



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



**DEVIZES
SCHOOL**
A SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends,

As the end of the school year approaches it is a good time to reflect on the events and achievements since last September and to look forward to the new challenges and developments ahead.

Over the last few years Devizes School has developed into a lively and dynamic school with strong traditions and high expectations but with a determination to adapt and improve itself. Last September we re-launched the school as a Specialist Sports College. A new school logo on the uniform, the motto "Active Body – Active Mind", a redesigned school newsletter and website and a new school prospectus all helped to bring about a sense of a new beginning. More tangibly it has brought about new opportunities both in and out of school for pupils to take part in sport and exercise. The long term benefits of becoming a Sports College are still to be fully realised but we have made an excellent start and we look forward to further progress next year. Since April we have seen the new PE classroom and fitness suite take shape. The extension to the school changing rooms has also been ongoing since Easter and all will be finished ready for the new academic year in September.

The school will certainly not be quiet for long again this summer. The third 'Camp Xtra' takes place in August with over 200 pupils from Y5-Y10 taking part in a wide range of sport, arts and ICT activities. If you want a last minute place on 'Camp Xtra' there are still a few places left! Visit our website to find out more. As part of the 'Camp Xtra' this year, the Numeracy and Literacy Schools are also taking place again in August for some of our new Y7 pupils next year. Other improvements to the school buildings this summer include an extension to the Art department, a new classroom to help children with Autism, modifications to the Modern Languages department and a new toilet for disabled pupils

Ends of years inevitably bring changes to staffing and we are sad to be saying 'goodbye' to several members of staff this summer. **Mr Lee** has been successful in securing a position as a teacher of Physics at the Bristol Cathedral School from September. Mr Lee has been a teacher at Devizes School for 15years and is currently Head of Physics and Deputy Head of Science. We thank him for his service and many contributions to the school and students over this time. We all wish him every success at his new school. **Mrs Sinnett-Jones** is retiring from teaching at the end of the academic year. Mrs Sinnett-Jones has been teaching science at Devizes School for two years. We wish her happiness in her retirement. **Miss Jayne Mundell** is returning full-time to the classroom, as a SEN teacher at Upper Avon School. Many thanks to Miss Mundell for her fabulous work as SENCO this year. **Miss Gibson** has secured a new teaching post in London; **Mr Laker** has secured a position as Head of Business Studies in Swindon; **Mrs Smith** (Art) and **Mrs Walker (Drama)** will also be leaving us after helping us as part-time teachers this year. All will be greatly missed and we thank them for their hard work and dedication to the pupils of Devizes School.

On behalf of the staff at Devizes School I wish you all a happy and relaxing break over the summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September rested and ready for the exciting year ahead.

Mr Irons
Headteacher

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Dates for your diary.....

JULY

22nd Last Day of Term 6

SEPTEMBER

1st TD Day

2nd Y7 & Y12 Return to School

5th Whole School returns

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Our First Year Towards Becoming a Thinking School

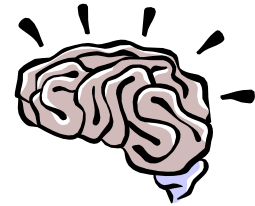
The School's current strategic plan includes the aim that we should become a 'Thinking School' by 2007. There have been regular updates on our progress throughout the year in this newsletter but as year 1 draws to a close it's time for review and forward planning!

This year:

- ◆ Pupils have been introduced to the first 6 'Habits of Mind'.
- ◆ The use of 'Mind Maps' has become a useful tool for teachers and pupils, particularly as a revision tool.
- ◆ Pupils have been encouraged to think through problems and find solutions in their lessons to encourage independent thinking.
- ◆ 'Brain Gym' has been introduced to teachers and pupils and used by Year 7 during Exam Week.
- ◆ The new Year 6 have 'Preferred Learning Styles' identification as part of their induction programme.

Next Year:

- ◆ 'Brain Gym' will be further developed as a tool for improving pupils' ability to learn.
- ◆ The next 6 'Habits of Mind' will be introduced.
- ◆ A variety of thinking skills will be incorporated into lesson plans.
- ◆ The use of thinking skills will be monitored as part of the School's self-evaluation procedures.
- ◆ Pupils and teachers will become further aware of the implications of preferred learning styles.
- ◆ Critical Thinking AS level introduced to the Year 13 curriculum.



And something for you to think about from this term's 'Habit of Mind' (Questioning and Posing problems):

A policeman was walking past a house. He heard someone cry, "Don't shoot me John! Don't shoot!" There was one gun shot. The policeman entered the house and saw a lawyer, priest, engineer and doctor gathered around the dead body.

The priest was immediately arrested. How did the policeman know?

Ms J Reeves

ART EXHIBITION

Following last year's highly successful first Devizes School Art Exhibition, the 2005 show is now planned for **Monday 18th July** to **Thursday 21st July**. Pupils will be able to visit the exhibition at break and lunchtimes.

A special open evening is on **Tuesday 19th** from 6p.m. to 8p.m., by invitation only.

Thank you in advance to the Art Department for all their hard work in staging this celebration of artistic talent at Devizes School.

J Reeves

NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Saturday 23rd July 2005
10.30a.m. to 4p.m.

Go along and have fun with finds.

Experts on hand to identify your finds - be a junior archaeologist for the day

Wiltshire Heritage Museum
41 Long Street, Devizes

Parent Group 100 Club - Terms Five & Six Prize Draw

The three winners were selected during the Activities Day held on Friday 15th July 2005.

1st Prize	£100	04002	David Wiltshire
2nd Prize	£40	04036	Mrs Susan Sharp
3rd Prize	£20	04045	Paul Duncan

The winners will receive prize cheques in the post. **Congratulations!**
Mr C Ellis for the Parent Group



CONGRATULATIONS

To former pupil, **Alice Hutchings** who has gained a 2:1 BA Honors in History at Cardiff University



Puzzle a week!

Solution to last issues puzzle:

G	H	I	C	A	E	F	D	B
F	C	A	B	D	I	E	H	G
E	B	D	G	H	F	C	I	A
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A	F	E	H	B	G	I	C	D
D	I	B	A	E	C	H	G	F
B	E	H	D	C	A	G	F	I
C	A	G	F	I	B	D	E	H
I	D	F	E	G	H	A	B	C

This weeks puzzle:

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CITIZENSHIP DAY - 1ST JULY 2005

This was a huge event with every student involved. Many thanks to the numerous staff who supported the day and organized the activities; also the many organizations who helped to make the day special for our Citizens of the future. The students worked on the following activities:

Year 7	'Make it Real'	An activity focusing on communities and how they function.
Year 8		Fair Trade, slavery, through workshops and a production of "Chocolate".
Year 9	'Human Rights'	Various workshops focusing on human rights issues. This is supported by UNICEF, The Army and a 'rapping' workshop led by Lennox Carty, a London poet.
Year 10	'The social cost of Crime and Alcohol misuse'	Supported by workshops in school, 'Prison me, no way' Erlestoke Team, Alcoholics Anonymous. Students assessed the cost of minor crimes and discovered how criminal justice system is funded.
Year 12		Some students were active Citizens and gave up some of their time to help Years 7 & 8. Other students worked with the Marlborough focusing on how campaigns work.



Brandt Group,

I am sure your 'young Citizen' has or will be pleased to discuss the day with you.

Mrs Smith, Citizenship Coordinator/Head of Year 8

Sports Day Results

Friday 8th July brought fantastic weather and a fantastic day of sporting achievement. A big thank you to all students who took part, showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the winning tutor groups and to those students who achieved overall best performances on the day.

Year 7 Tutor Groups

		<u>Points</u>
1st	7NAM	401
2nd	7MXO	369
3rd	7BGE	330
4th	7ACM	309
5th	7JLM	293
6th	7AEH	288
7th	7CJM	285
8th	7AJH	239

Year 8 Tutor Groups

		<u>Points</u>
1st	8SWH	509
2nd	8VCM	462
3rd	8NBC	393
4th	8HLC	338
5th	8DCJ	333
6th	8SMG	268

Year 9 Tutor Groups

		<u>Points</u>
1st	9JAJ	476
2nd	9CYS	400
3rd	9ECA	382
4th	9AJA	326
5th	9AXM	304
6th	9DXN	302
7th	9RAS	270

Year 10 Tutor Groups

		<u>Points</u>
1st	10EMS	436
2nd	10TXS	386
3rd	10TJW	352
4th	10SYB	285
5th	10GXH	277
6th	10SJK	255
7th	10MPL	244

Year 7 Top Performers

<u>Male</u>	
1st	Joseph Hutchinson - 7BGE
2nd	Cory Smith - 7JLM

Female

1st	Catherine Russ - 7MXO
2nd	Lauren Walker - 7ACM

Year 8 Top Performers

<u>Male</u>	
1st	Michael Bellotti - 8SWH
2nd	Jamie Wallen - 8SWH

Female

1st	Ellie Blake - 8VCM
2nd	Rebecca Pearce - 8SWH

Year 9 Top Performers

<u>Male</u>	
1st	Christopher Botham - 9CYS
2nd	Daniel Bain - 9JAJ

Female

1st	Eleanor Gatley - 9ECA
2nd	Felicity Turner - 9AXM

Year 10 Top Performers

<u>Male</u>	
1st	Sam Ottaway - 10TJW
2nd	Robert Collis - 10SYB

Female

1st	Connie Blake - 10GXH
2nd	Emma Williams - 10SYB

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Over the past few years the girls basketball has developed enormously under the expert coaching and tremendous hard work of John Pearson. A big, big thank you must go to John for all his hard work this year and also big congratulations to all the girls for their tremendous hard work and success this year.

U14 & U16 League Champions is an outstanding success and well deserved, together with all the individual girls achievement.

Girls' final tournament weekend at Tidworth, June 26th:

The final weekend saw both the U14 and U16 girls win both their leagues and came away with the cup and medals:

Final Places:

U14 won their league by 1 point
(43 to 42 North Wilts)

U16 won their league by 13 points
(47 to 34 St Edmunds)

Most improved player U14	Ellie Blake
Most improved player U16	Sian Corbett
Most valuable player U14	Catherine Dillon
Most valuable player U16	Laura Thomas



Over the last year the girls have progressed as follows:

Catherine Dillon:	U13, U14, U16, Wiltshire County 1991 team and is training at the area performance centre at Wycliffe College which is for a selected few, she will also be training for National League.
Benitia Wright:	U13, U14, U16 and Wiltshire County 1991 team
Ellie Blake:	U13, U14 and Wiltshire County 1991 team
Zoe Barns:	U13, U14 and Wiltshire County team
Florence Bird:	U13, U14
Meghan Nash:	U13, U14
Elizabeth Manterfield:	U13, U14
Amy Longo:	U13, U14
Katie Gale:	U13, U14
Maddie Hollis:	U13, U14
Hannah Butcher:	U14, U15
Bryony Hutchings:	U14, U15

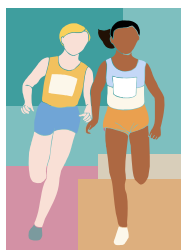
Also Catherine Dillon, Ellie Blake and Elizabeth Manterfield will be going to South West England Training in Exeter in July.

The girls that have been selected to play in the youth games in Bath on July 17th are Catherine Dillon, Benitia Wright, Florence Bird, Meghan Nash, Ellie Blake, Elizabeth Manterfield, Zoe Barnes and Maddie Hollis.

U16 Girls:

Andrea Rutt:	U15, U16, Wiltshire County, South West Region and next year National League U16
Laura Thomas:	U15, U16, Wiltshire County, South West Region and next year National League U16
Rachel Pearson:	U15, U16, Wiltshire County, South West Region and next year National League U16
Georgina Hollis:	U15, U16, Wiltshire County, South West Region and next year National League U16
Sian Corbett:	U15, U16 and next year National League U16
Sarah Coombes:	U15, U16
Jess Manterfield:	U15, U16
Connie Blake:	U15, U16
Emily Nash:	U15, U16
Eleanor Musgrove:	U15, U16
Fay Angle:	U15, U16

All these girls need to be recognized for their achievements over the last year and hopefully they can continue with their progress.



DEVIZES ATHLETIC TRAINING GROUP

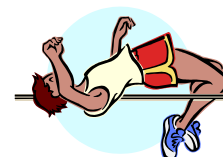
(TRAINING GROUP OF WESSEX & BATH ATHLETICS CLUB)

Summer Training Times

Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm at Dauntsey's School playing field.

From 8 years of age upwards.

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