



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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A SPORTS COLLEGE

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UK INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

This year two of our Year 9 students progressed to the next level of the UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. This event, known as the European Kangaroo (Grey), is held for the top 1,000 students in each year group.

We are very pleased to announce that the following students received "Certificates of Participation" for their performance:

Kieran Lomax and Jaime Cowdry

Kieran narrowly missed being awarded a "Certificate of Merit" (Top 25% of Kangaroo entrants) for his paper.

Congratulations to both **Kieran** and **Jaime**.

Mr Hopkins

ADAPTED SPORTS CLUB - MONDAYS 3.30PM - 4.45PM

This term has seen some great team spirit developing within the group, with all players rotating to play alongside or against each other, as well as also competing individually.

After careful scrutineering of the weekly results, this terms overall winner is **Samantha Izatt, 7JLM**.

Congratulations to all of you for your determination and commitment.

You are all winners!

Mrs Ottaway

This weeks puzzle:
Fill the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains all the digits 1 - 9

MATHS PUZZLE

Solution to last issues puzzle:

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

Thank you for completing these. The results are as follows:

197 questionnaires were returned, i.e. 24.3% of those sent out. The following percentage either agree or strongly agree with the statements:

My child likes school: **82%**

My child is making good progress: **94%**

Pupils behave well: **58%**

My child is not bullied or harassed: **82%**

Teaching is good: **88%**

I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on: **70%**

I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions/problems/complaints: **83%**

The school is well led and managed: **79%**

Staff treat my child fairly: **78%**

The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions: **59%**

Staff explain how I can help my child at home/provides appropriate homework: **76%**

Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent: **78%**

There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable: **88%**

The arrangements for my child to settle in when starting at the school were good: **89%**

Although the majority of parents agree with the statements it was a disappointingly low response.

Best levels of satisfaction relate to progress, expectations of pupils' work/efforts, teaching, activities and induction. Parents are less satisfied with information about how their child is getting on and the way in which we seek the views of parents.

We are aware that we could do more to seek and act upon parents' views and this will become routine from September 2005. A review of how we report to parents is currently underway.

Overall we are pleased by the positive responses but need to find ways to increase the number of returns we get to questionnaires. Any suggestions to **Mr Trowbridge**, please.

DRAMA LESSONS

TO ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 8 AND 9:-

Please remember to arrive in Drama wearing your shoes. You can only change into your trainers at the start of the drama lesson and not at the end of the previous lesson.

Any problems, see **Mr Leigh**, Head of Drama



ATHELETICS TRIAL - TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2005

These trials are for the local schools in the Kennet area. If selected, pupils go through to represent Kennet against the other areas of Wiltshire.

13 members of the athletics squad have been selected to go through to the next round.

Year 7

Joe Hutchinson - 100m, 200m and relay

Lucy Baross - 100m, 200m and relay

Lizzie Manterfield - hurdles

Emily Bain - relay

Cory Smith - 200m and relay

Catherine Russ - 1500m

Year 8/9

Charlotte Pegrum - Discus and javelin

Daniel Bain - hurdles and 400m

Year 10

Orrie Brassington - Shot Put

Stefan Gospodinov - Triple jump

Katherine Griffiths - Javelin , 100m and relay

Connie Blake - Long jump

Emma Williams - Discus

Congratulations and well done for this fantastic achievement.

Miss Cradock and Mr Murdoch



ROUNDERS 2005

The season got off to a rainy start and due to this, many of the early fixtures were postponed. We have a new league system running this year, which means at the end of the season we should have league positions, so there's everything to play for.

Fixtures: Devizes v Stonar (friendlies)

Year 10 and Year 8 Teams won, Year 9 lost.

Year 7 lost by ½ a rounder and for their first game, did themselves proud.

Tuesday 17th May Vs Hardenhuish @ home

1st League Match:-

Year 9 - won (see match report) Capt. **Jaime Cowdry**

Year 8 - won Capt. **Hannah Williams**

Year 10 - lost Capt. **Katherine Griffiths**

Year 7 - lost Capt. **Yasmin Boudebza**

All very close games. Well done to all who played.

Lots of league matches still to play, come out to join in and/or support where you can.

Miss Cradock, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Jelves, Miss Day

YEAR 9 ROUNDERS - MATCH REPORT

On Tuesday 17th May, Year 9 played Hardenhuish at home. It was a tight match with the score at the first innings at 1-1. In the second innings, Devizes pulled ahead and the final score was 4 ½ - 3 ½ to Devizes.

Team: **Jaime Cowdry (Capt.), Laura Swain, Charlotte Pegrum, Kimberley Mullis, Stephanie Edwards, Jade Linsley, Charlotte Giles, Bobbie Hanslip, Hannah Butcher, Samantha Kelleher, Amber Davies.**

Congratulations to the whole team!

Jaime Cowdry and Laura Swain

"Well done girls - the difference was you played as a team and supported each other!" Mrs Jelves

JUDO RESULTS

Pupils from Devizes School recently represented Wiltshire at the West of England Closed Judo Championship and achieved the following medals:

GOLD MEDALS

Kevin Ottaway - boys U60kgs

Charlotte Giles - girls U48kgs

Rachel McCullar - girls U44kgs

Jasmin Duxberry - girls U63kgs

SILVER MEDAL

Emily Dickson - girls over 63kgs

Nathan Gorton (boys U55kgs) and **Joe Duxberry** (boys U46kgs) both just missed out on medals, but fought very well.

Rachel McCullar has recently been selected for the World Class Start Programme and joins fellow pupil Charlotte Giles on the British Junior Judo Squad. Rachel and Charlotte have also been selected to represent the West of England at the British Team Championship to be held in St. Helens at the beginning of July.

The new mobile skate park for North Wiltshire and Devizes.

Sign up now to become a member and use 'Raw Meet'! Only £1 a session!

Pick up a leaflet from reception. Sign up when 'Raw Meet' hits town:

Sunday May 29th - Station Road car park, Devizes - 2pm - 5pm

Monday May 30th - Village Centre (Red House), Purton - 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Saturday June 4th - White Horse Leisure Centre, Calne - 12pm - 6pm

<u>Where and when:</u>	Monday:	Village Centre (Red House), Purton - 5pm-8pm
	Tuesday:	White Horse Leisure Centre, Calne - 5pm - 8pm
	Wednesday:	Devizes Leisure Centre, tennis courts - 5pm - 8pm
	Thursday:	Location to be advised, Wootton Bassett - 5pm - 8pm
	Friday:	White Horse Leisure Centre, Calne - 5pm - 8pm
	Sunday:	Devizes Leisure Centre, tennis courts - 1pm - 4pm

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GIRLS' U13 BASKETBALL

Sunday 8th May saw the U13 girls perform really well again. They played two games, one of which was a friendly against the same team, due to the fact one of the other teams had been told the wrong weekend to turn up! Both teams were played at 8 minute quarters, giving both sets of players the chance to push themselves.

Bombers won **42 - 8** South Wilts Grammar

In the second game, as this was a friendly, the other side decided to use an older player to boost their game. This did allow them to score a few more baskets, but even with the older girl, the girls showed that they could handle the change.

Bombers won **37 - 18** SWGS

Team: **C Dillon** (Capt.), **B Wright**, **K Gale**, **E Blake**, **A Longo**, **E Manterfield**, **M Nash**.

Keep it up girls!

J Pearson (Coach)

