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Prospective Parents - Open Evening

If you are resident in Amesbury you probably experienced the same power failure we had on the evening of Thursday 16th September. After several hours without electricity we were advised that the supply might be restored between 8pm and 9pm, and in the circumstances postponing the open evening was the only viable option. We have now rearranged the date, and the open evening will be on Wednesday 29th September, starting at 6pm.

Examination results 2010

For the second consecutive year we beat the challenging targets set by the education authority for GCSE performance. 55% of students left with 5 or more good GCSE passes, only a few points short of the record breaking results of 2009. The proportion with 5 good passes including English and maths was nearly 45%, and significantly above target. Other successes in 2010:

An increase in the number of A* and A grades

More than 1,000 grades in total at grade C or above

An increase in the number of B grades

The 5 + A* - G pass rate increased significantly to nearly 95%

A substantial increase in the average points score by a superb 100 points per candidate.

A fantastic 100% A* - C pass rate in Information & Communication Technology

STONEHENGE AT STONEHENGE!!!



The Stonehenge School (following its success in the English Cross Country finals last year) has been asked to host the first round fixture for this years Cup event. Following negotiations with English Heritage and The National Trust, The Stonehenge School will be hosting the first round at Stonehenge. This will involve 16 schools from Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire providing 40 teams in 4 races on Thursday 7th October 2011.

The Stonehenge School will be entering two teams in the boys races and they will be competing against the top teams including Millfield, BWS and Claysmore. The event starts at 2.00 pm on the day but preparations for the event are already under the way. Parental support will be welcome on the day.

The registration point will be adjacent to the Stonehenge monument car park and the course marked in the field next to Byway 12 behind the car park.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL UNIFORM

GOOD NEWS !!!

PMG SCHOOLWEAR HAS NOW taken over the management and supply of uniforms from our previous supplier Get it 4 School.

Uniform can be ordered in the usual way via our website and through (at the moment) the Get it 4 School link. On the home page you can see information about the new supplier PMG Schoolwear.

Uniform can also be purchased from our alternative supplier Kids Klobber at 20 Endless Street, Salisbury SP4 6LU. Tel 01722 321200.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN VEHICLE TRAFFIC

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parents are **NOT** authorised to drive a car onto school premises. It is particularly unsafe at the start of the school day when large numbers of children gather by the roundabout inside the main gate. In the event of any accident it is highly improbable your motor insurance policy would cover you. If you drive your children to school please drop them off in the street, not inside the school grounds.

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR LUNCHTIMES.

For each of the last two years our child protection and safeguarding practice has been audited, and the school emerged with very considerable credit from both audits. Indeed much of our child protection practice has been described as exemplary. In discussion with Wiltshire advisers and Head teachers at other schools, however, I have concluded that our safeguarding over the lunch interval needs to be improved. Therefore we have suspended the use of lunchtime passes from **Monday October 4th 2010** until further notice. Students leaving the site at lunch time last year contributed, at various times, to a number of difficulties:

- Returning to school late for afternoon registration
- Telephone calls from local residents to report groups gathering in residential areas
- Truancy patrols questioning children who were off site during the day
- Additional workload for staff and difficulty maintaining an accurate, up to date record of who was on site - essential in the case of an emergency such as a fire alarm.

Students must therefore either have a school lunch or alternatively bring a packed lunch. I appreciate there may be a very small number of children for whom there is a **genuine need** to go home at lunch time - for example, to take prescribed medication. If your child falls into this category please contact the appropriate progress leader.

N D Roper
Headteacher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Great Maths Challenge

A Tale of the Cats

A small problem
for lower school,
(years 7 to 9)

The lucky cats on Stratton Street
Had seven mice apiece to eat.



The rest made do
With only two;
The total score
Being twenty-four.

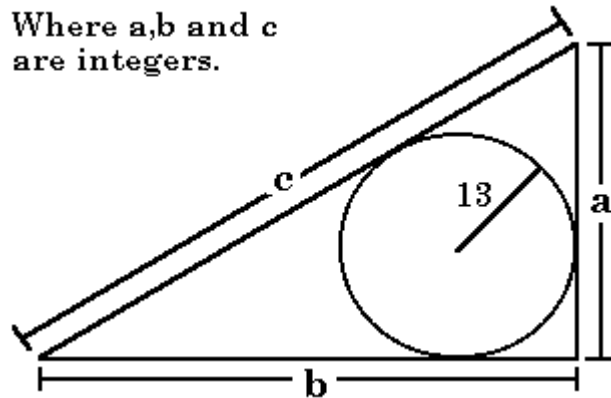


How many cats ate mouseie meat?

and one for upper
school, (years 10
and 11)

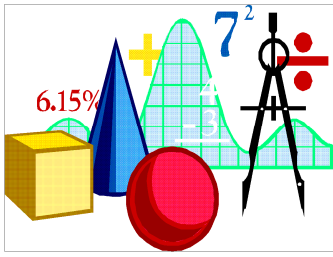
Find one right triangle whose sides are integers and
which has a circle of radius 13 inscribed in it (that is, the
circle is tangent to all three sides of the triangle).

Where a, b and c
are integers.



Solutions in writing to Mr Crossland in room 53 for a small prize

YEAR 11 MATHS STUDENTS



Retakes of year 10 module 1 and 2 exams are on **Monday November 15th**. If you have been entered to resit one or both of these exams, we would like to see you at revision sessions starting next week.

If you have been entered for Module 1 (data handling), your sessions are **Monday 3-4pm** starting 27th September. If you have been entered for module 2, your sessions are **Wednesday 3-4pm** starting 29th September. If you have been entered for both, please come to both! We will expect you in room 56 at 3pm on each of these days.

Those who are uncertain what they have been entered for, please see the list in the Maths corridor and speak to your Maths teacher for any further clarity

Mrs Edmunds
Head of Mathematics

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Auditions were on Thursday this week and the rehearsals will be starting soon. Under the direction of Kieran Gates (Year 11), the evening performance will be on Thursday 7th April next year with a showing to the primary schools the previous day.



This promises to be another magical and enjoyable experience featuring both students and staff in the roles.

More updates to follow.

Mr Jamieson.
Head of Drama

FOOD STUDIES IN YEARS 7, 8 AND 9.

Dear parents,

Food Studies (within the Design and Technology rotation) at KS3 is a compulsory subject and all students must take part. Each class has a quarter of a year in each D and T subject.

The details of the date of the practicals and the food commodities required (usually a printed sheet) are issued with about a week's notice and the pupils write the practical date in their planners so they might discuss it with their parents/guardians and organise the foods by weighing them out for homework.

At The Stonehenge School we try to make sure that **every** pupil is assisted to have the same learning experiences whatever their ability, sex or family background. For this reason I set up an arrangement for **KS3** students should a family find itself unable to provide the food materials. Please see below.

Can not afford the food materials? Parents/guardians need to write a letter to Mrs Iselin informing her of this problem for each practical session .She **MUST** receive it 24 hours prior to the lesson so that the school can look and see if it can purchase the materials for your son/daughter or set an alternative date for the student to do their practical work. *If the school purchases the ingredients then the end product will remain in school.

A family emergency on the day before or day of the practical? (illness, accidents, births and bereavements for example)..... Please write a letter on paper and ask the student to come and find Mrs Iselin before 9am so she might see how the student can be assisted or be set alternative work tasks for the lesson that day.

Don't like the dish? Choices are given every time a future practical lesson is arranged so that the students can adapt or select according to their families likes and dislikes. We discuss these in the lessons so there is no reason this should happen. If it does then the student needs to find me to discuss this further .This is ideally the day after the homework is set and no later than 2 days before the practical lesson.



Please note.

Materials cannot be purchased on behalf of your son or daughter unless a written note on paper (not in planners or by phone message) is received. All the letters now have to be held on file for the education authority auditors who scrutinise how and where the school's money is spent.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further or seek financial help please contact me at the school. All requests for help are considered in confidence. When students don't bring their food in it is very often just the fault of the pupil who has not got themselves organised in enough time and has therefore failed to do the homework task set. The stories I hear from students often put the blame elsewhere and this is how we can sort the matter out easily. This system was set up by me ten years ago and has been very successful. It is rare that students fail to bring in their own foods unless they are genuinely in need of financial help, there is a severe problem at home or they are just poor at doing their homework.

The KS3 students are told of this set up at the start of every Food Studies course but often forget to convey the correct information to parents /guardians for this reason I am writing to you all via the newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Iselin.

Art , Design and Technology Dept.



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Learn how to protect your child online...

The online world is integral to how children stay in touch with their friends, and access to the internet is now available like never before. However, there are inherent risks associated with new technologies and it is essential for young people and their parents / carers to understand how to reduce these risks.

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre is the UK's national child protection agency (visit www.ceop.police.uk for more information). At CEOP, we believe the start of the new school year is the perfect time to speak to your child about how they use the internet and how they can stay safe online.

Through the **ClickCEOP advice and help centre**, members of the public can access guidance on a broad range of topics to help protect their children, or alternatively report a concern directly to CEOP.

CEOP's Children and Young People's programme; *Thinkuknow*, is used in schools nationwide to educate young people about how to stay safe online. As parents, you can play a fundamental role in this aspect of their education. To stay up to date with further information and advice, please visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents to find information on:

- What are the risks posed to your child online?
- What can you do to protect your child?
- Where can you go if you are concerned?

We want to help you and your family stay safe online, there are some simple steps below that you can follow to achieve this.

CEOP has been working with social networking sites such as Facebook, BEBO, MSN and other major providers to put internet safety advice at the fingertips of your child, through the ClickCEOP application.



Facebook Users: Visit www.facebook.com/clickceop to add the 'ClickCEOP' app to your profile and ask your children to do the same. The app is free and easy to use, and gives you immediate access to internet safety advice as well as being able to report any suspicions to us. If you become a 'friend' of the page, we will invite you to our free online safety surgeries and send you updates. By clicking on 'Add the App' on the left hand side of our Facebook page you can add the 'ClickCEOP' button to your profile.

MSN & BEBO Users: Look for the ClickCEOP icon on the side of every profile page. It is a default setting and provides immediate access to internet safety advice and allows you to report any suspicions.

Web Browsers: If you use Firefox, Internet Explorer 8 or Google Chrome, you can customize your browser, enabling users to see the ClickCEOP button, regardless of which website you're on.

By following the guidance above, you can help protect your child to ensure they are enjoying the internet safely.

Year 7 Summary

Year 7 have made a good start to the Year, are making lots of new friends, and seem to be enjoying themselves.

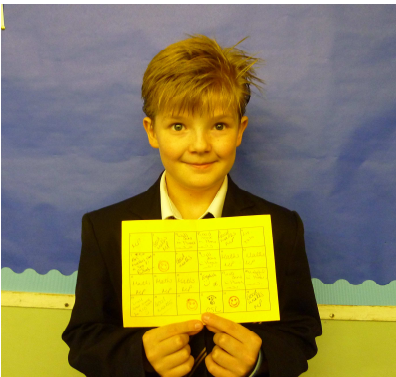


Mrs Eveling has asked tutors to nominate 2 students from each tutor group who have impressed them the most, and is phoning 10 sets of mums/dads/carers every Friday to congratulate them. It makes a lovely start to the weekend for her and she will be continuing this throughout the year. So Year 7 students, tell your tutors of your achievements and the things you are proud of doing.

There are 5 tutors in Year 7: Mrs Nettleingham (Languages), Mrs Jackson (Humanities), Mrs Levey (Maths), Mr Wooster (English) and Mr Church (Science).

They should be the first point of contact regarding uniform, attendance and homework issues.

The first pupil to complete his praise card was Adrian Muir in 7CSL (photographed below). Well Done Adrian.



The second pupil to complete and hand his in was Callum Davies in 7

Well Done to these pupils.

If anyone else has completed their praise cards please hand them in to their tutor or Mrs Eveling to go into the praise "draw" at the end of term.

There will be a Year 7 only supervised quiet lunch area starting up on Monday 27th September in the maths corridor outside the library. Everyone is welcome.

The P.E. staff are very keen that Year 7 pupils get involved in sport, and would encourage them to join any after-school clubs they can. If any pupil has an idea for a club that doesn't already exist, staff are open to suggestions. The first thing to do is to speak to your tutor.

The year 7 Transition Information Evening is on Wednesday 6th October at 7 p.m. Please feel free to come along.

I am looking forward to getting to know the pupils and parents of every child in Year 7 as time progresses. Please contact me if you have any concerns.

Mrs Eveling
Year 7 Progress Leader
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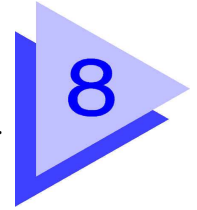
ONLINE INTERNET PAYMENTS

The new on-line payment system proved to be very successful during trips week at the end of last term.

Please continue to use this method for any school trips. In the future we are also hoping to include dinner money and other items for your convenience.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Young in the main office.

Year 8 Summary



Well done to the majority of year 8 students who have come back to school with a positive attitude.

Special mention go to the following pupils for being picked out by their tutors for having achieved something extra special.

Zack Tryhorn (8AEL) for being continuously helpful to the new year 7 and various new pupils in year 8.

Megan Armstrong (8JRF) for being constantly polite and hard working.

Josh Hibbs and Louis Jackson (8JMR) for settling really well into a higher teaching group.

Josh Hodgkinson (8NJW) for coming 1st in the most recent cross country.

Diann Arnold (8SAC) for having received 22 praise points already!

Uniform and Equipment

Unfortunately, I am already seeing ties and shirts looking messy and pupils forgetting their planners!

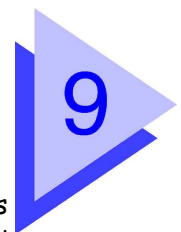
Please can all students make sure that their uniforms are tidy at all times and that they have all the correct equipment for their school day .

Miss Bugler

Year 8 Progress Leader

buglere@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Year 9 Summary



Welcome to the New School Year Parents of Year 9!

I wanted to use the opportunity of the school Newsletter to introduce myself as the new Progress Leader for year 9. Having taught all of year 9 last year I am very familiar with this year group and consider myself lucky to be able to support them in this important year leading up to option choices and preparing them for GCSEs. I would also like to welcome the year 9 newcomers to our school who seem to have settled in very quickly.

Reflection

Year 9s have already made a positive start to the year with many pupils already standing out for their positive contribution to the school. In order to acknowledge these contributions, I have set up an achievements noticeboard which will be updated every two weeks. Currently on display are: The fantastic results of the year 9 Football Team, as well as a thank you to those year 9s who helped out on Open Morning. Many visiting parents commented on their politeness and helpfulness. Following pupils are also listed individually for their exceptional efforts in an academic area: Jo Keating, Henry Willis, Lauren Rostron, Megan Doole, Georgina Taylor, Jessica Traynor and Charlotte Rowe.

Should your child be experiencing successes outside of school (musically, sports etc.) and you would like them acknowledged by the school, please do not hesitate to forward them via the tutors.

Day to Day

On a day to day level, one area year 9s could improve upon is school uniform. Could I just remind parents that cardigans are not part of the school uniform and as such should not be worn under blazers. Now that the winter months are approaching your child may wear a jumper under their blazer and/or a plain white T-shirt under their shirt.

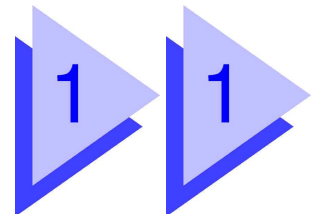
Contact

Finally, should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs F. Staker
Year 9 Progress Leader
stakerf@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Year 11 Summary

Welcome back Year 11, we have had great reports received from employers with regard to their work experience. Thank you to parents/carers for their support and congratulations to the students for a fantastic effort. Please remember to send any photos in to me.



The pupils have made a good start to their work with lots of favourable reports from the teachers.

Details of Post 16 Open Evenings and Open Mornings at local Colleges and Sixth Form centres will be coming out soon so please keep a watch out for these

Any problems or questions please contact me on my email.

Mr N Randall
Year 11 Progress Leader
randalln@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

KEY STAGE 3 COOKERY—PRACTICAL LESSONS

The shopping lists for KS3 practical lessons is now on the school web page under the Food studies noticeboard . Extra lists are also displayed in the Art and Tech corridor if people are unable to access the internet.

<http://public.merlin.swgfl.org.uk/establishments/8654070/FOODTECHNOTICEBOARD/Pages/default.aspx>

Mrs Iselin

WANTED PARENT GOVERNORS

The Governing Body of The Stonehenge School are currently looking for more parent governors. All types of people can become school governors. No special qualifications are required, but you must be 18 or over on the date when you are elected or appointed.

Enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education are the most important qualities.

If this is something you would be interested in, contact Clare King (Clerk to the Governors) on 01722 416128 or stonehengeclerk@talktalk.net

Are you still interested??
1984 Class Reunion

Tonight Friday 24th September
19:00 - 22:00

Did you leave school in 1984 ?

A chance to catch up and reminisce with your old class mates and teachers, a tour of your old school followed by drinks and a finger buffet.



INTERESTED IN ATTENDING
Contact Chris Scott: 07773697110

QUIZ NIGHT—CHANGE OF DATE!!
NOW—Thursday 21st October @ 19:00

Following the success of our first Quiz Night in May we will be holding another Fun Evening

Maximum of 25 teams - £2.00 per player (4 players max)

Bring your own alcoholic drinks and nibbles - Soft drinks will be supplied free of charge



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Football Teams Compete in the English Schools National Cup

The Football season is underway....

After the schools success last year of getting 3 teams to the district finals we have entered years 9 and 11 into the prestigious English Schools National Cup. This is a nationwide tournament that ends up with the final at a premier league stadium.

The year 9 team were drawn against Mountbatten from the Romsey & Eastley area, and the year 11's were drawn against Kingdown School from Warminster.



Year 9 2 - 0 Mountbatten

Our year 9 team remain undefeated in all competitions after a commanding performance. The boys dominated the play and could have had four goals before half time, however they only had one goal to show for their efforts. This was a good team move smartly finished off by Luke Ash. In the second half the away team piled on the pressure and hit the woodwork before Stonehenge finally killed the game off with a second scrambled over the line by Gio Downie.

A fantastic effort from the whole squad and a good start to the season.
The next round is away to Gillingham School to be played by 2nd October.

Year 11 3 - 4 (AET) Kingdown

Unfortunately our year 11 team got knocked out of the cup competition after an epic match that didn't finish until 6pm! This match had everything with Stonehenge looking strong in the early stages taking a deserved lead through Dean Pike. The players were playing with confidence and using their strengths to beat the opposition in all areas of the field. But Stonehenge could not find that elusive second goal, and took a 1-0 lead into half time. Kingdown turned up the pressure in the second half and scored the equaliser shortly after half time, but Stonehenge responded straight from the kick off and regained the lead through Jack Smith.

The match was swinging one way and another with Kingdown grabbing an equaliser and then a quick third in succession. Stonehenge managed to keep their composure and grabbed an equaliser to make it 3-3 at the end of normal time. Extra time was played, tiredness and cramp started to hit our players and Kingdown managed to snatch the vital 4th goal.

The lads showed a fantastic team performance and we could not have asked for more effort. This will now lead them into their district cup competition which they are desperate to reach after this agonising defeat.

Well done boys a top effort!

Mr Hershbein & Mr Protheroe

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CONNEXIONS CHOICES FAIR

Wednesday 20th October 2010

1.00pm – 7.00pm

City Hall, Salisbury

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The Stonehenge School PE Clubs
September - October Half term



See the PE department for more information or just turn up at the times
and meeting place stated.

All you need is your school PE kit, and transport home.



Day	Club	Year	Meeting Place	Time	Teacher
Monday	Coursework Catch up	Year 10/11 BTEC	Room 9	3pm-4pm	Mr Hershbein, Mr Protheroe
	Rugby	All	Sports Centre	3pm-4pm	Mr Carter, Mr Monk
	Mixed Hockey	All	Sports Centre	Starts 27/09/10	Mrs Crane, Mr Cooper
	Girls Football	All	Sports Centre	Starts 27/09/10	Football Coach + Teacher
Tuesday	Basketball	All	Sports Centre	3pm-4pm	Mr Carter
	Mixed Netball	All	Sports Centre	3pm-4pm	Miss Reeves, Mrs Jackson,
Wednesday	Squash	All	Sports Centre	3pm-4pm	Mr Hewitt
	Boys Football	All	Sports Centre	3pm-4pm	Mr Hershbein, Mr Protheroe, Mr Young
	Aerobics	All	Main Hall	3pm-4pm	Miss Bugler
Thursday	Cross Country	All	Sports Centre	3pm-4pm	Mr Protheroe, Mr Hershbein
	Trampoline Club	All	Sports Centre	3pm-4pm	Mrs Ruscoe
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports Centre	3pm-4pm	Mr Belbin

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