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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Improvements to the timetable for 2012 - 13

The school day has operated on a model of six 50 minute lessons for several years. Based on research evidence and having looked at good practice in some of the highest performing schools we are proposing to change this in the next academic year. The new model will structure the day into five 1 hour lessons. The revised pattern would look like this:

08.35 am	Registration and Assembly
08.55 am	Lesson 1
09.55 am	Lesson 2
10.55 am	Break
11.15 am	Lesson 3
12.15 pm	Lesson 4
1.15 pm	Lunch
1.50 pm	Lesson 5
2.50 pm	End of day

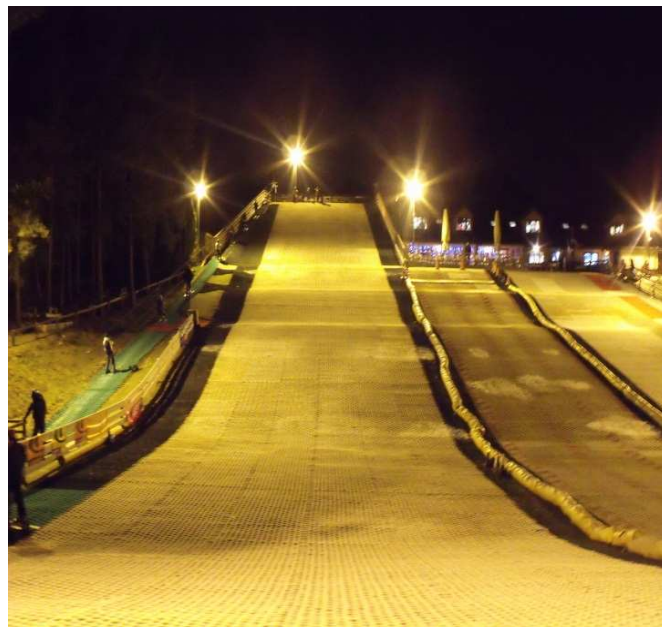
As you can see the start and finish times for the school day remain unaltered. Morning break is 5 minutes longer to allow a more meaningful break in the morning; lunch is 45 minutes later and you may wish to bear this in mind if your child is inclined to arrive at school in the mornings without having eaten breakfast, which should not be happening in any case.

60 minute lessons will allow more time for assessment within lesson time, and will avoid the sometimes rushed end to lessons as pupils move from one end of the school to another. It also makes organisation easier as children only need to organise books and equipment for five lessons a day as opposed to six at present. The new 25 lesson week will be expanded into a two week 50 lesson timetable model, but with a core of lessons in each week remaining largely the same to avoid the confusion which arose in the past when the school operated a two week timetable.

A reminder that students return on Wednesday 4th January 2012 as the 3rd is a TD Day.

SKI NEWS!!!!

Some of the First in the Country!



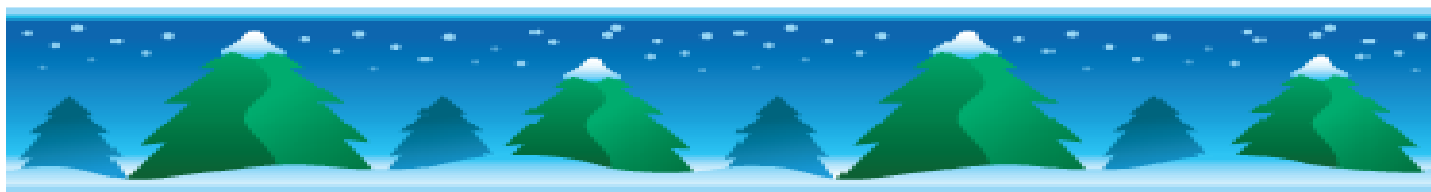
The skiing season has already got off to a great start with two Dry Slope skiing sessions in November and December. Previous years had seen us take on the challenge of dry sloping in minus temperatures or torrential rain but this year was more of a treat. "Snowtrax", our local dry sloping venue, have recently laid a new surface, re-opening at the end of November. This is an innovative, new technology with a new material which results in easier turning and better control. It also includes more padding for a softer landing for skiers who 'push their limits'! Skiers had a chance to re-find their 'ski legs' and make progress whilst the beginners learned very quickly and will have no problems on the 'real stuff' in February!

Congratulations!

Further to the school's policy of promoting 'lifelong learning' two more members of staff successfully completed the basic skiing qualification known as the SCO. Over a weekend in October Mrs Levey Mr Church (and Mr Gentle from the Sports Centre) joined other staff in the county to study the intricacies and formalities of accompanying young people abroad, and in particular the regulations and precautions associated with skiing.



The course is run by Snowsport England; the governing body.



More Congrats!

Congratulations also go to Mr Busby for successfully re-validating his Alpine Ski Course Leader qualification. The ASCL encompasses mountain survival skills, navigation, first aid, critical incident strategies and mountain leadership, enabling Mr Busby to support all aspects of the school's annual trip.



Only 57 days to go!

Those of you going on the next trip will receive the "ski brochure" in January letting you know all of the final details and arrangements. Until then all skiers... should be busy throughout the Christmas holiday getting themselves strong and fit. Run ... cycle ... swim ... 'wall sit' ...do something most days! aerobics ... exercise ... run ... cycle ... swim ... 'wall sit' ... go to the gym ... run ... play sport ... do something most days ... stretching is just as important run ... cycle ... swim ... 'wall sit'

Calling all *Y9s & 10s* Only 75 days to go!

Initial plans have just been made for a ski trip in

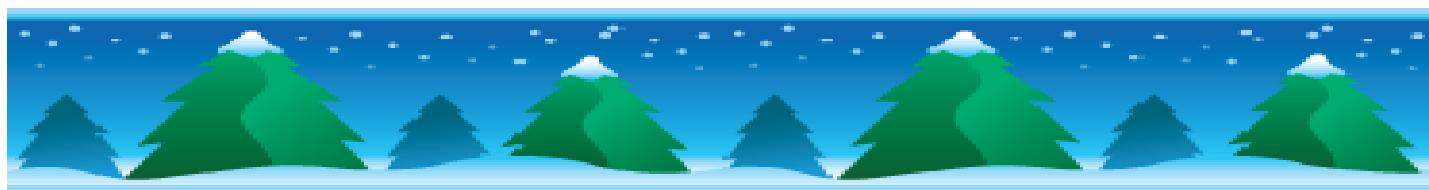
Spring 2013!

A provisional booking has been made to ski in Axamer Lizum, Austria during the February half term hols in 2013. The trip will be launched during March 2012, costing around £820. So, Y9 and Y10 keep your fingers crossed; if you want to work towards going next year, there is only about three months to do lots of jobs around the house and to impress your teachers with your 'maturity'! Letters will be given out on request to those students with a good behaviour record

Ski TV

"Ski Sunday" is starting again on BBC soon, and these days there are other stations such as Eurosport 2 that show lots of winter sports; mostly at the weekend but some weekdays too. These programmes are designed for ski enthusiasts and although they often feature slalom and downhill racing, there are usually interesting 'slots' about the resorts, new technology, up to date news and weather etc. Not only is it informative, but it is a chance to sample the atmosphere and the wonderful scenery of the mountains.

Mr Busby



AIM HIGHER ACTIVITIES.

Year 10 pupils will be visiting Bath Spa University Campus on Wednesday 4th January 2012 (The first day back at School in the New Year) The visit will consist of a tour of the campus and a series of workshops where they will be working with current students at the University on subjects such as;

- Student finance
- Student accommodation
- Courses available
- Student social activities

The transport departs from school at 8.30am and we hope to return by approximately 3.00pm

Year 9 pupils have been given the opportunity to visit Salisbury on Thursday 9th February 2012, to take part in a "Have A Go Skills Taster "Day to help them in the decision process for their courses for Key stage 4 at school. Here the emphasis will be on Vocational Courses with a view to Apprenticeships in the longer term.

SPORTS NEWS

STONEHENGE SCHOOL IN THE TOP TWENTY AGAIN

The Stonehenge School Intermediate Boys Cross Country Team took part in The English Schools Cross Country Cup Final at Princethorpe College near Rugby on Saturday 3rd December. Having won the County Round at Lewesdon School in Dorset in October where Matt Smith won the individual race and finishing second to The Blue Coat School Reading in The Regional Round at Millfield in November, hopes were high of a good run from the boys in the final.

However all the best laid plans were knocked sideways when it became obvious that Matt Smith would be unable to run through illness. Nevertheless the remaining 5, Gio Downie, Chris Hill, Luke Ash, Kieren Stephens and Tyler Faircloth competed under a clear sky in near perfect conditions, (just a stiff breeze to contend with).

The course had a long gradual moderate climb that had to be taken twice, but was a genuine open grassland route. As the only School from Wiltshire to make the final in any of the four age groups the realization of their achievements already dawned on those who accompanied them. The pace of the race was fast and furious and runners quickly had to get into a running style that suited the course.

All the boys ran well, Gio 20th was first home followed by Chris 48th, Luke 80th, Kieren 114th and Tyler 121st for a team score of 262 points and 20th position overall. With a full team a top 10 finish would have been probable, but such is life. It was still a magnificent effort. Well Done

Mr Monk



YEAR 7 SUMMARY

I cannot believe the second term is nearly over already! Year 7 have made some excellent progress and achievements, not just academically but in their behaviour, attitude and effort.

I have been really impressed with how they have embraced school life. They have been involved with lots of activities from Sporting clubs, school council events, 'Living for Sport', horse riding to name but a few.



There are lots of activities going on in the last week of term not just to celebrate Christmas but to reward them for their hard work.

TUESDAY 13th - SCHOOL DISCO

This was well attended and the profits will go to the school charity.

**WEDNESDAY 14th - ICE-SKATING TRIP**

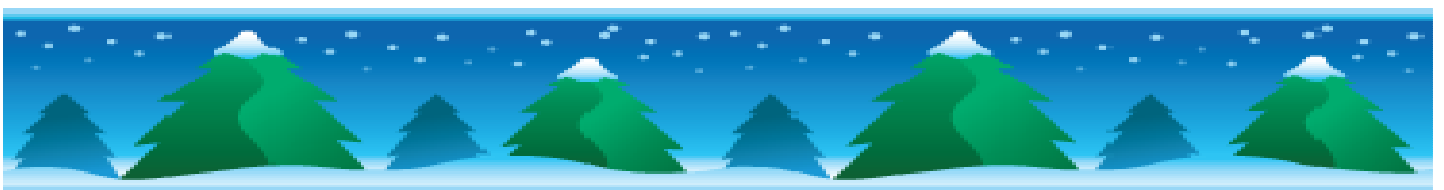
A rewards trip that will allow the pupils to inter-act outside of the classroom and have some fun! Photos in to follow!!!

**THURSDAY 15th - XMAS FAYRE**

Year 11 are setting up stands in the hall for year 7 to buy cakes, sweets, raffles, 'Guess the name of the snowman' etc. Pupils may wish to bring in some small change to spend. Profits are going to various charities.

FRIDAY 16th - REWARD FILM/ TUTOR PARTY

This term year 7 have had a competition amongst the tutor groups to see each week who has the most commendations and the best attendance. The winning tutor group is 7JCB- this tutor group will spend period 1 and 2 with me watching a Christmas film with popcorn and drinks!. Period 4 is a time to celebrate the end of term with their tutor group and their tutor.



On Friday I will be doing a rewards assembly. Awards will be given for 100% attendance, top 30 in the league table, top boy and girl in the league table, a praise card draw and tutor awards.

The tutor awards are as follows:

Tutor	Best Uniform	Best use of planner	Always on time	Most helpful
JCB	Tyler Keenan	Megan Ingram	Bailey MacDonald	Scott Conley
SAN	Leah Yates	Olivia Worrall	Fraser Adams	Sam Gallacher
SIS	Stefan Ardani	Tegan Shaw	Jess Hall	Alisha Driver-Thomas
MJE	Sajid Hussain	Millie Howdon	Bethan Ellis	Alex Fulford
PMJ	Isobel Pike	Josh Sommerton	Abigail Wyles	Oliver Cranham/ Jasmine Scott

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday, refreshed ready for the New Year!

Happy Christmas!

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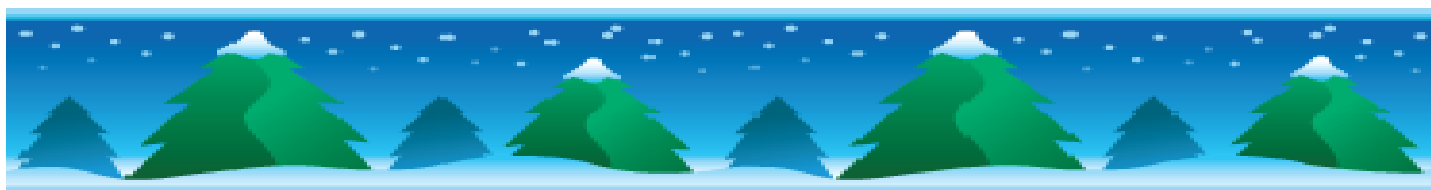
YEAR 8 SUMMARY

Well, it is finally Christmas after a very long term.

I am looking forward to the Rewards Assembly on Thursday and to giving prizes to the following students:



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	Miss Bugler	Mrs Clarke	Mr Wooster	Mr Church	Mrs Levy
Best dressed	Callum Jones	Ellie Parsons	Oliver Ivemy	Lewis West	Euan Mauchline
Most Helpful	Connor Alman	Tom Badger	William Pearcey	Aaron Markham	Adrian Muir
Most improved	Callum Davies	Tyler Walker	Rosemary Richards	Ross Hawkins	Chloe Bishop
Best organised planner	Hannah Bulpitt	Henriette Kjeldsen	Sophie Peach	Nicole Young	Natasha Hardman
Desert Island	Ewan Weldin	Alize Bertrand	Serena Shepherd	Drew Cubley	Ellie Standidge
Best PSHE Work	Dan Collins	Ben Johnston	Emily Gillett	Louise Bloom	Holly Sherburne
Most Positive Attitude	Gemma Hammond	Ellie Maple	Katie Miller	Kate Priestley	Amy May

Most number of Commendations in Year 8 to:

1st Place: Callum Davies (60)

2nd Place: Adrian Muir (57)

3rd Place: Reece Loveridge (52)

Certificates for the highest number of commendations in each tutor group:

CSL	RCH	ELB	GJW	SVC
Holly Sherburne Adrian Muir Sam Carr	Megan Townsend Kate Priestley Adrianna Ruminska Chloe Waters	Callum Davies Emily Beck Claudia Downie Hannah Bulpitt	Reece Loveridge Kane Tudhope	Nico Ardani Lauren Peachment George Haslam Ellie Maple

There are also special prizes for the 2 students who have been voted the most helpful by their peers.

Henriette Kjeldsen and Holly Sherburne have been selected 'Christmas Angels' and I am not at all surprised, as they are always kind, thoughtful and co-operative students. Thanks and well done to them.

There are 33 students with 100% attendance this year, who will also get certificates. These students have the attitude and commitment to be the high achievers of the future.

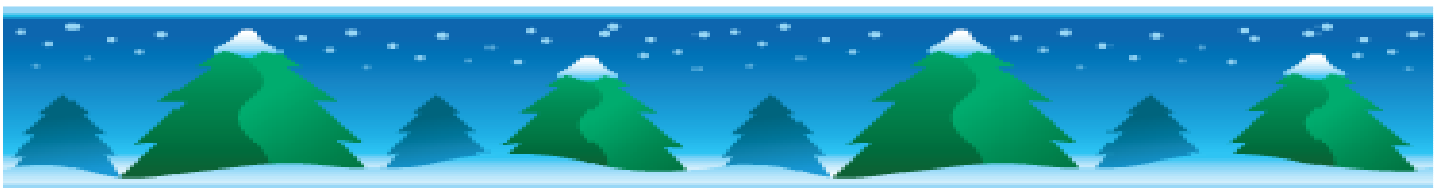
After Christmas there will be some changes of teaching set, and I am delighted that so many students will have their hard work recognised and rewarded by a move into a more challenging teaching set. A few students who have failed to work to their potential and achieved below average results will be moving into a set where the work is easier.

There is a small minority of students who choose to ignore the school rules, and I shall be 'clamping down' on persistent offenders after Christmas. But until then, have a lovely Christmas holiday and best wishes for 2012!

Mrs Eveling

Year 8 Progress Leader

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YEAR 9 SUMMARY

Well done to the following

Reward Card Winner = Matthew Tuck

Most Commendations on Report Manager = Matt Tuck and Shannon Bowley

Best all round student = 9AEL Emily Scott

9DJF Josh Hibbs

9SCB Matthew Stockton

9EVJ Lee Mills

9JRF Jack Quayle



TOP OF Attitude to learning League Table Jennifer Kee, 2nd Megan Armstrong, 3rd Laura Potts. Well done to all the above.

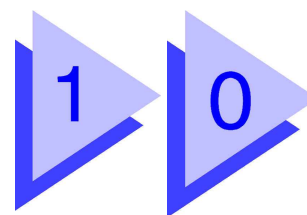
Have a happy and safe Christmas

Mr N Randall; Year 9 Progress Leader

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YEAR 10 SUMMARY**Celebrating Success**

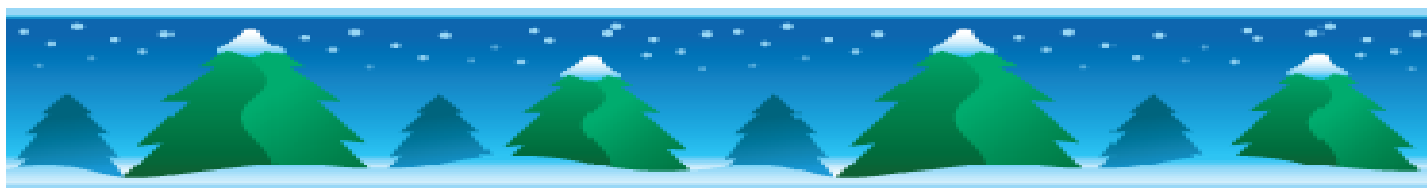
The Year 10's had their celebration assembly on Tuesday and there were plenty of things for them to be proud of. The commendations the year 10's received last term were converted into raffle tickets and five names were drawn out of a hat: Abbie Standidge, Ashley Hill, Chloe Eberhard, Jake Croughton and Jo Keating were all recipients of a £5 gift voucher. Attendance was another focus of our assembly. Approximately 35 students are still on 100% attendance in year 10 and attendance generally is good. We must aim to keep this up! Extra-curricular activities such as Lamda and sporting success were also celebrated. Finally a special mention went out to two girls who have impressed with their attitude to learning. Megan Drake has jumped an impressive 52 spaces on the attitude to learning table and Charlotte Rowe was rewarded for consistently being at the top of the attitude to learning table. The entire attitude to learning table can now be seen displayed outside of my classroom.

**Goals for next term**

The year 10's have been set two challenges for the upcoming term.

As a year group they must not exceed 100 missing homework marks.

As a year group they must achieve 800 commendations on Reports Manager.



A "barometer" will be set up outside of room 1 for the start of next term so that the year group to track their progress. If both targets are met, a prize will be given to the recipient of the 800th commendation.

Progress afternoon

A reminder that the Pupil Progress afternoon is scheduled for January 9th. It is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with his or her tutor. I will also be available should you have any concerns. If you are not available on this afternoon, your son/daughter should still make an appointment to see their tutor.

Merry Christmas!

I would just like to thank the tutors and parents of the students of year 10 for supporting this fantastic year group in their achievements. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing year 10 back in the New Year!

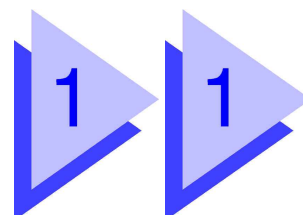
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YEAR 11 SUMMARY

Mock Exams

As a whole, these went well. Mrs Daulby commented that as a year group the Year 11's coped with the exam situation well and most exams in the hall went very smoothly.

Your teachers will be in the process of giving you your mock results. The lessons that can be learnt from this are invaluable—it really is your last chance to mess up. The next time you sit these exams it will be the full public GCSE examinations.



Reports

On the back of the mock examinations, Year 11 reports are being written in the first week of January. These are due to be sent home by the end of January.

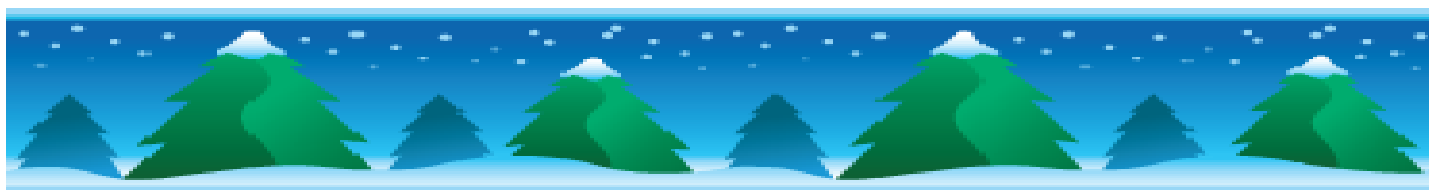
Progress Meetings

These take place on Monday 9th January. Please make an appointment with your tutor to discuss your progress. Parents are encouraged to attend.

January Exams

There are modular exams for Science in January plus English GCSE's—not mocks. So, despite it being the Christmas Holidays students should be studying over the next two weeks. The English exam is in the second week back. You can log on to the school website for the up to date exam timetable -

http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/uploads/January_2012_Exam_Timetable.pdf



I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and students for their support throughout 2011. 2012 is a BIG YEAR for Year 11, so Merry Christmas and all the very, very best for 2012.

Miss Harris
Year 11 Progress Leader
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CAK/MRF/TLR

December 2011

Dear Parents

We are pleased to confirm that this term we will once again be inviting pupils and parents in to school to discuss pupil's academic progress with their tutors. The next of these parent/tutor meetings will take place on Monday 9th January 2012, from 1.15pm – 5.15pm. All meetings will take place in **tutor rooms** to allow staff access to the SIMs and Reports Manager software.

During this time, **all** pupils will be required to make an appointment with their tutor to discuss their recent academic progress. It is strongly recommended that, where possible, parents attend these meetings as well.

The school day, on Monday 9th will run from 8.35am – 12.30pm. Pupils will be dismissed at 12.30pm, to return later on in the afternoon to meet their tutor. **The buses and taxis have therefore not been changed and will collect pupils at the normal time.** Pupils who usually catch a bus home or who cannot return home early may remain in school and will be supervised by a senior member of staff.

We believe that these meetings are important for pupils and parents to find out whether they are making the level of academic progress that we now expect at The Stonehenge School. They will form an invaluable part of pupil mentoring as well as home/school communication.

This is the fourth year that we have run these type of meetings at The Stonehenge School and we thank you for your support with them. The attendance at these meetings has been excellent and we have been delighted with their success.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 9th January.

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Dear Parents

Lantern Procession from Stonehenge to Amesbury – Wednesday 21st December 2011

A procession that may have last occurred more than 5,000 years ago is being recreated in Amesbury to mark the mid-winter solstice and will take place (weather permitting) on Wednesday, 21st December. Participants will be driven to Stonehenge from Amesbury by Wilts and Dorset bus and make their way back by foot as the sun sets at 4pm.

Carrying glowing lanterns, they will follow the original processional route of the Avenue away from the stones and walk across farmland before entering Amesbury and arriving in the town centre at 5.30pm – 6.00pm, where the Rotary club and stall holders will provide tea & coffee, mulled wine, mince pies from Reeve the Baker, sweets for children, craft stalls and plenty of festive cheer.

Art students at Avon Valley College have teamed up with Amesbury based A&R Metalcraft to produce a lantern to lead the procession. The lantern, which will be carried by a Solstice Fairy, will be kept burning through the night before being returned to Stonehenge at sunrise on the mid winter solstice. It will then go on show at the Forge Gallery in Amesbury where people will be able to display their photographs, poems and pictures of the lantern parade in a large community collage.

Everyone is invited to take part in the procession, however children must be accompanied by an adult and we cannot allow buggies or wheelchair users on the route across the fields, due to the ground conditions. If a buggy or wheelchair user wishes to take part, they may join the group when it reaches Stonehenge road.

If you would like to take part with your child please let us know by returning this form to School by close of play on Monday 12th December. We will then arrange for the kits and vouchers to be delivered to the school for your collection.

If you miss this deadline, lantern kits and vouchers are available from the Bowman Centre, Community & Visitors Centre or The Forge Gallery, from Wednesday, 7th December. The numbers available are limited to 500 and we recommend you obtain yours early to avoid disappointment.

If you already have your own lantern a £2 voucher will be required which entitles you to a lift to Stonehenge from Amesbury town centre on a Wilts & Dorset bus and refreshments after the parade. If you need to purchase a Lantern (Lantern, Batteries, Cane & LED Light Box) the total cost is £5.

The bus tickets will be issued on a "first come first served" basis along with the precise bus leaving time from Amesbury bus station, and there is a limited number of seats available on each bus, so please book earlier to avoid disappointment. Buses run from 1.50pm - 3.30pm. Cars cannot be left at Stonehenge.

If you have any questions please contact Alice Membery, Deputy Clerk on 01980 622999 or email deputyclerk@amesburytc.org.uk

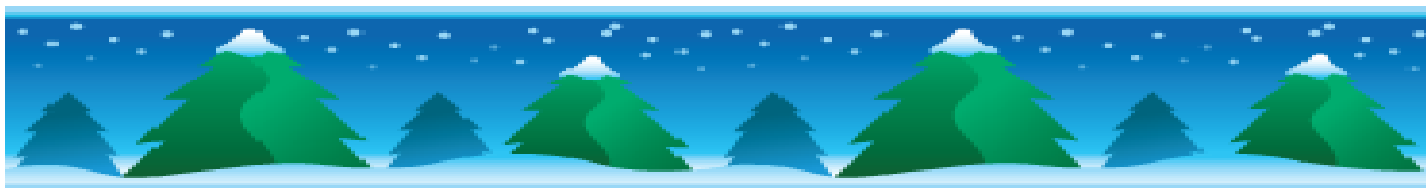
Names: Contact no/email Post Code

I would like: Adult Lantern kits @ £5.00 each Total paid in cash £

Adult Voucher only @ £2.00 each

Child Lantern kits @ £5.00 each

Child Voucher only @ £2.00 each



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Our Year 9 Badminton team returned triumphant as Salisbury District Champions, and will therefore represent Salisbury at the County stage of the competition.

Singles Results

Noah Metcalfe 21-7 (win)
 Nathan Carter 21-16 (win)

Doubles Results

Drew Cubley & Jordan Hicks 21-15 (win)
 Noah Metcalfe & Jordan Hicks 21-11 (win)
 James Rothnie & Nathan Carter 21-15 (win)

Stonehenge 5 - Avon Valley 0

*Mr Protheroe
 Head of PE*



C H R I S T M A S C O N C E R T

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Concert on Friday 9th. A big audience, cheered, clapped and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment throughout the evening.

We have some wonderfully talented students who certainly showed what Stonehenge School can do.

