting your young person through exam time
- Weathering the storms of strong adolescent emotions do's, don'ts and when to consider talking to someone
- Building resilience, staying connected and nurturing your relationship
- with your young person
- Understanding the adolescent brain strategies to help you understand and support young people's mental health and wellbeing
- Supporting your young person to stay well online
- Supporting young people who experience panic
 Managing adolescent behaviour that challenges tips and tricks
 Supporting your young person to navigate healthy friendships
 Transitioning to Secondary School supporting your child with the ending and a new beginning
- Supporting your young person with anxiety before they get their exam results

Further details on each webinar are below. To register please click on the relevant Zoom link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



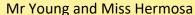
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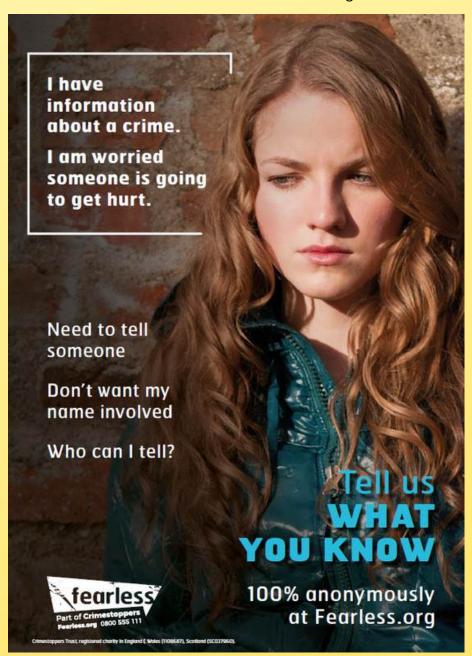
This week the Wiltshire Police Youth and the Early Intervention Team, the Great Western Hospital NHS staff and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner delivered the Blunt Truth Knife Crime Awareness input to all of year 9.

They watched a very powerful video showing the importance of reporting knife crime and the possible consequences if we ignore it. Students were then split into small groups to do a practical element at the end of the session where the pupils all learnt how to help someone that was a victim of knife crime.

All students seemed to enjoy the workshop and it has hopefully shown them the importance of reporting things which could potentially lead to life changing consequences for all parties involved.

If students have not already done so can they please scan the QR code attached and give some feedback on the day.











The Stonehenge School is on the journey to become one of the few secondary Dyslexia Friendly Schools in the UK. We started this journey last academic year and hope our efforts will be recognised later this academic year.

Dyslexia awareness events are planned in Wiltshire during dyslexia awareness month, October 2024.

Understanding dyslexia and literacy difficulties

Find out more about dyslexia and how schools identify and support literacy difficulties.

Date: Thursday, 10th October 2024

Time: 6pm-7pm

Audience: Parents and carers

Link to join the webinar: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

join/19%3ameeting_NzJlNzY3NjUtOTMzOS00MzM5LWE1OGYtZDdmOTAxYTI4ZGRj%40thread.v2/0?

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Participants do not need to pre-register for the webinar events. Simply click on the link to join the webinar.



SEND face to face and online events this October. Please share the invitation with your SEND families thank you.

Wiltshire Council is holding a series of SEND face to face events and an online webinar.

We'd like our SEND families to come along and hear about the latest developments including additional SEND school places, the five-year plan for SEND and Alternative Provision and how it will be implemented. It's also an opportunity for you to share your experiences and have your say, so we can discuss how we can continue to work together.

The events are:

Event: Date: Time: Location:

Salisbury Monday 7 October 10am – 11am St Mark's Church of England Junior School (The Training Room)

Somerset Road

Salisbury SP1 3BL

Monkton Park Thursday 10 October 10am – 11am Monkton Park

Chippenham

Wiltshire

SN15 1ER

Melksham Monday 14 October 1pm – 2pm Melksham House, 27 Market Place, Melksham SN12 6ES

The online session is on Tuesday 8 October, 6pm – 7pm visa this Teams link. https://teams.microsoft.com

More details: - Want to hear about latest Wiltshire SEND news and have your say? Join us this October - Wiltshire Council

Ofsted and CQC announce an Inspection of Local Area arrangements for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) in Wiltshire

An OfSTED/CQC Area SEND inspection has been announced today. This is a three-week inspection which focuses on the effectiveness of local area arrangements for children and young people with SEND.

Inspectors' activities in the first two weeks are carried out remotely and then they will be onsite for the third week.

Surveys seeking feedback from parent carers, practitioners, children and young people can be found at these links:

For parents – Parent/Carer Survey (smartsurvey.co.uk)
Easy read version - Parent/Carer Survey (Easy Read) (smartsurvey.co.uk)
For children and young people with SEND - Children and Young People Survey
(smartsurvey.co.uk)

For practitioners Practitioner Survey (smartsurvey.co.uk)

Please share the survey links with your networks today, for this important opportunity to contribute to the inspection – thank you.

Events at Waterstones Salisbury

A.F. Steadman

BOOK SIGNING

Tuesday 15th October 4:30pm

Meet award-winning author AF Steadman as she joins us to sign copies of her bestselling series SKANDAR. Come along and be amongst the first to get a copy of the highly anticipated fourth Skandar book: Skandar and the Skeleton Curse.

Book a ticket in advance to secure a place in the queue and a copy of Skandar and the Skeleton Curse. We will, however, have copies of the Skandar books available to purchase from the bookshop on the day for those wishing not to purchase tickets in advance, so do feel free to pop along.

Ticket Price: £14.99 (includes entry and a copy of Skandar and the Skeleton Curse (RRP £14.99) available for collection on the day).



Scan to view online

Waterstones 7-9 High Street, Salisbury, SPI 2NJ Tel. 01722 415596

For tickets and details please contact the shop or visit waterstones.com/events Please note: Adults accompanying their children do not require a ticket (one accompanying adult per child with ticket.)

WATERSTONES



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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

The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that **World Space Week will be held each year from October 4th-10th**. World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition.

You can view all of the World Space Week events here. You can learn about different people working in the Space industry in these interviews. You can find more information and events by searching #WSW2024 on social media.

If you're considering a career in Space, the following employer opportunities may be of interest to you now or in the future...



The <u>Orbex Internship Programme</u> provides students at different points in their higher education journey the unique opportunity to work across a range of disciplines. The paid placements are expected to last 10 months with the potential opportunity to join Orbex in a permanent role in the future.



Always been fascinated by space? Simply don't understand how a 300-tonne plane can make it into the sky? Maybe it's time to take the Airbus Aerospace programme! We'll go into detail about Space Exploration and how new initiatives help us here on Earth.



As a global company of over 8,000 dedicated people providing technological and scientific expertise, QinetiQ are excited to recruit the most talented and enthusiastic young people to become key parts of our business. Our Early Careers. ______ programmes give you the opportunity to be at the heart of impactful projects.



You're never too young to be part of European Space Agency! Check out the ESA Academy page for students.

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

JOB OF THE WEEK



Aerospace Engineer

They design, develop, and test aerospace technology, such as aircraft, spacecraft, drones, rockets, missiles, and satellites. They work in a growing field that covers a broad range of disciplines, including aeronautical and astronautical engineering. Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and qualifications needed.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

From the Space
Organisations reporting
a skills gap in their
current workforce, **72%**have a gap in software
& data skills,
significantly higher than
any other technical area.
This is partly driven by a
need for skills in AI &
machine learning (41%)
and data analysis &
modelling (36%).
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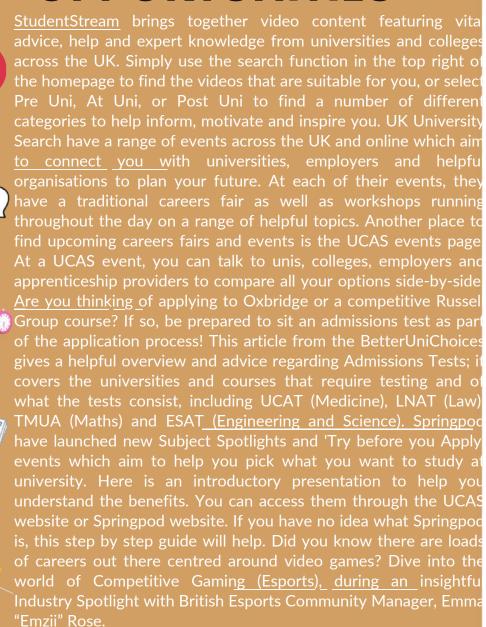


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EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Ignite your career journey with an unforgettable experience at Airbus! We believe that learning happens with hands-on experience, and guidance from the industry's best. That's why we have built a series of programmes for students leaving school, taking time out to gain some industry experience, or graduating from university!" Read more about Airbus careers.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Studying at Bath means joining our multicultural community on a vibrant, friendly campus in a historic city. We're a university that's well placed to help you succeed, wherever you're from. We're ranked highly for overall performance, student satisfaction, and graduate employment." Read more about The University of Bath Courses here.



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Wiltshire County Girls U16 Football Trials

To start off we arrived at around 4.45 and got registered. I was very nervous about this but stayed composed. When you register you get this bib you stay in for the whole time. The coaches weren't messing about you had to listen carefully.

We got in our groups and started to warm up. We got the heart pumping and went into some dynamic stretches, like lunges, cross overs, side steps, swoop the chickens. Our group did this for about 5-10 mins. After that, we all gathered together and listened to the coaches. Everyone was warm and ready to go, so we did some hand ball for about 5 minutes and worked on space pushing forwards. Shortly, we brought the ball to the ground and this is where you can shine. I got the ball and dribbled round a few than faked a shot past and we won. continuing this idea we did 4 activities defending, movement, passing and overload. We went around this circuit once, it really was intense and we had to stay focused. Pass and move was really key in order to push forwards.

To end this trial and now put everything we learnt into some 8 v 8 short sided games. I played centre back and made some serious tackles but the coaches realised I was the only one defending. We all shook hands and went home. This was a great experience and so grateful to have a spot on the Wiltshire County Under 16's team.

Alesha Rowan



We are so lucky to have three of our girls selected for the



RUGBY OVERVIEW

Year 10 boys

A busy two weeks for the year 10 boys rugby team which included their first league fixture away to Gillingham and their first 12-a-side tournament of the year. Our Gillingham fixture proved a step up in intensity to what the boys are normally used to which took them by shock and left them having to defend harder in the first 10 minutes. After this the boys found their rhythm and attacked as a team playing some lovely rugby which was a pleasure to watch. Two tries scored and converted by C. Narruhn secured us a close lead, the game then ended 14 – 7. A fantastic game to watch throughout, can we continue the winning streak in our next league fixture against Gryphon school?

In their second chance to play the boys competed in a 12 a-side tournament hosted by bishops. We had a run of three games that were played quite close together. Our first game got underway and we were on fire straight away coming away with a win with a clean score board. Next game saw a higher intensity and the boys had to work together and increase their physicality in both attack and defence, a very close game replicated by a 15 – 15 draw. In our final game of the tournament we played a well drilled school from pool. We fought hard in the first half keeping the scores equal at half time. Unfortunately after the half time break the opposition gained another two tries, finishing the game on 24 -12 overall.

Our year 9 boys rugby team have also had a game away against Dauntsey's school. This would prove to be their toughest opponent they have ever played against. The game started and it was a battle of power. Unfortunately, Dauntsey's took the lead. We regathered and fought hard with lots of penalties won by L.Rabuli. We conceded a few more tries in the first half until we finally got over the try line to score from a strong scrum 5m out. Although we didn't come away with the score we wanted, the boys were quite pleased with the after game meal Dauntsey's kindly provided



The year 8 boys faced Sarum in the second round of the national cup at holders sports field. A very even game in which Stonehenge twice took the lead but were eventually pegged back to draw the game 2-2. The game then went to penalties in which Stonehenge unfortunately lost 5-4. MOTM - Matthews after scoring 2 goals including a superb free kick shown below.



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



SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each **Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk**

26 SEP 24 OCT
23 SEP
24 SEP
7 OCT
8 OCT
15 OCT
17 OCT
21 OCT
22 OCT
28 OCT
29 OCT
31 OCT
4 NOV
5 NOV





When: Thursday 10th October

4-6 Years 4.15-5.45pm

Time:



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