



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## SPORTS COLLEGE STATUS WE GOT IT!



I have great pleasure in announcing that on Thursday this week we received confirmation from the Department for Education and Skills that Devizes School has been successful in its application for Specialist Sports College Status from September 2004. This is tremendous news for both the school as well as the local community. It will allow Devizes School to become a beacon of excellence in PE, Sport and Dance and is designed to improve the achievement of all pupils in our school across all subjects. The benefits of Sports College will also stretch to pupils in our local partner schools and sports clubs in the area.

As you will already know we have been working very hard over the last year to put together a strong application for Sports College. Our special thanks should be given to Mr Knighton, Deputy Head and Miss Marshall, Head of PE, for their dedication and skill in designing and writing the successful bid. The school governors have given their full support to the application and have helped to secure the sponsorship necessary for its success. Kennet District Council has also been a strong partner in the construction of the community element of the bid and along with our local partner schools and many generous sponsors, the potential of working more closely in the wider community is now beginning to be realised.

There will be an opportunity for parents to find out more about what Sports College status will mean for the school and community at the Governors Annual Report to Parents meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Details of this meeting will be announced with the written report to be published in February.

**Mr Irons**  
**Headteacher**



### **DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

4.30pm - Year 9 Parents' Evening

### **SCHOOL GOVERNORS MEETING**

The next meeting of the School's Governing Body has been changed from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

The Governors' Annual Report to parents is therefore re-scheduled for 7.30p.m. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Clerk to the Governors**

## U15 GIRLS BASKETBALL

DEVIZES V MALMESBURY

**Final Score - Devizes 26 - Malmesbury 22**

Devizes got off to a good start with **Laura Thomas** first to score. Devizes kept up the scoring and by the end of the first half were up by 4 points.

Although Devizes were 4 points ahead, their defence let them down and this led to a few baskets from Malmesbury.

Just before the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, **Emily Dillon** scored to secure the win.

Team and Scorers: **Laura Thomas** 6 pts, **Rachel Pearson** 6 pt, **Georgina Hollis** 6 pts, **Emily Dillon** 4 pts, **Andrea Rutt** (Captain) 2 pts, **Faye Angel** 2 pts, **Sian Corbett** and **Sarah Coombes**.

A big thanks to David Challinor for coaching us and to Mr Murdoch for his excellent refereeing.

On Friday the under 15 team played host to Clyst Vale, Exeter. This proved to be a very tough game with the margin no greater than 6 baskets throughout the game. Devizes managed to gain a lead at the beginning and never cracked under pressure making it an uphill battle for the visitors.

**Sam Ottaway**, **Daniel Lock** and **Lee Pitman** combined well to produce good scoring opportunities, whilst **Dougie Dickson** hustled well in defence.

The win gives the team a place in the final of the South West section, which is a great achievement as only 2 players come from year 10, the rest being Year 9 players! A win in that game places them against the winners of the London area.

Scorers: **Sam Ottaway** 24 pts, **Daniel Lock** 16 pts, **Stefan Gospodinov** 12 pts.

To end an excellent week, **Sam Ottaway**, **Matthew Jones** and **Leigh Ottaway** all represented the Wiltshire boys 1989 born team in an 'Inter Association Tournament' against Devon, Cornwall and Somerset, in Taunton on Sunday



## U14 & U15 BOYS BASKETBALL

### **TWO TEAMS THROUGH TO REGIONAL FINAL GAMES**

The under 14 and under 15 boys basketball teams are both one game away from becoming South West England Champions and progressing to the national stages of the National Cup.

The under 14's team beat Whitefield, Bristol 83 – 54, in a tough, fast game. The Bristol boys were much bigger than our players but **Daniel Lock**, **Daniel Sainsbury** and **Sam Ottaway** rebounded well preventing the opposition from gaining any advantage.

Having won the first period 25 – 8, it seemed as though victory could come easily but Whitefield never gave up and fought to the end. Confident play by **Harry Williams** and **Matthew Jones** helped the team gain a fine win.  
Scorers: **Matthew Jones** 24pts, **Daniel Lock** 27pts, **Sam Ottaway** 20 pts.

The team now play West Exe Technology College in the final of the South West Regional section. The winner of this game will play the winners of the West Midlands section for a place in the National finals.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Yr 9 National Basketball Cup

DEVIZES v ST. PETERS (GLOS)

This was the girl's third game in the tournament, with one left to play. The game started off to a flying start, straight from tip-off the girls scored. From then on they kept the pressure on and by the end of the first quarter were already 12 points clear. This was kept up right through the game. Each player in the team is working hard for each other and it shows with the end result being Devizes 49 - 20 St. Peters.

This win was a good start for the rest of the week.

Team: **Andrea Rutt** (Capt.), **Rachel Pearson**, **Laura Thomas**, **Emily Dillon**, **Emily Nash**, **Faye Angell**, **Georgina Hollis**, **Sarah Coombes**, **Sian Corbett**, **Hannah Butcher**.

## Sunday's results:

Due to county commitments and other event some of the other teams were depleted.

The Pistons played 3 games, first of which was against Sonics. The Pistons won by default as only three of the other side turned up. So to make a game of it, 3 from the Pistons played for the other side and did very well making their team mates work hard.

### **Pistons lost 17 – 19 Sonics**

Scorers: **Laura Thomas** 4 pts, **Andrea Rutt** 5 pts, **Georgina Hollis** 2 pts, **Emily Dillon** 2 pts, **Rachel Pearson** 4 pts.

The next two games were friendly and were played against two U17 teams:

Olympiad Flickers were played first; this was a very hard game with most of the play being with the Olympiad Flickers, but all the way through the game, the girls did not let their heads drop. This is a credit to each of the girls. They may not have scored may but they stopped the other side from running away with the game.

### **Pistons 7 - 45 Olympiad Flickers**

Scorers: **Andrea Rutt** 5 pts, **Rachel Pearson** 2 pts.

Final game against the Bears was another good test for them to see if they could improve on their game, with determination the girls pulled of a win.

### **Pistons 26 - 13 Bears**

Scorers: **Andrea Rutt** 4 pts, **Rachel Pearson** 6 pts, **Sarah Coombes** 2 pts, **Emily Dillon** 10 pts, **Laura Thomas** 4 pts.

## **FOOTBALL FIXTURE LIST – SPRING TERM 2004**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>	<b>YEAR 7</b>	<b>YEAR 8</b>	<b>YEAR 9</b>	<b>YEAR 10</b>	<b>YEAR 11</b>	<b>6TH FORM</b>
Tuesday	27th Jan	John Bentley		Home			Home	
Thursday	29th Jan	John Bentley	Away		Away	Away		
Saturday	TBC	Sheldon	Away	Away	Home	Home	Home	
Tuesday	10th Feb	Grittleton House		Away				
Thursday	12th Feb	Grittleton House			Home			
Tuesday	24th Feb	Abbeyfield				Home		
Tuesday	24th Feb	Corsham			Home			
Tuesday	2nd Mar	Corsham	Away	Home				
Thursday	4th Mar	Corsham				Away	Home	
Tuesday	9th Mar	Hardenhuish	Home	Home	Home			
Thursday	11th Mar	Hardenhuish				Away	Away	
Tuesday	16th Mar	Malmesbury	Away	Away		Away		
Thursday	18th Mar	Malmesbury			Home		Home	