

THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Tues 17th
Year 11 Science Drop Down Day

Thurs 19th
Year 10 Rewards Trip

Fri 20th
Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 20th
END OF TERM EARLY FINISH
(12.30 PM)

JANUARY

Mon 6th
ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO
SCHOOL ON A WEEK 1
TIMETABLE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term and the festive season, I wanted to share some positive reflections from the recent Local Authority review of our school. The visit focused on key areas, including how we are supporting pupil progress across subjects, fostering positive interactions between pupils, and ensuring our Disadvantaged learners are making strides in their education.

The feedback was incredibly encouraging. The reviewers commented on the progress the school has made and the sense of purpose and energy that is evident throughout the school community. They acknowledged the hard work and thoughtfulness behind our plans for improvement and were particularly impressed with the way our curriculum and support systems are designed to meet the needs of all pupils.

They also explored areas such as safeguarding, attendance, and provision for pupils with special educational needs, noting the strength of our approaches and offering constructive suggestions for next steps. We're proud to say that these suggestions align with our current plans and priorities, ensuring we continue to move in the right direction.

As a school, we have come a long way over the past couple of years, and it's heartening to see the impact of the dedication and effort that has gone into making Stonehenge School a place where every pupil can thrive.

As we look forward to the new year, we remain committed to building on this progress and working closely with you to ensure the very best for our pupils.

On behalf of everyone at The Stonehenge School, I'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to continuing our journey together in 2025.

Best wishes, Mrs Dean



**Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

**From the staff,
Governors and
Students of
The Stonehenge School**



Christmas notices



Friday 20th December: our Christmas jumper day! Students do not have to wear a Christmas jumper, but a nod to Christmas would be great: some tinsel, bells, whacky onesies...that kind of thing!

Christmas JUMPER DAY



Friday 20th December:

EARLY CLOSURE

STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO
LEAVE AT 12.30 PM. BUSES AND
TAXIS ARE DUE AT 12.50 PM



THANK YOU TO THE STUDENTS IN 10HSW ...

10HSW have been doing a reverse advent calendar in aid of the Trussell Trust's Christmas campaign. Students have been incredibly generous in donating items and we have a great collection of goods to deliver. The items will help families in the Amesbury and Salisbury areas who find Christmas a difficult time. Thank you to everyone for their generosity!



CYCLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Another reminder, due to some near misses, to parents and students to make sure bikes are fit for the winter months with

brakes working, lights front and back, cycling helmets and reflective clothing. A number of students have been seen cycling without lights which is extremely dangerous and it is actually illegal to cycle on a public road after dark without lights and reflectors.

Thank you for your support in keeping students safe whilst out and about on the roads.



SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES EARLY SUPPORT SERVICE

You can lots of information from Schools and Colleges Early Support Service regarding Webinars for Parents and Carers via the following links to our website -

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2024/12/Live-parent-and-carer-webinars-Spring-term.pdf>

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2024/12/Guide-Parent-and-carer-on-demand-webinars-003.pdf>

LINKS TO SUPPORT AGENCIES

We all know how sometimes the festive season can be a stressful time for some families. We have links to various support agencies on our website and you can find them via the following link

<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/mental-health-information/>



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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

17th - 26th January is London's Short Film Festival. The London Short Film Festival (LSFF) is the UK's leading short film festival, now in their 22nd year. Founded as the Halloween Film Society in the early 90s, they are now a BAFTA and BIFA qualifying, internationally-regarded independent festival. Each January, LSFF hosts ten days of short films, events, Q&As and multidisciplinary curation.

To celebrate, we are dedicating this week's edition to all things film, cinematography and videography.



Into Film are a charity who champion and realise the potential of film, cinema and moving image to create inspiring, inclusive learning experiences. Their Step into Screen resources provide you with a range of information and activities to get you thinking about the types of roles available in the screen industries.



For every actor (exc. extras) on a high-end production, there are on average 10 people who work behind the scenes! You can read this guide from ERIC to learn more about the TV & Film Industry.

RTS have a comprehensive list of career options in the TV world for students to learn from.



BAFTA plays a major role in supporting the next generation of film, games and TV talent. Striving for progressive industry and cultural practices is at the heart of what they do as a charity. Alongside their wide range of learning events and inspiring and informative content, our talent programmes champion creatives and practitioners across the screen industries, regardless of background or life experience. Our expert members help us to not only seek out but also offer tailored career support to over 3000 people every year.



JOB OF THE WEEK



Location
Manager

A location manager is a key figure in the production of a film or TV show, responsible for finding and managing the filming location. They work closely with the director and production designer to ensure the location matches the creative vision of the project. Watch the video to learn more.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In 2019, 84,000 people were employed in the film industry, the third highest figure since 2010. Total film industry turnover increased by 86.5% between 2014 and 2018, rising from £9.1 billion to £17 billion. Source


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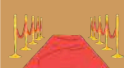


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 Film studies unlocks the magic of storytelling, and opens a world of imagination, culture, and human connections through the lens of cinema. You can read [the UCAS subject guide](#) to find out more about how much you could earn, routes into the industry etc. Are you thinking of studying Film Studies at university? If so, check this out! This is a Film studies Subject Spotlight with Nicholas Glean [from the University of Sunderland](#). An interactive, cinematic course taster experience to allow students to gain insights into what it's like to study Film studies. If you're thinking about what the next right step is for you - it could be an apprenticeship, maybe you're thinking about university, or perhaps you want to dive straight into your first 'proper job' - the BBC's 'GET IN' Taster Experiences offer you the chance to explore the different career paths the BBC has to offer and to find out if our [organisation is somewhere you'd like to work](#) in the future. Channel 4 are delighted to announce the re-launch of their Virtual Work Experience Platform, after a fantastic year in 2023, which saw 2,000+ people undertake the programme. Learn in your own time, and complete true-to-life tasks, set by our teams across Channel 4. This programme will be [open to anyone 14+ years old, based in the UK and interested in gaining an in-depth understanding of the UK media industry](#). When you think of TV and film, what comes to mind - red carpets and awards? In this Springpod Virtual Work Experience, we're going to pull back the curtain and discover what a career in TV and film really looks like, from popular film theory to what happens in post production, you'll get a backstage pass. Here are some sixth form and/or college courses that you could take that relate to this subject area: [Film Studies](#), [Media](#), [Photography](#), [Drama](#), [Performing Arts](#), [BTec Level 3 in Creative Practice](#).



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We are in the top 50 Apprenticeship Employers in the UK and the industry leaders in early careers, hiring more than 250 new apprentices each year. As one of the world's most creative and technologically-advanced organisations for the last 100 years, we are committed to skills and talent development both inside and outside the BBC." Read more about BBC Careers here. _____

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"MetFilm School and Metstudios courses equip you with the best tools and expertise required to develop a fulfilling and sustainable career in the film, television, games and digital media industries. Our students are taught by award-winning professionals with numerous industry awards and nominations." Read more about MET Film School here. _____

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Christmas Craft Fun

Saltdough Decorations

250g plain flour
125g table salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
125ml of water



1. Preheat the oven to its lowest setting.
2. Mix the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Add the water and mix together into a ball.
3. Transfer the dough to a floured work surface. Roll out and cut out shapes using cookie cutters.
4. Put your finished items on to a lined baking sheet and bake for 3 hrs or until solid.

Reindeer Food

A lovely activity preparing a treat for the reindeer! You can really go to town on this with your child, using all sorts of things from your store cupboard. Your child can help crush up cereals, use measuring spoons to add ingredients, mix everything together and sprinkle on the lawn. Rudolph and the other reindeer will love their special treat.



Please note: Lots of reindeer food recipes include glitter and we would respectfully ask you not to use this as this is so bad for our wildlife.



Family Hubs will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period from:
24th Dec to 1st Jan 2025
Hubs re-open on
2nd January 2025

Christmas time can bring challenges for us all.
Support is available from many organisations during this time.
Click [HERE](#)

Planning ahead for January

Interested in a parenting course? - click [HERE](#)

Book a sensory space session - give us a ring on our freephone number 0800 970 4669

Visit our website -

Wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and a hope filled New Year from all of us at the Children's Centres

Support We Offer

We are here to help with a whole range of topics including:

Ideas around implementing routines and setting boundaries.

Help to understand your child's needs and build your confidence as a parent.

Help around finances, housing applications, debt support and accessing benefits.

Supporting you 'back to work'

Volunteering opportunities

We can help families access:

Baby Bundles

Healthy start vitamins

Advice on local childcare and applying for funding.

Introductions to other services

Facebook

Our Wiltshire Family Hub Facebook page is another way for families to stay up to date with current services. Make sure you like and follow to stay in touch with us.

Simply click here:



Get in touch with us

If you have any questions or would like more information about our services please call us on one of our numbers below or check out our website:

Freephone:

0800 970 4669

wiltshirefamilyhub@spurgeons.org

Other useful numbers:

Health visitor – Single Point of Access

0300 247 0090

National Breastfeeding helpline

0300 100 0212

Fearfree (Domestic Abuse support Service)

01225 775276

National

Domestic Abuse Helpline

0800 2000 247

Click here to visit
our website

www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk



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Contact Info

 Location

Godolphin Sports Hall,
Bellamy Lane, Milford Hill,
Salisbury, SP1 2RA



 Website

www.moonrakersjc.com

Trial Session

A 6-week introductory
class for £10 starts on
Saturday 11 Jan 2025
9 - 10.30am

 Call 07884 102 615

Moonrakers Judo Club in Salisbury has a history of supporting students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Whether you have done judo before or are a complete novice, the club has everything to support you in completing this section of your award.

Main Benefits



Fitness



Develop Confidence



Balance



Coordination



Self Defence



Strength

STAFF VACANCIES

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

Teaching Assistant

Required as soon as possible
31 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (including all 5 TD Days)
Permanent Contract
Monday - Friday 8.30am -3.00pm, (30 minutes unpaid lunch)
+ 1 hour after school club each week

Closing date - Friday 10th January 2025, 9.00 am
Interviews - tbc

Due to staff progression and increase in pupil numbers, we are looking to recruit an enthusiastic person to become an essential part of the Teaching Assistant team here at The Stonehenge School.

The role requires you to support the learning of specific students with additional educational needs either within the classroom or 1:1, or in intervention groups. You will be working as part of a supportive team.

Cover Supervisor

Required as soon as possible
32.50 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (this includes TD Days)
Permanent Contract
Monday - Friday 8.15m -3.15pm
Wiltshire Council pay grade F Point 9 - 11, (£13.69- £14.36 per hour)
actual FTE salary £19,952 - £20.936 per annum

We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Cover Supervisor to join our dedicated team. You will be working to support young people and to cover for absent colleagues, and ensuring that they carry out the work tasks set by the teacher with designated responsibility.

The role will include being a Tutor for which training will be provided. You should be a good classroom practitioner with a genuine enthusiasm for teaching and learning. You should be able to work with pupils covering the full range of age and abilities at our school.

Site Operative

Salary: Support staff grade E £25,183 - £25,992 per annum with 26 days holiday to be taken in school holidays

Hours are to be discussed with the successful candidate but would be 37 per week, working Monday - Friday

The post will be effective as soon as possible

This is a permanent position

This position will remain open until filled

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 Premises Manager to keep the school a safe and engaging environment for our students to learn in. This will involve carrying out both reactive and planned maintenance tasks.

Exam Invigilators

Scale B point 2, £12.26 per hour

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