



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



**DEVIZES  
SCHOOL**  
A SPORTS COLLEGE

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## YEAR 11 STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

### GCSE English and English Literature, Year 11 Exam Techniques Lesson

From Friday 28th January and for seven subsequent Fridays, we will be disbanding normal English lessons and setting students according to their target grade.

In these Friday sessions, students will be working on exam techniques to improve their final grade

in the summer. All A\* students will be together, all A students and so on. Students will be told by their English teacher where to go and who they will have. This is for Fridays only. We hope it will raise students' achievement. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Carpenter.

### French GCSE

#### Speaking Practice

Starts again next week on Wednesday and Thursday after school in B30.

Improve your confidence, accent and familiarity with the exam.

Please see Mrs Auty if you are interested.

Also available Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Spencer in B28.

#### Spanish Speaking Practice

On Thursday lunchtimes and Wednesday after school in B31.

Please see Mrs Gonzalez or Mrs Villalobos if interested.

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

#### **FEBRUARY**

10th Year 9 Parents' Evening  
11th TD Day  
End of Term 3  
Ski Trip leaves  
21st Start of Term 4  
24th Year 8 Parents' Evening

#### **MARCH**

3rd Sports Team Photos  
9th Year 11 Photographs  
Governors' Meeting  
6.30pm  
10th Trip to Belgium  
(10th-12th)

# MATHS PUZZLE

All you have to do is fill the grid so every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains all the digits 1 - 9.

**Solution in the next issue!**

Find us on the Web:  
[www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk)

## YEAR 7 TRIP TO ROMAN BATHS

### THE ROMAN BATHS

We all lined up near the Main Hall, whilst our History teacher made sure we were all there. Finally, we were all on the coach where we all wanted the front seats. By the time we were all buckled up, the first thing most of us thought of were SWEETS!

Suddenly the bus stopped outside what looked like a church. We all made our way out of the coach to the entrance of the Roman Baths.

We followed Mrs Hicks in where she went to pay and we talked. We all took a 'walkie-talkie' and set off. The first thing we stopped at was the

'Hot Room', where we peered through a half moon shaped window at the hot bath. It was a murky green colour, with steam coming off it. Then we pressed the numbers on our 'walkie-talkies' and listened to the information it gave us. We moved around to about 14 other interesting pictures and artifacts where we listened to all kinds of information.

We visited the 'cold plunge', into which we could throw pennies. We also visited the other many rooms left behind and some with mosaics or ruins.

We then popped into the gift shop, where we bought little souvenirs and made our way

back onto the coach and back to school! Awww!

**Monet Skinner 7BGE**



### 'THE VISIT'

We were waiting with Mr Murdoch by the Gym at 9.00am and one by one we got onto the coach. We were all excited to go to Bath. Joe was singing an old fashioned song and James and Jack were singing 'Ten Green Bottles', but with loads of digits and I, Richard Edwards, sang all the way there and kept Mrs Hicks occupied. We all went in and Mrs Hicks paid and one of the TA's wanted me to sit down and I spoke to a really friendly guide and he told me a few things which I didn't know about and I shall test you out on them later. We waited until we had to go to the desk and then they gave us a kind of mobile phone (audio aids) and we walked around the Baths and Mrs Hicks gave us a briefing and Mrs

Musgrove and Mr Murdoch did the same. We were told the number to enter on our Audio Aids and pressed play and a man and women did the commentary on the area you were in.

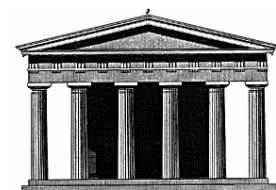
#### Questions:-

1. When did the Roman's reach Bath? 4AD, 3AD, 2AD, 1AD?
2. Why did the Roman's leave Britain? A) because they wanted more land or B) were they being attacked?
3. If the answer was B, who was attacking them? A) Celts, B) Britain's or C) Barbarians.
4. Where were they being attacked from? North and South or East and West?

#### Answers:-

1. 1AD
2. Because they were being attacked.
3. C - Barbarians
4. North and South

**Richard Edwards  
7BGE**



# LITERACY WORKING PARTY

## CAN YOU USE CAPITAL LETTERS AND FULL STOPS?

Capital letters for:

- Names and place names (proper nouns)  
e.g. **D**evides NOT devizes and **D**avid **S**mith  
NOT david smith.
- Start sentences e.g. He turned around  
to look at me.
- Acronyms and abbreviations e.g. RAF and  
RSPCA.

**Full stops** to show the end of a sentence.

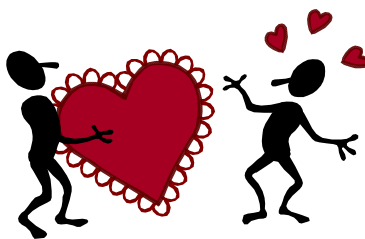
Marilyn NOT marilyn!

## VALENTINE'S DAY CARD AND DELIVERY SERVICE

Would you like to send the object of your desire a  
handmade anonymous Valentines card?  
We will supply a beautiful card and deliver it for you for £1  
only!



...so come to B26 on **Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th** or  
**Thursday 10th February** at break or lunchtime to select your card and write  
your message. We will do the rest!



All proceeds to the Shaw Trust Charity Marathon  
fundraiser for Miss Lay and Miss Repton, who will be  
running the Flora London Marathon in April.

**Miss Lay/Miss Repton**

## PETERLOO POETS - 21ST ANNUAL OPEN POETRY COMPETITION

Entries must arrived on or before  
Tuesday 1st March 2005. Results will  
be available Friday 20th May 2005.

### OPEN SECTION

1st Prize - £1,500

2nd Prize - £1,000

3rd Prize - £500

4th Prize - £100

Plus ten prizes of £50 each

### 15 - 19 AGE GROUP SECTION

Five prizes of £100 each

Open Section: £5 for each poem entered to a  
maximum of 10 entries.

15 - 19 Age Group: £2 for each entry, to a  
maximum of 10 entries.

### **For an entry form, contact:**

Peterloo Poets  
Peterloo Poetry Competition  
The Old Chapel, Sand Lane, Calstock,  
Cornwall PL18 9QX



## YEAR 7 'PRACTICAL MATHS' GIFTED AND TALENTED VISIT TO BRAESIDE

On Thursday I and two other Year 7's went to Braeside to do a maths course where we met other people from Sheldon School in Chippenham and people from Corsham School.

It was a really good day.

We learnt about the way that people count in Bangladesh and China. We also learnt about different ways of counting, e.g. if you counted without the number nine.

The people were really helpful. All in all it was a good day.

**Joe Downey 7CJM**

On Thursday 27th January, I went to Braeside. We learnt a lot about base numbers. The food was good and we did a maths trail around the house, solving problems, such as:

6,469,693,230 divided by the first 10 prime numbers.

## GI RLS' BASKETBALL

Over the last two weeks the U13, U14 and U15 Teams have played matches.

The first game was for the U14 National School Cup competition on Friday 4th against a team from Exeter.

Unfortunately the girls found this game very tough with their captain and a couple of injuries.

A very hard game but those that were there put 110% in, but were over come with some quick passing and the height of the other team.

**Final Score: 17 - 78**

**Team: M Hollis, M Nash, A Longo, C Dillon (Capt.), Z Barnes, B Wright, K Gale, H Butcher, B Hutchings.**

The U13 & U15 went off to play at Malmesbury School on Thursday 13th.

The U13 team played against a very new side, this was their first game. The game was used for the benefit of Malmesbury so that they could get to understand the rules and what they were supposed to do. It was a difficult game for the girls as they are not use to stopping and starting.

**Final score: 44 - 4**

**Team: M Hollis, M Nash, A Longo, C Dillon (Capt.), E Blake, Z Barnes, B Wright**

U15 played a very good game with Connie Blake really shining out. There was some very good passing and shooting right throughout the game. The girls had to play hard as they only had 8 players where as the other team had 10 and could sub more than us.

**Final Score: 58 - 19**

**Team: A Rutt (Capt.), L Thomas, R Pearson, G Hollis, S Coombes, C Blake, E Dillon, S Corbett.**

U13 played at Tidworth on Sunday 16th January.

They played two games, the first being against St Edwards of Salisbury. This was a good game to start the day off.

A steady tempo was kept right throughout the game and all players were able to have equal time on court.

Throughout the games, you saw girls that would not normally have a go at shooting, have a go. This showed that their confidence in playing the game has increased.

**Final Score: 44 - 4**

The second was against South Wilts Grammar School and this is always an interesting game. They improve and we have to do a little more to stay in front. Yet again the girls worked hard and worked as a team. The improvement over the last couple of months is very noticeable. **Final Score: 34 - 8**

**Team: M Hollis, M Nash, A Longo, C Dillon (Capt.), E Blake, Z Barnes, B Wright, F Bird, F Hartley, K Gale.**

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