



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

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## Welcome back to a new School Year

Welcome to the new school year and to the beginning of a new era for Devizes School as we begin our life as a Sports College. We will keep all pupils and parents fully informed as the developments take place this year.

**Congratulations** are due to all our Y11 and sixth form students last year for achieving record breaking results in their GCSE and A level results. 61% of our Y11 students achieved 5+ A\*-C grades – the best ever results. Y13 students achieved a remarkable 99% pass rate in their A level examinations with the average A level grades of BBC – again our best ever set of results.

**The refurbishment of the Library** into a new Learning Resources Centre (LRC) started in late July and has really progressed well. The new LRC is accessed from the new Science block and contains a careers library, 15 computer stations and new shelving for the books. The whole area has been redesigned with new furniture, new carpet and new lighting.

**Camp Xtra** took place for the second year over the summer break. Over 175 pupils enjoyed a full and exciting week of Sports Arts and ICT activities. Camp Xtra was a great success and my thanks to all staff, pupils and sponsors for making this such a resounding success. In addition Devizes School again had both Numeracy and Literacy Schools taking place for almost 50 of our new Y7 pupils.

### Record numbers of students

We have record numbers of pupils joining Y7 and the sixth form this year. 220 Y7 pupils started last week and with 115 starting in Y12 the total in the sixth form has risen to 175 students.

### New Staff

Sixteen new members of staff have joined us this year. Next week in the newsletter I will begin to introduce each of them to you. In the meantime I wish all pupils a good and successful year.

Malcolm Irons  
Headteacher

### IMPORTANT NOTICE PE UNIFORM

Students are not allowed to have additional printing, lettering of names, numbers etc., placed onto the PE uniform. The only markings that should appear are those which appear on the shirt bought at Scholars.

Students defacing or altering PE Kit in anyway will result in them being unable to wear it for their PE lessons.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**S E Marshall**

### HEALTHY SCHOOLS UPDATE

Thank you to all of the parents and staff who completed the "Healthy Schools" questionnaire. Results of the survey have now been collated and will be used in the next stage of our planning.

**Mrs Smith (Health Co-ordinator)**

MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT DEVIZES SCHOOL –  
7.30P.M.  
HOSTED BY  
DEVIZES ROUND TABLE

**For many years Devizes Round Table has hosted the annual general knowledge quiz as part of their fundraising activities.**

**This year they are supporting Devizes School.**

**To participate at this prestigious event, please complete an entry slip, available from Devizes School. Entry Fee of £12 per team of 4. A licensed bar is provided.**

**GIFTED & TALENTED IN PE & SPORT  
THE JUNIOR ATHLETE EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

CALLING ALL COUNTY PLAYERS

As part of our Specialist Sports College Status, Devizes School will be embarking on Phase 4 of The Junior Athlete Education Programme. A programme designed to support our students who are gifted and talented, achieve a balanced lifestyle of training, competition, school work, exams and family life. The programme is designed to support our pupils with the pressures of trying to balance the above.

To this end, I am compiling a list of all students who are County standard or above in whatever sport.

Obviously we know many, however, I would be grateful if students and parents in particular, could write in with full details of students, Year and Tutor Group and the sport or sports they are involved.

More information about JAE can be found on [www.talentladder.org.uk](http://www.talentladder.org.uk) Please return all information, F.A.O. **Miss S E Marshall, Director of Sport.**

**S E Marshall**

**WATER IS COOL**



Water helps to hydrate our brains. There is significant evidence to suggest that this helps young people to perform better as students.

Water helps us to concentrate, reduces irritability, improve energy levels and increases mental performance.

In response to this, we now have water coolers in school to help our students.

**SOME WATERY FACTS  
AT DEVIZES**

Students may carry a bottle of water (no fizzy or other drinks please).

They may drink during lessons except for those where staff indicate there is a Health & Safety issue to consider.

Students will be provided with cool water or ambient (room temperature) water from the water coolers in school.

They may refill their bottles at break and/or lunchtimes only.

All students will be given one free bottle with a 'sports cap'.

Please could parents ensure that students clean their bottles daily.

Thanks to Safeway for the donation of 400 bottles of water.

**DEGREE CONGRATULATIONS**

We are delighted to congratulate ex-students **Helen Ochyra** on gaining a B.A. Honours degree in Drama & Theatre Studies from the University of Kent and **Sallyanne Franklin** on gaining a B.A. 2.1 Honours in History & Geography from Cardiff University.

Date	Sport	Year	Home/Away
29/9/04	Netball v St. Mary's	Yr9 a & b Yr 8 a & b Yr7 b	Home 3.30 start
4/10/04	Hockey v St. Mary's	Yr 10 Yr11	On ATP On grass 4.30 start
13/10/04	Netball Tournament	Sixth Form	@ Dorcan 2pm start
13/10/04	Hockey Tournament	Yr11	@ John Bentley 2.45pm leave
19/10/04	Hockey Tournament	Yr10	@ Corsham Leave 2.45pm
2/11/04	Girls Football v John Bentley Abbeyfields and St. John's	Yr 7 & 8	@ John Bentley 3.30 leave
03/11/04	Netball Hockey	Yr 7, 8, 9 Yr 10 & 11	Home Courts and grass 3.30pm start
06/11/04	Netball Tournament	Yr 8	@ Malmesbury 9.15am start
10/11/04	Netball v St. Francis	Yr 7	TBC
10/11/04	Girls Football v Abbeyfields	Yr 7, 8 & 9	@ Abbeyfields
11/11/04	Netball v Sheldon Hockey v Sheldon	Yr 7 a & b 8 & 9, 12 & 13 Yr 10	@ Devizes courts and ATP
14/11/04	County Netball Tournaments	U16/U14	TBC
17/11/04	Netball v John Bentley Hockey v John Bentley	Yr 7, 8 & 9 Yr 10 & 11	Home (Floodlights) Start 4pm ATP
18/11/04	Netball v St Johns	Yr 7, 8 & 9	Home (Floodlights)
18/11/04	Hockey v St. Johns	Yr 10 & 11	ATP/Grass
24/11/04	Girls Football Tournament 7-a-side	Yr 7 & 8	Home ATP 3.00pm start
1/12/04	Netball v Hardenhuish Hockey v Hardenhuish	Yr 7 a & b, 8 & 9 Yr 10 & 11	Home (Floodlights) ATP
4/12/04	Netball Tournament	Yr 7 a & b	@ Devizes 9.15 start
06/12/04	Hockey v St. John's	Yr 10 & 11	@ Marlborough College 4pm start

Football Fixtures still to be added. Watch this space!

**N Cradock, J Day, S Marshall**