



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL**
A SPORTS COLLEGE



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Welcome back to a new School Year

Welcome to all our new pupils in Y7 and our new students in the sixth form. We are again over-subscribed in both these entry years with 221 pupils starting Y7 and 120 starting Advanced level courses in the lower sixth (Y12) making the sixth form more than 200 in number this year. As the school continues to grow and flourish we start the year with twelve new teachers and four new staff in administration and support roles. We will introduce these new staff to you in next week's edition of the newsletter. We wish all new pupils, students and staff every success in their new ventures this year.

Congratulations are due to all our Y11 and sixth form students last year for achieving record breaking results in their GCSE and A level results.

- **61.1%** of our Y11 students achieved 5+ A*-C grades – our best ever results.
- **19.4%** of the GCSE grades were A* or A – reflecting the very good quality of the passes achieved.
- **98%** of the year group achieved 1 or more successful grades at GCSE – illustrating the effort and achievement of **all** our Y11 students.
- Y13 students achieved a remarkable **99.2%** pass rate in their A level examinations with the **average A level grades of BCC**.
- **40.7%** of the A level entries achieved the top grades A and B - our best ever success rate at these top grades.

Sports College capital build

The Sports College capital build taking shape over the summer is almost completed and will be in use on Monday 12th September. This features the following additional facilities to the school:

- New PE classroom with state-of-the-art learning facilities.
- New Cardio-vascular/fitness room
- Extended changing rooms
- New offices for PE and Sports College staff.

Camp Xtra took place for the third year over the summer break. Over 200 pupils enjoyed a full and exciting week of Sports, Arts and ICT activities. Camp Xtra was a great success and my thanks to all staff, pupils and sponsors for making this such a resounding success. In addition Devizes School again had both Numeracy and Literacy Schools taking place for almost 50 of our new Y7 pupils.

Malcolm Irons
Headteacher

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Dates for your diary.....

SEPTEMBER

- 19th Round Table Quiz
(Main Hall)
6.00—11.00p.m.
- 20th Parent Group Meeting
- 28th Governors' Meeting
6.30p.m.

OCTOBER

- 5th Orchestra practice
7.30 - 9.30p.m. (LSDH)
- 6th Open Afternoon
1.00 - 4.00p.m.
Open Evening
4.00 - 7.00p.m.
- 11th KS3 Awards Evening
- 12th Orchestra practice
7.30 - 9.30p.m. (LSDH)
- 13th Year 7 Tutors' and
Parents' Evening
4.30 - 7.00p.m.
- 19th Orchestra practice
7.30 - 9.30p.m.
(LSDH)
- 20th Year 11 Parents' Evening
4.30 - 7.00p.m.
- 21st Last Day of Term 1

BARCELONA TRIP REPORT

At 10.15 a.m. on Sunday morning (10th July), 40 excited Year 8 and Year 9 students boarded the coach outside school. We were about to embark on a great trip. We said our goodbyes and left. After endless long hours of travelling, we finally arrived at Barcelona Airport. We arrived at our hotel late evening. It was very nice, with great views of the square below. After dinner, we went to bed after a tiring day of travelling.

The rest of the week was spent doing exciting things. We visited many amazing Spanish sites, including the Sagrada Familia, a spectacular temple made by Gandi, Parc Guell, Gerona, a great town, Port Aventura, a Universal theme park, the Olympic Village, the Nou Camp, home of FC Barcelona and Pueblo Español, a village made up of lots of Spanish regions.

The food was great, a mixture of English and Spanish cuisines and the weather was always sunny and very hot.

Then, after what seemed like no time at all, it was time to leave our hotel, leave Barcelona and travel back to our homes and families in Devizes, but we still had the memories of an unforgettable trip.

Matthew Wiltshire—9SWH



Music Lessons

Instrumental lessons will be in full operation from **Monday 12th September**. All timetables will be issued.

Days of lessons:

Monday	Cello with Mr Monkton (a.m.) Flute/Sax with Mr Jones (a.m.) Drums with Mr Whatmoore (a.m.) French Horn with Mr Cheshire (12 o'clock)
Tuesday	Violin with Mrs Cannings (all day)
Wednesday	Woodwind with Mrs Aldred (all day) Brass with Mr Aldred (p.m.) Piano/Keyboard with Mrs Hutchings Recorder group at lunchtime
Thursday	Woodwind with Mrs Aldred (all day) Guitar (a.m.)
Friday	Woodwind with Mrs Aldred (a.m.)



CONGRATULATIONS - DEGREE SUCCESS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Ex-pupil **Charlotte Britton** has achieved an excellent first class MPhys degree. She studied Physics at Keble College, Oxford. She is now going to Exeter University to further her studies, taking a course in Medical Physics. **We congratulate her on her success.**



THE BIG DRAW

Family Day - Saturday 15th October

10am—5pm ‘Drawn from History’

Come along and draw from the collections. Bring the museum objects to life by drawing them in their original setting, imagining how they would have been used and who would have used them. Free entry. All ages welcome. For more information call Ali Siviter on 01380 727369

GOVERNING BODY ~ PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Four vacancies have arisen for Parent governors, commencing November 2005, for 4 year terms of office. Notice of Election and Nomination Forms have been sent to all parents and should be returned to the clerk to the Governing Body, Devizes School, by 12 noon on **Friday 30th September 2005**.

Clerk to the Governing Body

DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP NEEDS YOU!

We would like to recruit some more parents to help with various activities throughout the school year and to help raise funds for the benefit of all our pupils. If you are interested and would like to contribute in some way, please contact me at school. Our first meeting for the new school year is on **Tuesday September 20th at 7pm in room A2**. I look forward to hearing from you.

Roger Trowbridge

Friday 23rd September - Royal Marine chef(s) will be in school within the Food Technology Department all day, to run sessions with some of our Year 9 and 10 groups. This is a link activity - part of Devizes Festival of Food, a weeks activity that will involve other events in town such as a quiz, dinner in an unusual place and a book signing by a TV Chef.

Puzzle a week!

Solution to last issues puzzle:

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

This weeks puzzle: Fill the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains all the letters A - I.

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

GIRLS' FIXTURES AUTUMN & WINTER 2005

DATE	FIXTURE	WHO	WHERE	RESULT
15 th September	Netball v St Mary's	Yr 11 A + B Yr 10 A + B	Away 4.15pm start	
20 th September	Netball v St Mary's	Sixth form A + B	Home 3.30pm start	
21 st September	Netball and Boys Hockey v Wootton Bassett	Yr 10, 9,8,7 Hockey yr 7 & 8 (8 a side)	Away ATP	
22 nd September	Hockey v St Mary's	Yr 10 & 11	Away on Grass	
27 th September	Football v St Johns	Yr 7 & 8	Away on Grass (Savinac)	
28 th September	Netball v St Mary's	Yr 7,8 & 9	Away	
29 th September	Hockey and Netball v Abbeyfields	Yr 10 & 11 ATP Yr 7,8 & 9	Home	
4 th October	Area Netball tournament @ Sheldon/Hardenhuish	Yr 11 & Yr 9	Away leave end of P5	
Open Day				
6 th October	Netball and Hockey v Corsham	Yr 10 & 11 ATP Yr 7,8 & 9	Home	
11 th October	Reserve area netball tournaments	Yr 11 & Yr 9	Away	
12 th October	Hockey Tournament	Yr 11	Away @ John Bentley leave end of period 5.	
12 th October	Netball Tournament	U19	Away	
18 th October	Hockey Tournament	Yr 10	Away @ Corsham	
19 th October	Sixth form fixture v Sheldon Netball, football, badminton & hockey.		Home from 1pm	
Half Term				

Anyone wishing to join a local sports club try visiting our sports directory for information:

Sports-central.co.uk

Results, fixtures, meetings, contact names and numbers.

If you wish to advertise your club on the web page, contact **Mr Hammond**.

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