



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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A SPORTS COLLEGE

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### NURSTEED GATE OPENING AT 3.30PM

In an attempt to reduce the volume of pupils leaving via the Postern Gate at the end of school, from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November the gate along Nursteed gate will be opened at 3.30pm to allow pupils to exit the school at the end of the day. A member of staff will be on duty at this time but pupils and parents are reminded that good and sensible behaviour is expected from pupils on their return home from school. The Nursteed Road is a busy road and pupils should take care when crossing it.

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### THE ANNUAL CHRISTOPHER TOWER POETRY COMPETITION

The competition is open to 16-18 year olds in UK Schools and Colleges. Write a poem of no more than 48 lines on the theme of 'GRAVITY'.

**First Prize - £1500**  
**Second Prize - £750**  
**Third Prize - £500**

Every Winner also wins a prize for their school. Highly commended entries each receive £200.

The closing date for entries is **28th February 2005**.

Entry is free—for more information and entry forms contact Peter McDonald, Christ Church, Oxford on 01865 286591 or email: [info@towerpoetry.org.uk](mailto:info@towerpoetry.org.uk)

#### Dates for your diary.....

##### NOVEMBER

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| 9th  | Whole School   |
| 10th | Production of  |
| 11th | 'Joseph'   |
| 18th | Ski Trip Meeting<br>7.00pm                                   |
| 24th | Governors' Meeting<br>6.30pm                                 |
| 25th | Year 12 & 13 Parents'<br>Consultation Evening<br>4.00—6.00pm |

##### DECEMBER

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| 10th | Year 7 Christmas Fair              |
| 16th | Carol Concert<br>St. John's Church |
| 17th | Last Day of Term 2                 |

### Creative Writing Festival Poem:-

#### The Lonely Forest

In the dark of the night,  
Things scuttle around  
The leaves are rustling  
It's the only sound.

The air is damp,  
It's getting cold,  
I need to be brave,  
I need to be bold

From behind the clouds,  
The moon slides out.  
I'm terrified,  
So I start to shout.

But no one can hear,  
My petrified cry,  
I need to be found,  
I don't want to die.

Libby Keen 8DCJ

### MASK MAKING WINNER

Well done to **Ailie Miller**, 8HLC, who made a stunning Romeo and Juliet Mask with the English Department on Open Day. The Competition was judged by the Art Department.

**Mrs Carpenter**

#### ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

Mr Lachlan Robertson of 7 Tintern Road, Devizes and Mr Paul Todd of 31 Tanis, Rowde, Devizes have been elected to the Governing Body as Parent Governors.

## Year 10 Hockey Vs St Mary's

The team started slowly, but soon started some accurate passing. St. Mary's took the early lead but **Katherine Griffiths** leveled the score. The defence were put under a lot of pressure, but showed some positive defending.

In the second half, **Stacey Sloan** scored, but Devizes had an up hill battle to make up the goal difference. All the team played well and we hope to see them all at training to build on it for their tournament.

Final Score 8 - 2 St. Mary's

**Miss Cradock/Mrs Hutchinson**

*“Devizes had an up hill battle to make up the goal difference”*



## U16 GIRLS FOOTBALL VS WOOTTON BASSETT

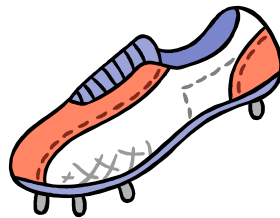
After a quick start, Devizes took the early lead, Stacey Sloan the Scorer. Wootton Bassett rallied round and scored 2 goals, the game was evenly matched although Devizes took time to settle and start to work for each other. In the second half, Wootton Bassett dominated, but all was not lost; **Gemma Ferris** made some excellent saves and **Natasha Chapman, Charlotte Keen, Megan Evans, and Kelly Oakes** all added goals.

Final Score: 6-5 to Wootton Bassett

Well done to all who played.

Thanks to referees **Adam Croutear** and **David Flower** for stepping in at the last moment.

**Miss Craddock**



### U13 Girls Basketball

On Sunday October 10th, the girls played two games, both against the same team. Each quarter lasted 7 minutes, making it nearly a total of one hour's playing time. This gave all the girls plenty of time to play and allowing different combinations. 5 of the players were not pushed as hard as they would normally be due to them being involved with Wiltshire county training in the afternoon.

A slow start in both matches was inevitable with changing the teams around. This did not stop the girls

from making some good moves and coming out on top.

The first game the girls won 16-0

Scored: Catherine Dillon 6pts, Meghan Nash 2pts, Benitia Wright 8pts.

Second game: won 22-3

Scored: **Catherine Dillon** 12pts, **Zoe Barns** 2 pts, **Lisa Trobridge** 2pts, **Katie Gale** 4pts, **Benitia Wright** 6pts.

Team: **Catherine Dillon** (Capt), **Benitia Wright, Ellie Blake, Zoe Blake, Meghan Nash, Katie Gale, Amy Longo, Elizabeth Manterfield, Lisa Trobridge, Fran Hartly** and **Maddie Hollis**.

The girls that went for county training were: **Catherine Dillon, Benitia Wright, Zoe Barns, Ellie Blake** and **Lisa Trobridge**. Also **Catherine Dillon** is training with the squad for the South West Region.

## SIXTH FORM VS SHELDON

Devizes 6th Form travelled on Wednesday 20th October to challenge Sheldon at:

Rugby, Badminton, Netball & Hockey

All of the games were played with good spirit and the 5 badminton pairs led by example winning 3/5 matches.

The Rugby 7 played a joint fixture,

Sheldon leading overall.

Hockey took 10 players due to people letting them down at the last moment but put on an encouraging performance. More fixtures to follow.

Two netball teams travelled across to Sheldon, again let down by reserves, leading to one team playing with 6. Both teams put in

a committed performance, improving as the games went on.

All of the players showed excellent sportsmanship and were ambassadors for the School. Well done!

Return fixture booked for after Christmas.

## YEAR 10 RUGBY V ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Although the Year 10 team were down to 10 men, arriving at St. Augustine's in Trowbridge was something of a miracle and only Zac Hartley's local knowledge saved Mr Strickland some considerable embarrassment. On the pitch, it soon became apparent that it was to be a case of the 'giants playing the dwarfs'. The Devizes growth spurt obviously comes before the phenomenon hits Trowbridge! One parent even checked I had brought the correct year group! Things became even more apparent when Daniel Lock walked straight through to score within the first minute. He simply scooped the

ball from the opposition's hands and headed for the line with a trail of bodies behind him. Darting runs by the Devizes men was the story of the day and when one was downed there was always someone there to support and move on themselves. Jon Chapman, Leigh Wrigglesworth, Darren Harrison and Aaron Rowles all became masters at surging forwards in dashes through the opposition ranks. The game was made beautiful by the pairing of Harry Williams and Luke Flower in the backs; in between play they could be seen discussing their next movement and how effective they were together.

All in all the Year 10's showed how it should be done with grace and flair.

Scorers: Daniel Lock (X2), Harry Williams, Daniel Sainsbury, Jon Chapman, Luke Flower (X3).

### FINAL SCORE 50:0

Mr Strickland

*"it was a case of the giants playing the dwarfs"*

## YEAR 7 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

The year 7 rugby team were in action for the first time in a tournament against John Bentley. The teams participating were Abbeyfields, John Bentley, Malmesbury and Devizes. Each school had 2 teams. The blue team for Devizes was captained by Alex Botham and the white team by Adam Izzard.

First up was Abbeyfield. The blues won 25-0 with three tries from Joe Hutchinson and 2 tries from Dean Taccuso.

The white team lost by the same score

line. The second match was against Malmesbury, which the blues won 5-0 with a try from Scott Blakeney. Things picked up for the white team as they won 15-0, with 2 tries from Chris Neate and one from Antonio Pescrilli.

The last matches were against John Bentley, which the blues won 40-0, with tries from Joe Hutchinson (4), Lee Martin, Luke Mullis, Andrew Stickley, Cory Smith and Scott Blakeney. The white team were also successful winning their match 10-0, with tries from Adam Izzard and Antonio Pescrilli.

### Teams:

BLUE	WHITE
Alex Botham	Adam Izzard
James Tilley	Alex Cox
Luke Mullis	Antonio Pescrilli
Joe Hutchinson	Harry Merritt
Scott Blakeney	Chris Williams
Grant Angell	Andrew Bills
Lee Martin	Chris Neate
Cory Smith	Conor Perry
Dean Taccuso	Ben Butcher
Charles Watts	Will Keen
Andrew Stickley	

Well done to all boys involved and thanks again to parents who offered support and transport.

Mr Murdoch

## NEXT WEEK FIXTURES

10/11/04 Year 7	Netball Vs St. Francis @ Devizes
10/11/04 Year 7, 8, 9 & 10	Football Away Vs Abbeyfields (7 a-side)

### 6TH FORM

10/11/04	Hockey Vs Wootton Bassett @ Home Start time to be confirmed
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Miss Cradock/Miss Day

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[www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk)

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL RESULTS

**U14** - This year the girls have started very well, with yet another couple of wins. The starts to both the Sunday games were slow but by the third and fourth quarters they started to pull away.

**Bombers 36 - 8 Salisbury**

Scored: Bryony Hutchings 6pts, Benitia Wright 8pts, Georgina Hollis 10pts, Hannah Butcher 10pts, Meghan Nash 2pts.

**Bombers 24 - 12 SWGS**

Scored: Ellie Blake 2pts, Georgina Hollis 16pts, Hannah Butcher 4pts, Zoe Barns 2pts.

Team: Georgina Hollis (Capt), Hannah Butcher, Bryony Hutchings, Fran Hartly, Zoe Barns, Benitia Wright, Ellie Blake, Meghan Nash.

**U16** - Another good weekend for the Pistons.

Considering all of the girls are only 14, their ability to work together and to be able to play with new players joining the team and helping them, shows how much ability each of the girls have.

Both games were very different in as much as the Salisbury team were about the same size as the Pistons, but playing SWGS U18 was a hard, physical game with the opponents a lot taller and bigger.

**Pistons 21 - 16 Salisbury U16**

Scored: Andrea Rutt 5pts, Laura Thomas 6pts, Rachel Pearson 6pts, Georgina Hollis 2pts, Emily Dillon 2pts.

**Pistons 25 - 15 SWGS U18**

Scored: Rachel Pearson 2pts, Emily Dillon 4pts, Andrea Rutt 5pts, Sarah Coombes 4 pts, Laura Thomas 6pts, Faye Angel 2pts, Georgina Hollis 2pts.

Team: Andrea Rutt (Capt), Rachel Pearson, Laura Thomas, Emily Dillon, Georgina Hollis, Sarah Coombes, Sian Corbett, Faye Angel, Jess

Manterfield, Connie Blake, Charlotte Keen.

Georgina Hollis, Andrea Rutt, Rachel Pearson and Laura Thomas are also training for Wiltshire County Squad and Andrea Rutt, Rachel Pearson and Laura Thomas for the South West Region Squad.

### N.B.T.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### TORQUAY, DEVON - 25TH-30TH OCTOBER

The following girls had huge success at the National Baton Twirling Championships last week:

#### HANNAH WILLIAMS 8DCJ

NATIONAL CHAMPION - Pre-teen Beginner 2 Baton

NATIONAL CHAMPION - Pre-teen Novice Solo

2nd - Dance Solo

2nd - Super X-Strut

5th - Fancy Strut

2nd - Pom Pom Strut

#### JESSICA WATTS 7NAM

NATIONAL CHAMPION - Pre-teen Beginner Basic Strut

NATIONAL CHAMPION - Pre-teen Beginner Fancy Strut

2nd - Military Strut

4th - Pom Pom Strut

Hannah and Emma won 2nd place in their duet and along with younger sister Charlie of Southbroom Juniors, they are **National Trio Twirling Champions**.

A fantastic week, well done to all those who participated.

**Shirley Williams - Corp Director Kennet Twirlers**

#### JADE WHITBREAD 7DCJ

10th - Dance Solo

#### EMMA WILLIAMS 10SYB

2nd - Junior Beginner Baton Solo

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