



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



**DEVIZES
SCHOOL**
A SPORTS COLLEGE

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THINKING SKILLS

Our aim over the next 3 years is to become a 'Thinking School'; this is in conjunction with our Sports College Motto 'Active Body, Active Mind'.

During term one, pupils and staff have focused on:

1. Managing impulsivity –think before you act! W8!!
2. Year 7 pupils have discovered their preferred learning styles.
3. Using mind-mapping.

WORD SPLASH FOR MANAGING IMPUSIVITY

- Think before you act
- Deliberate
- Thoughtful
- Strategic
- Patient
- Meditate
- Self-regulated
- Calm
- Reflective
- Controlled

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Dates for your diary.....

OCTOBER

19th DACC meeting
7.30pm

20th Last day of Term 1

21st - 31st October
TERM 1 HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER

4th Year 11 Parents' Evening

9th Whole School

10th Production of

11th 'Joseph'

18th Ski Trip Meeting -
7.00pm

24th Governors' Meeting
6.30pm

25th Year 12 & 13 Parents'
Consultation Evening
4.00 - 6.00pm

PREFERRED
LEARNING STYLES

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DEVIZES SCHOOL OPEN DAY 2004

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Thursday 7th October saw a trial new format with the school open all day and well into the evening.

The new design was to allow more students to get involved in the day and in particular be involved in the 'SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA' which officially launched the school gaining SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE Status.

Parents were greeted by rehearsals of the next School Production:

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat - as they entered the Main Hall, as well as an excellent display of Art and Ceramic work.

Joseph will run

On: **9th, 10th 11th November - 7.30p.m.**

Tickets are

available from: Reception, from Monday 18th October,
 £4.00/Adults £3.00/Concessions



As parents and students walked around the school, they could see excellent pieces of displayed work by the students as well as take part in many interactive sessions.

Book reviews and mask making were just two of the events offered by the English Department.

The Science Department had many activities on offer with "Forensic Science" as one of the themes, as well as the "Great Egg Race", where students had to build a craft to transport the egg from one side of the pool to the other. The winning distance being 3 metres.

Bingo in Welsh, Spanish or even Arabic! A trip to the Language Department gave you the opportunity!

Badge making, food tasting, quiz's and Historical games were just some of the other activities on offer.



SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

There was a real sporting buzz around the school with many students taking up the opportunity to start leading an "active and healthy lifestyle".

In the morning, over 200 students from our feeder Primary Schools joined us to watch gymnastics, karate and judo displays, involving students from the school..

There was a real community spirit to the day with many local clubs and coaches supporting the event with further displays and activities in Karate, Volleyball, Hockey, Football, Kick Boxing, Tennis, Trampolining, Rugby, Aerobics and Scuba Diving!



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 around the school"*

The Intra Tutor Group Tug of War competition was a real success with the running of the event being very professional, due thanks to our Sixth Form students.

The school also received the Schools FA Charter Mark for Football in the afternoon and we were fortunate to have a presentation from local Dignitaries from the FA.

3 v 3 Basketball - proved very popular with music, videos and artwork accompanying the show.

SCUBA DIVING

In the afternoon, 36 students and some staff put on their flippers, snorkels and air tanks to Scuba Dive in the pool. Do you recognize yourself?

NBTC National Championships
25th-30th October

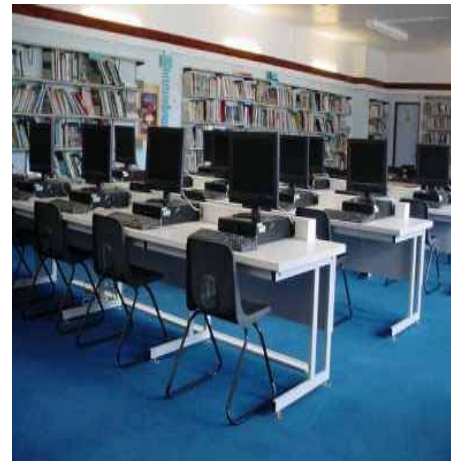
Emma Williams	10SYB
Hannah Williams	8DCJ
Jade Whitbread	8DCJ
Jessica Watts	7NAM
Rachel Wilkinson	8NBC
GOOD LUCK!	
Shirley Williams—Corp Director	
KENNET TWIRLERS	

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE

The new Learning Resources Centre aims to support independent learning. Over the summer holidays and during the first few weeks of the new year, the old school library has been transformed into a Learning Resource Centre, fit for pupil and student learning in the 21st Century. As a school, we are promoting the development of Independent Learning for our pupils and students. The new Learning Resources Centre (LRC) will support this development.

The newly-refurbished Learning Resources Centre now offers:

- Information books and resources covering the range of curriculum subjects, General knowledge and leisure interests including a reference section.
- An impressive selection of teenage and challenging fiction to stretch the imagination!
- 15 computers + printer + flatbed scanner.
- Connexions – information for careers and personal development.
- Reg Maule, Connexions Personal Advisor here on Mondays and Tuesdays – drop-in clinics during lunch breaks on these days - appointment system at other times.
- Stationery Shop for basic school items at low prices.
- Audio tapes for use in the Spoken Word Zone.
- Office zone for photocopying (5p per copy) and use of trimmer, stapler, hole punch etc.
- Comfortable seating area and quiet study area.
- LRC staff here to help.



Open each school day from 8.30 – 3.45 for:

- ✓ **Group bookings for research projects**
- ✓ **Independent learning during teaching time**
- ✓ **Homework and leisure before school and during breaks**

Key Stage 3 Awards Evening

The annual celebration of achievement for the previous academic year's Key Stage 3 Groups took place on Tuesday 12th October.

This very well attended event included presentations about the work of the Geography Department.

The overall winners received certificates and prizes (£20 vouchers), congratulations to:

Last year's Y7 - **Georgina Porter** and **Matthew Wiltshire**
Last year's Y8 - **Nathan Thompson** and **Christopher Botham**
Last year's Y9 - **Matthew Duncan** and **Jamie Holmes**

Congratulations also to the many other certificate winners.

Mr Knighton

U12 Rugby Tournament 27th November 2004

Unfortunately, we have lost two of our sponsors for our Rugby Tournament. If you know of anyone who would be able to contribute (however small or large) to the success of this annual event, please contact **Mr Hammond**

Many Thanks

RUGBY TRIP

England Vs Canada
(Jonny Wilkinson's first game as Captain)

Saturday 13th November
£35.00

For a letter to attend this trip, please see **Mr Hammond** or **Mr Murdoch**

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