

THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Mon 9th - Fri 13th
Year 9 Milestone Exams

Wed 11th
Year 7 SEN Parental
Engagement Evening
(invite only)

Thurs 12th
Christmas Concert

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)

Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Staff, Parents, and Carers

I am delighted to share some fantastic news with you all! The Stonehenge School has been awarded the Bronze Level of Wiltshire's Affordable Schools Award, recognising our commitment to ensuring school life is accessible and affordable for all families in our community. This award reflects our efforts to reduce the cost of the school day, promote inclusivity, and make sure that no child misses out on opportunities due to financial barriers.

Through initiatives such as providing cost-effective uniform options, ensuring trips and activities remain affordable, and making resources accessible to all, we have demonstrated that we are a school that places equity and inclusion at the heart of everything we do.

Building on this success, I am thrilled to announce that we will now begin working towards the Silver Award. This next step will involve expanding our efforts further to ensure affordability and accessibility remain central to school life for every family we serve. We will be reflecting on areas where we can improve and introducing new measures that continue to support all our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, parents, carers, and students for working together to achieve this milestone. Your contributions and feedback have been invaluable, and we look forward to continuing to collaborate as we aim for Silver.

If you would like to learn more about the Affordable Schools Project and how we are working to make a difference, you can find further details on our website: [Affordable Schools Project](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's celebrate this achievement together as a school community!



Affordable Schools
WILTSHIRE

VANDALISM

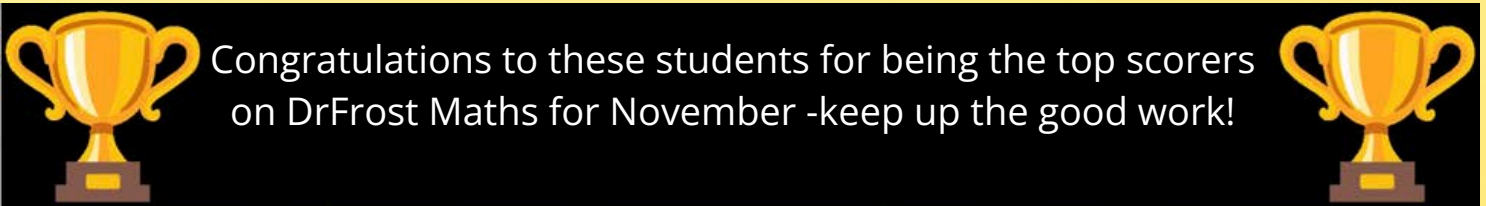
I wanted to reach out regarding a recent surge of vandalism in our school toilets, including some of the facilities that were part of our £250,000 renovation project. It's incredibly disappointing to see these spaces, which were designed to improve the environment for students and staff, being deliberately damaged.

What is particularly concerning is that this vandalism is happening not only during social times but also during lesson times. As a result, we will be reinforcing several key measures as a school:

- No toilet access during lessons, except in cases of genuine emergency.
- Increased supervision: We are working to ensure staff are circulating during breaks and lunchtimes, and we ask for your support in reminding your children about the importance of respecting shared spaces.

Staff will be taking a few moments during tutor time this week to discuss the issue with their students. To emphasise the significant investment that went into improving the facilities and how this behaviour impacts their peers and the wider school community. We will also be reminding students that any students caught vandalising these areas will face serious consequences, and their parents will be contacted directly.

Thank you for your continued support.



Congratulations to these students for being the top scorers on DrFrost Maths for November -keep up the good work!

Year 7	Leo Glasson	Jay Bicker
Year 8	Shannan Muller	Joseph Sandu
Year 9	Ellie-May Walker	Jack Stapleton
Year 10	Victoria Innecco	Jasmine Perry
Year 11	Elise Ross	Adam Ashton

An update on the Education Resource Centre being funded by the Assuan Foundation



CAREGIVERS WANTED FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Are you supporting a child (aged 11–18) struggling to attend school due to anxiety or emotional difficulties (EBSA)?



We want to hear from you!

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- THE STUDY**
This research explores how caregivers' stress and resilience shape their experiences of EBSA.
- SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE**
Approx. 20 minutes
- INTERVIEW (OPTIONAL)**
Approx. 60 minutes

LINK TO THE STUDY:
<https://tinyurl.com/2n48x3ut>



QUESTIONS? SEND ME AN EMAIL:
OLIVIA.M.DAWSON@DURHAM.AC.UK

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Durham University Ethics Committee.



Santa's Flying Visit!

Saturday 7th December
10.00 - 15.00

Meet and greet with the AFM elf
Professional Photo with Santa in
the Scout helicopter
Christmas Craft Activity

Join our AFM elf to make **magical reindeer food** to take home for Christmas Eve

Drink and Christmas Treat
from Apache Café
Follow our **Festive Trail**
Collect your gift from the AFM
Elf

All for £19 per child
Adults £10 (Annual pass holder £5)
Children under 2 years (not participating) Free

(If you wish for your under 2 year old to participate and receive a gift etc. please buy a child ticket)



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Exciting News!

Team STEMhenge Competes in the First Tech Challenge UK!

We are thrilled to announce that our school's robotics team, **STEMhenge**, is participating in the First Tech Challenge UK. This esteemed competition encourages students to design, build, and program robots to tackle complex engineering tasks, fostering their innovation, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

This year's challenge, *INTO THE DEEP presented by RTX*, tasks teams with creating robots capable of underwater exploration, simulating real-world oceanic missions. Robots must navigate underwater terrains, collect specific objects, and perform tasks that mirror actual underwater research and rescue operations.

To gain a better understanding of the challenge and the type of robot our team aims to build, we invite you to watch the informative video **2024-2025 INTO THE DEEP presented by RTX Kickoff Broadcast** on YouTube.

We are also excited to announce that on Wednesday, 11th December, **STEMhenge** will travel to Bournemouth University to participate in the first scrimmage for the South Division of the FTC. Scrimmages are informal meetups where teams test their robots, share knowledge, and prepare for upcoming tournaments.

Throughout the year, our team will host various fundraising activities to support our participation, including raising funds to purchase additional parts and equipment to enhance our robot's performance. Your support in these endeavors is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Stay tuned for updates on **STEMhenge's** journey, and thank you for your continued encouragement and support!

If you are interested in supporting **STEMhenge** or want to learn more, please contact me at freemantleb@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Thank you for helping us make this exciting opportunity a reality for our students!

Best regards,
Miss Freemantle STEM Coordinator



Introducing STEMhenge Our FIRST Tech Challenge UK Robotics Team!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of an exciting new opportunity for our students at The Stonehenge School. This year, we have formed our brand new FIRST Tech Challenge UK robotics team, **STEMhenge!**

The FIRST Tech Challenge is a globally recognized robotics competition that challenges students to design, build, and program robots to complete specific challenges. This incredible program helps develop essential skills in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), as well as teamwork, problem-solving, and innovation.

How You Can Support STEMhenge?

To give our students the best possible experience, we are reaching out to our school community for support. Here are some ways you can help:

1. **Donations of Equipment or Materials:** We are in need of tools, building materials, and equipment to help us construct and test our robot.
2. **Sponsorship:** If you or your employer would like to sponsor our team, your financial support could go towards robot materials, travel costs, and funding for future endeavours.
3. **Mentorship and Expertise:** Are you (or someone you know) an engineer, programmer, or designer? We'd love to connect with parents or local professionals who could share their expertise and mentor our students.
4. **Networking and Introductions:** If you know of any local companies or organizations that might be interested in supporting our team, please let us know or connect us with them.
5. **Volunteering:** If you have the time and enthusiasm, we'd welcome help with organizing trips, team logistics, or simply cheering us on at competitions!

What's in it for Supporters?

Sponsors and supporters will be recognized in our team's communications, on our branding, and at competitions, helping to build connections between the school and our community. This is a fantastic chance to empower our students, inspire a love for STEM, and prepare them for future careers in technology and innovation.

Please do look out for future posts in the parent newsletters that will be written by team members themselves. They will post regular updates about our fundraising events, robot updates, competition dates, tell you all about our future successes, and much more.

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The Stonehenge School is proud to
present

A Christmas Concert

12th December 2024

7.00Pm

**Soloists | Instrumentals | Bands |
Choir**

**TICKETS -
ADULTS - £5.00**

Tickets to be purchased via ParentPay
with a limited number available on the
night.

There will be refreshments available and
a raffle on the night



Winton Community Academy 'Community Orchestra'



Do you play an instrument?

Do you want the opportunity to play with others?

Open to all young people up to the age of 19

Held in the JMST theatre at Winton Community Academy

If you answered yes to any of the above, then come and be a part of the exciting musical offerings that Winton Community Academy has to offer...

Tuesdays during Term Term

4-5pm

Email; rgooding@wintoncommunityacademy.org for more info
or sign up now by scanning the QR code

Starting Tuesday January 7th 2025



Free to all for the remainder of this academic year



Christmas MENU

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MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER, YEARS 10 & 11
TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER, YEAR 9
WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER, YEAR 8
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER, YEAR 7

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*Closing date for this is
Tuesday 10th December*

MAIN DISH

Traditional Christmas Turkey
Cheese & Leek Tart
Stuffing Balls, Pigs in Blankets, Baby Carrots,
Brussel Sprouts, Roast Potatoes & Peas

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DESSERT

Festive Ice Cream

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**LIMIT OF 132 PEOPLE PER DAY,
COST £3.75**

**THIS MUST BE PRE BOOKED &
PAID FOR VIA PARENTPAY**



Christmas notices



Make-A-Wish.
UNITED KINGDOM

Monday 16th December: Parliament tuck shop to raise money for 'Make a Wish', the school's chosen charity. You will be able to buy up to £2 of tokens to spend. There will be drinks, crisps, chocolate and crisps for sale at lunchtime on that day. Payment to be made on Parent Pay; deadline is Wednesday 11th December.

Thursday 19th December: rewards trip for Year 10 and a select few from Year 11. Deadline for payment is Friday 6th December. After this time, payment will not be taken. They cannot wait to see if they meet the criteria first. Refunds will be processed before Christmas.

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





THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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

Human Rights Day took place on 10th December and is celebrated around the World. It commemorates the anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

The 2024 Theme is "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now". The theme is a call to acknowledge the importance and relevance of human rights in our everyday lives. We have an opportunity to change perceptions by speaking up against hate speech, correcting misinformation and countering disinformation.



You might be thinking "What even are Human Rights?", this page explains more in written and video format.

Whether you are a teacher, an actor, a factory worker or a miner, every person has human rights in the workplace. In the future, you may feel that you have been treated unfairly by your boss, or denied a promotion to which you feel that you are entitled. This article discusses how human rights can protect you in the workplace.



If you're passionate about ensuring that workplaces are inclusive for all, then you'll be pleased to hear that there are job roles that focus on just that! Equality, diversity and inclusion officers aim to reduce workplace discrimination, fight for equal access to services and promote positive attitudes. You can read more about this here.



Lawyers can also help ensure Human Rights are being adhered to in the workplace. Join Lottie Dodd as she explores the laws surrounding dismissal in the workplace, claims around unfair dismissal, and how businesses should approach fair dismissal from a legal and ethical standpoint.



JOB OF THE WEEK



Chief Diversity Officer

As a Chief Diversity Officer, one of the key responsibilities is to guide employees and executives on matters related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This involves developing and implementing training programs, policies, and procedures that promote a culture of inclusivity.

Watch the video to learn more.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Equality, diversity and inclusion officers typically start on salaries of £18,000 to £28,000 depending on employer, qualifications and experience. With experience, salaries of £35,000 to £50,000 can be achieved.

Source

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



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OPPORTUNITIES



Pathways to future success - realise your potential! Springpod have created a new set of resources and online courses that focus on different types of course that you could study in and outside of the workplace. You can read more here and sign up for the ones you're interested in. They also have a new range of "virtual to reality" work experience placements which begin as virtual but can lead to in person work experience placements; "Imagine stepping into real workplaces, and immersing yourself in the day-to-day realities of your dream career. With our new "Virtual to Reality" programmes, that dream becomes a reality!". If you are thinking of applying for apprenticeships in the future, you may be surprised to hear that the process to apply is much trickier than applying to colleges, sixth forms or universities. The first thing you need to know is that employers advertise their apprenticeships in all different places (and some of them only advertise on their own websites!). Here's the sites you need to know about where you may find apprenticeships that you're interested in:



- [Gov.uk](#)
- [UCAS](#)
- [Get my First Job](#)
- [Not Going to Uni](#)
- [Springpod](#)
- [Student Ladder](#)
- [Rate my Apprenticeship](#)

Once you have found an opportunity you want to apply to, the following advice may be useful. Remember, every employer's application and recruitment process will be different so you need to prepare for each process individually.



- [Writing applications](#)
- [Interview tips](#)
- [Assessment Centres](#)
- [Preparing to start](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"When you join the Army, you'll not only learn how to be a world-class soldier or officer, but you'll continue to learn while you work. With a range of qualifications available, from apprenticeships to Master's degrees, the Army offers many opportunities to support you to develop & learn while you serve." Read more about Army Careers here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Universities are so much more than degree-awarding seats of learning. They are drivers for economic innovation and advancement, catalysts for social change and champions of cultural development. Our undergraduate degrees are the perfect stepping stone to secure the future you deserve. It's your future." Read more about [Plymouth University courses here.](#)

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WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

Understanding the Teenage Brain

FREE
until
JAN 25



Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday
5th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Facing Defiance

Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday
7th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday
9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



AUTISM:

Improving Communication

Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

STAFF VACANCIES

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

Teacher of English (Potential for TLR related to whole school literacy)

Salary: MPS/UPS (Potential for a TLR related to whole school literacy)

Closing Date: Wednesday 11th December 2024, 3 pm

Start Date: Easter 2025

We require a qualified teacher of English to join an expanding department, for the delivery of English at KS3 and GCSE. As part of the English department and a member of The Stonehenge School, you will be part of a supportive and reflective team of dedicated professionals who continually improve and develop their practice in order to achieve the best for the young people at our school.

This is an excellent opportunity for an ECT seeking a first appointment, or a more experienced teacher.

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