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SUMMER UNIFORM REMINDER

Devizes School is and will remain a uniformed school. I believe that wearing a uniform brings with it a sense of pride and belonging to the school. The school uniform with its new logo is very recognisable, respected and the vast majority of pupils wear it well and look very smart. Full details of the school uniform are in your parent handbook.

A simple uniform

Over the last two years we have simplified the school uniform; we have no ties and polo shirts are worn throughout the year. The school sweatshirt with a logo is now prevalent across the school although versions without it are still acceptable.

“Sweatshirts first”

As I have said above, most pupils wear the uniform well and look very smart at school. There is however a small but very conspicuous minority who do not. The main problems are the wearing of trainers instead of shoes, shirts hanging out and wearing tops or jackets instead of the school sweatshirt. Please note that ‘hoodies’ are not acceptable in school. As it is summer pupils may take off their sweatshirt when it is hot. However if pupils need an extra layer it should be the school sweatshirt first before any other jacket or coat. The staff and I are determined that uniform should be worn properly by all pupils. We have therefore arranged to use the assemblies over the next week to explain how the whole staff are going to insist that all pupils wear their uniform properly. For example:

- Uniform will be checked in all lessons and assemblies
- Pupils wearing trainers who have their shoes in their bags will have one of their trainers confiscated for the rest of the day.
- Pupils with medical reasons for not wearing school shoes should have a letter of explanation from their parent(s) with an indication of how long the condition is likely to last. Sanctions will be used for pupils who persistently fail or refuse to wear the school uniform properly.

After a week of warnings in assemblies these procedures will start in earnest on Monday 23rd May. As a parent I ask you to help us in our efforts to ensure that all pupils wear their uniform properly at school. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at school.

Malcolm Irons, Headteacher

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Dates for your diary.....

MAY

27th Last Day of Term 5

30th May - 3rd June
END OF TERM HOLIDAY

JUNE

6th First Day of Term 6

20th - 23rd Exam Week

30th Year 11 & 13 Clearance Day

JULY

1st Citizenship Day

5th & 6th Year 6 in school

7th Sixth Form Induction Day

8th Sports Day

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SENIOR STUDENTS

Following a challenging selection process, being nominated by fellow students and staff, a secret ballot to narrow the field and final interviews with Mrs Sutton, Mr Evans, Mr Knighton and Mr Irons, **Steven, Katie, Lisa** and **Adam** were appointed as Senior Students. Their role is to represent the school at local and national level, as well as becoming involved in as many school activities as possible.

If you see them around, do say hello...and if you feel your activity/tutor period/assembly would benefit from their involvement, then do contact any of the students or Mrs Sutton and we will see what we can do to help!

To find out more about them...



Adam Croutear - 12JML

Currently studying: Maths, Physics, PE, Economics and Business.

Other interests: Cricket, Hockey, Football and music.

"I'm looking forward to providing a voice for the Students".



Katie Luxton - 12MLS

Currently studying: English Language, Politics Physics and Psychology.

Other interests: Horse riding, kickboxing.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know younger Students and being able to have a say in things that happen at school".



Lisa Buckland - 12EJH

Currently studying: Maths, English Literature, Geography, Photography.

Other interests: Netball, Swimming and Photography.

"I'm looking forward to making a contribution to the Sixth Form".



Steven Underwood - 12EJH

Currently studying: Mathematics, further Mathematics, Chemistry, English Literature.

Other interests: Cricket (coaching and playing), and music.

"I'm looking forward to spending more time with Mr Evans..."

DO YOU KNOW FOOD FACT FROM FICTION?

QUESTIONS:

- Does eating carrots let you see in the dark?
- Do crusts strengthen your teeth?
- Is fish good for the brain?
- Does burnt toast make your hair curly?
- Does eating grapefruit help you slim?
- Does an apple a day keep the doctor away?
- Do apples clean your teeth?

ANSWERS:

1. This is true only if you are night-blind due to vitamin A deficiency. Carrots contain Vitamin A. It is common in many other foods (dark green vegetables, liver, margarine, tomatoes, cheese and butter). You are most unlikely to be deficient in vitamin A. The story about the supposed power of vitamin A is believed to have spread in the Second World War. The vitamin was supposed to give you better night vision (in fact really large amounts can damage your joints). It was a cunning attempt to hide the fact that we had radar. The Germans could not understand why they were losing a lot of ships at night. It was actually because of the technological advance we call RADAR.



2. Once teeth have erupted they are as strong as they are going to be. When babies are teething they like to chew on something, so crusts and rusks can help. Fluoride can make the enamel of your teeth stronger. Most toothpaste contains fluoride. Children can also have their teeth painted with fluoride to prevent decay. Some public water supplies have small amounts of fluoride added. Fluoride is found in fish, bones, tea and naturally in some underground water supplies.

3. Fish is rich in phosphorus and many other chemicals found in the brain. There is no evidence that fish can improve the functioning of a healthy person's brain. Fish is, however, an excellent source of important proteins, oils and minerals. Only a person that was iodine deficient would benefit mentally from fish. This is extremely unlikely today when most people have a fairly varied diet.

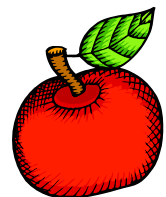


4. Unless you have your hair permed, curliness can only be inherited.



5. The only way grapefruit might help a slimmer is by taking the edge off their appetite, so that less is eaten.

6. Although apples have a little vitamin C, which helps fight infection, they do provide dietary fibre which is good for the health of your gut.



7. Plaque is a layer or film of bacteria that sticks to the teeth and gums and causes decay. Tests have shown that only careful brushing or flossing and not apples can remove plaque.

MATHS PUZZLE

Solution to last issues puzzle:

This weeks puzzle:

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

1	5	8	4	2	6	9	7	3
3	6	2	7	8	9	1	5	4
4	9	7	3	5	1	8	2	6
9	7	5	1	6	3	4	8	2
6	4	1	8	7	2	5	3	9
8	2	3	5	9	4	6	1	7
5	3	9	2	4	8	7	6	1
7	1	4	6	3	5	2	9	8
2	8	6	9	1	7	3	4	5

	5	8	7		
7		2	4		5
3	2			8	4
	6	1	5	4	
	8		5		
	7	8	3	1	
4	5			9	1
6		5	8		7
	3	1	6		

BATH YOUTH RUGBY CLUB

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Bath Rugby wish to recruit and train more potential rugby players at under 13, 14 and 15 age levels.

They are aiming to have an Open/Coaching Day at the club on 10th July where children and parents can see how the club is organized, get a taste for a coaching session and ask any questions they may have. Bath Rugby Club are interested in attracting potential players who are keen to advance their game and have potential.

The benefits of joining Bath Rugby's youth section are:

- Top quality coaching from dedicated, highly qualified and specialist coaches.
- Floodlit training ground with first class facilities.
- Being part of Bath Rugby a premiership club with a renowned youth policy.
- Great fun with children from a variety of backgrounds.
- Strong fixtures at different levels.
- Many of our talented players are given the opportunity to go on and play for Bath Rugby's academy and colts teams as well as representative rugby at county, regional and international levels.

INTERESTED?

Please contact Mr Murdoch for further information or contact:

richard@rbarrington9.wanadoo.co.uk

or call 07841 482510

(6.00pm - 8.00pm week-days or 12.00pm - 4.00pm weekends)

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Bombers

The U14 girls played two games. The first game was won by default as St Edmunds only had three players. So instead of playing a league game, we played a friendly, with two of our players, Elizabeth Manterfield and Flo Bird playing for the opposition. Both girls worked hard and scored. The rest of the team found themselves behind and this stayed like this for nearly the whole of the game. At the beginning of the 4th quarter, the Bombers started to claw back the points and in the last seconds, managed to score and win the game.

Final Score: St Edmunds 25 – 26 Bombers

The second game against South Wilts Grammar School, was another very close one. This turned out to be a game that should have been won in the third quarter, as we were in the lead. Then from nowhere, the other team put in some good passes and scored in quick succession to bring the game to within 1 point.

Final Score: Bombers 23 – 22 SWGS

Team: G Hollis, B Hutchings, H Butchers, M Hoolis, Z Barns, E Blake, F Bird, M Nash, E Manterfield, B Wright

Pistons

The U16 girls also played two games. Both games gave the girls' who went to Prague an opportunity to show what they had learnt while abroad and put it into practice. The team is now nicely fitting together, each player is working well with each other.

First game against Sonics did make the girls focus quickly on the game, as the Sonics had some very quick players and one tall player! It was a hard game that showed a few weaknesses in our defence, but we still managed to win.

Final Score: Pistons 28 - 18 Sonics

The second game was a lot better in defence with some very good moves by all the team.

Final Score: Pistons 39 - 21 SWGS

Team: A Rutt, G Hollis, L Thomas, R Pearson, S Coombes, S Corbett, J Manterfield, C Blake, E Nash

If at the next two tournaments both teams can win each match they should win their own league.

Keep it up girls!

John Pearson (Coach)

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