



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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A SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends,

On behalf of the staff at Devizes School I wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. The last two terms have seen many of our plans come to fruition – the Sports College has got into full swing and the new Learning Resources Centre is already having a positive contribution to the development of independent learning in the school. Thinking Skills has been introduced to the pupils with the first two of the six ‘habits of mind’ – Managing Impulsivity – (think before you act - W8) and Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations. These basic learning tools will, I am sure, have a fundamental and long term effect on improving learning in the school. Also this term we were treated to the excellent production of ‘Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat’. From the level of excitement and enthusiasm that this created I am sure that this will be the first of many whole-school productions in the future.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to two much loved members of staff. Mrs Sands is leaving us after working at Devizes School for the last eighteen months. She has been a very valuable asset to the ICT Department and an excellent tutor to 9RAS. We also say farewell to Mrs Dunhill. She started teaching at Devizes School in September 2001 and has been a key member of the Business Studies Department and 6th form tutor throughout this time. Mrs Dunhill has also been very active in promoting Young Enterprise at school and has supported a number of netball teams in extra curricular sessions. On behalf of the governors, staff and pupils I thank them both for all their hard work and commitment to the school and wish them all the very best in their future careers.

Immediately we return from the Christmas holiday Y11 and the sixth form will be entering a two week period of mock and A level modular examinations. These are very important exams and we wish them every success.

Mr Irons

Puzzle a week!

A man agrees to work for £9 per day. However, if he doesn't turn up at work on any day, he will be penalised £6 per day. At the end of thirty days, the workman is owed nothing. How many days did he work?

Solution will be in the next issue.

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

The missing number is 25 - each line and column adds up to 95.

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Dates for your diary.....

DECEMBER

17th Last Day of Term 2

JANUARY

5th Start of Term 3

12th Parent Group
Meeting—7.00pm

19th Governors' Meeting

24th Prospective Sixth Form
Parent's Evening
7.00p.m.

27th Year 10 Parents'
Evening - 4.30— 7.30pm

31st KS4 Option
Information Evening -
7.00p.m.

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Amnesty International Greetings Card Campaign

NOT EVERYONE WILL HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Thanks to the students and staff who supported this campaign. We wrote almost 100 cards of support to people across the world who won't have a happy Christmas - because their governments have unfairly taken away their rights. Many of the people we sent messages of support to have been imprisoned because they spoke out against unjust regimes. They often haven't even had fair trials and have been subject to torture.

Imagine the impression receiving a sackful of cards would have on the authorities of their country - it lets people know that they haven't been forgotten!

If you want to know more about the campaign or about Amnesty International, visit their website:

www.amnestyinternational.co.uk

Mrs Carpenter



Year 11 Mocks GCSE English & Literature

In the mocks Year 11 will be tested on:

1. Paper 1, Language. Reading Non-Fiction texts and writing to argue, persuade and advise.
2. Literature. Novel e.g. 'Of Mice and Men' or Short Stories AND the Heaney/Clarke OR Armitage and Duffy Poems and the Pre-1914 poetry.

How to revise for the mocks over Christmas

1. Re-read the Literature poems a few times each. Make notes from the work you have done in class onto cards and learn the points so that you can make them in the exam.
Focus on the way they are written (language), the way they look on the page (structure), the type of poem it is (form) and the meanings and feelings behind them.
2. Re-read your novel or key chapters from it. Do a mind-map or brainstorm for each character, with quotations. Do a card for each chapter and put three bullet points about what happens in each.

You must bring your clean copy of the novel to the exam. We cannot give you a copy if you forget. We will provide the poetry anthology.

Happy revising...

Mrs Carpenter

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Over the last couple of weeks, all the teams (U14, U15 & U16) have taken part in several games. Some of the girls have played for several teams. Each game has been hard for all the teams, especially having to play some of the games fairly close together.

Unfortunately, we have had some injuries to some of the

players and this has caused them not to be able to put 100% in, which they would normally do. Some of the girls were moved up into teams that they would not normally play in. Each of the girls that played has played exceptionally well. Those that have moved up a group have shown that they can play at a higher level.

U16 have now played all of their games and won 1 and lost 2 and came 3rd.

U15 have one more game still to play against St. Peters of Gloucester.

U14 have played all their games now and came second in their group having won 2 and lost 1.

1/12/04

U16 for Schools National Cup: Bradon Forest 42 - 33 Devizes

6/12/04

U16 at Salisbury for Schools National Cup: St. Edmunds 45 - 18 Devizes

U14 St Edmunds 38 - 23 Devizes

8/12/04

U15 in Taunton for Schools National Cup: Castle (Taunton) 59 - 47 Devizes

Teams:

U14 G Hollis, B Hutchings, H Butcher, B Wright, F Bird, M Nash, E Manterfield, E Blake, Z Barnes, K Gale, C Dillon.

U15 A Rutt, R Pearson, L Thomas, S Coombes, S Corbett, J Manterfield, C Blake, E Musgrove, G Hollis, B Wright, C Dillon, E Nash, C Keen.

U16 A Rutt, R Pearson, L Thomas, S Coombes, S Corbett, J Manterfield, C Blake, E Musgrove, G Hollis, A Amore, E Dillon, E Nash, C Keen.

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to **Sam Ottaway** who has been selected for the U15 South of England Boys Basketball Squad and will compete in the National Area Performance Centre Tournament in Sheffield on 29th December 2004.

GOOD LUCK SAM!

Mr Hammond

SCUBA DIVING REMINDER

We still have places available for Scuba Diving.

Taster sessions will take place after school on the first Thursday of February and March -

cost £14.00.

If you fancy a go, pick up a letter from Reception at break or lunchtime.

Miss Marshall



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