



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

**Tuesday 8th April**

7.00 p.m. - DACC – Room A2

**Friday 11th April**

Break up for the Easter Holidays

School returns for the Summer Term 2003 on, **Monday 28th April**

## FANTASY FOOTBALL

Reminder: Transfer window closes 5 p.m. on **Friday 4th April**. Last chance to make any changes.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all those who took part in this year's public speaking competition. Once again the topics ranged widely: from Hopes, Surprises, Worst Day of the Week to Teenagers and Cars, Mobile Phones and The Royal Family. It's not easy to stand up and talk to your own year group – the listeners appreciated this and supported enthusiastically.

This year's winners and runners-up:

### Year 7

Winners: Michael Barham Alex Browne

Runners-Up: Kelly Price Luke Cairns

### Year 8

Winners: Tom Linton Eleanor Musgrove

Runners-Up: Lucas Clements Chloe Scott

Commended: Nathan Avery Melissa Carter

### Year 9

Winners: Hayley Bull Caroline Russ

Runners-Up: Jess Bryant Jaicee-Leigh Matthews

Commended: Matthew Penfold Lee Pitman

### Year 10

Winners: Lindsey Rutt Steven Underwood

Runners-Up: Steven Duffy Tarah Lowe

Commended: Heather Thurlow

### Year 11

Winners: Kyle Braithwaite Abbie Cockram

Runners-Up: Victoria Garbutt Tom Watts

## National 16s Rugby 7s.

A very proud Devizes team came away from the tournament with three defeats but their heads held up high. Against the private schools we battled but couldn't quite match. It was a pleasure to attend this event with our squad.

David Flower, David Burbury, David Wilkinson, Ashley Rake, Lee Boudebza, Lee Phillips, Michael Wright, Lee Himsworth and Daniel Sloan.

## DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS

A great opportunity has arisen for the Devizes School Drama Department.

The Royal Shakespeare Company has announced that it is hosting a festival of 'Shakespeare's Animated Tales' at local theatres across the country. Devizes School has been asked to participate in this festival which will take place in the early part of the Autumn Term 2003.

Our aim is to present a version of either 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' or 'The Tempest' at this festival.

Auditions will take place the week before Easter, commencing **Monday 7th April**.

To cover the costs of this festival each student/parent would have to make a contribution of £25. This will cover the costs of the RSC rehearsals and training.

If you would like a chance to work with the most famous theatre company in the world then please see Mr Leigh for an audition form.

*M P Leigh*

## SPORTS NEWS

### Fixtures Away vs Hardenhuish

### Hockey Results

Year 7 played their best game this season with Kelly Price scoring not only the first goal of the season but two! The team worked well with Charlotte Pegrum saving some goals, Emily Dickson and Jodi Marsh defended well. Good team work by Amy Langan, Becky Starling, Lisa Giles, Ellie Gatley and new recruit Freya Byles secured some positive team play – keep it up ladies! Final score 2 – 2!

### Year 9

A full team and all the players did well. Special mentions to Fiona Watts, Megan Petherick and Gemma Dando who all played their first match. Maxine Freeman and Serena Matthews had strong games. Final score 5 – 0 to Hardenhuish, two less than the last match. Two matches to go this term: can it continue?

### Year 11 Netball

Not all of the team members were available. Tracey Barnes from Year 9 stepped in. Team members included Alice Muir (on her 16th birthday), Gemma Rose, Karli Stroud, Hannah Weeding and Captain Rachel Webb played well against a team dominated by their GA who was marked well by Caroline Ferris first half. Final Score 13 – 42 to Hardenhuish.

*N B Craddock*

### Football Results vs Hardenhuish

Year 8	0 – 5
Year 9	2 – 3
Year 11	0 – 2

### JUDO

On the 29th March, several pupils represented Devizes School at the Schools National Championships. Medals were won by the following pupils:

**Laura McCullar** and **Kevin Ottaway** – Gold

**Abigail Giles** – Silver

**Charlotte Giles** and **Lee Pitman** – Bronze

**Emily Dickson**, **Jasmin Duxberry**, **Douglas Dickson**, **Steven Ottaway** and **Paul Pitman** also took part but were unlucky.

*Laura McCullar 9MDH*

### Dates for your Diary

**3rd April** Year 7, 6-a-side at Sheldon  
**9th April** Year 11, 7-a-side at George Ward  
**1st May** Year 8, 6-a-side at Sheldon  
**7th May** Year 9, 6-a-side at Sheldon  
**8th May** Year 10, 7-a-side at George Ward.

Transport is required for the Year 8s on 1st May. If there are any parents willing to help will they please contact Mr Hammond.

*M D Hammond*

### Mid Wilts Football League

#### **Year 7 Hardenhuish 3 Devizes 3**

Devizes ended their league season with a draw against Hardenhuish. The sudden burst of summer weather resulted in a very hard and unpredictable pitch. This caused problems whenever the ball was played into the air, coming down and bouncing all over the place, which is how Hardenhuish achieved their first goal – a bouncing ball not controlled and running on for their striker to beat a stranded **Matthew Tilley**.

**Alex Surman** then scored twice in six minutes to give Devizes a well earned one goal lead at half time. After half time **Luke Flower** scored a Beckham style shot from 20 yards and the game appeared to be won. However Hardenhuish came straight back to score a well taken long shot that defender managed to save with both hands behind the line (fortunately as he would have been shown the red card had it been in front of the line). Hardenhuish then fought back to score in the last ten minutes and gain a fair draw.

This completes a very even league season where we played 5, won 2, drew 1 and lost 2.

### West Wilts Basketball League - Year 7

#### **John Bentley 52 Devizes 31**

This was the Year 7s first match and although they took a 6 point lead early on they were not as experienced as the home side, John Bentley. **Alex Surman**, **Matthew Tilley** and **Jacob Rogers** hustled well in defence and **Sam Davey** used his height well when catching rebounds. **Nathan Thompson** scored some excellent shots and **Liam Butcher** made some good attacking moves but lacked the final touch needed to score.

Hopefully the team will gain confidence and produce a win in their next game against St Augustine's, Trowbridge.

**Scorers:** **Matthew Tilley** 16, **Nathan Thompson** 6, **Sam Davey** 4, **Luke Flower** 2, **Ritchie Cargill** 2, **Henry Davies** 1.

*C E Herring*

### Year 7 Swimming Extravaganza Scores)

#### Overall Results

Team	Total	Cumula-	Overall Tutor
7AJA Boys	31	57	2nd
7AJA Girls	26		
7TXS Boys	21	35.5	7th
7TXS Girls	14.5		
7ECP Boys	27	59	1st
7ECP Girls	32		
7JYR Boys	32	56	3rd
7JYR Girls	24		
7TAD Boys	17	38	6th
7TAD Girls	21		
7CXJ Boys	16	39	5th
7CXJ Girls	23		
7DXN Boys	22	39.5	4th
7DXN Girls	17.5		