



# DEVIZES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends,

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you of the very sad death of Mrs Debbie Nichols, teacher of English. After being diagnosed with cancer last summer Mrs Nichols died on Sunday 18th December 2005. Her funeral, held in Atworth on Wednesday 21st December was attended by her family and many friends, including several teachers and students from school. At the service the congregation celebrated Mrs Nichols life, her many achievements, her devotion to her family of four children and her tireless work on behalf of charities, especially in Africa.

Mrs Nichols started her teaching career at Devizes School in September 2001 and will be greatly missed by her colleagues and pupils in her teaching groups past and present and especially by pupils in her Y10 tutor group. She will be remembered at school for her caring and dedicated approach to her teaching and pastoral care for members of her tutor group.

Her family requested no flowers at the funeral but requested that any collections or donations to be sent to a charity called RUSH, a small charity that work with AIDS orphans in Nairobi. Mrs Nichols was a huge supporter of RUSH and raised a great deal of support for it during her life. At school we will be arranging a collection to support this charity in remembrance of Mrs Nichols.

Mr Irons  
Headteacher

## **DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday January 10th at 7p.m. in The Moonraker's. Please note this is a change to the previously advertised date.

Val Wiltshire

## **Year 11 Mock GCSE Examinations**

Please remember that Year 11 Mock Examinations are currently underway and will continue until Wednesday January 18th. All Year 11 students are expected to return to school from study leave on Thursday January 19th .

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

#### JANUARY

**10th** Parent Group Meeting  
7.00p.m.

**18th** Orchestra practice  
7.30—9.30p.m.  
(LSDH)

**23rd** Prospective Sixth Form  
Parents' Evening

**26th** Year 8 Parents' Evening

**30th** KS4 Options Information  
Evening - 7.00p.m.

#### FEBRUARY

**1st** Governors' Meeting  
6.30p.m.  
Orchestra practice  
7.30—9.30p.m.  
(LSDH)

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# HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

## LUNCHBOX TIPS

### More tips for reducing salt, fat and sugar:-

- If you make your own foods (pasta, quiche and bread) for your child’s lunchbox, cut down on the salt or do not add any.
- Buy low salt options wherever possible and if you are unsure whether something is high in salt, maybe put in some fruit or chopped vegetables instead.
- When making sandwiches, go easy with sauces and pickles because these are usually very high in salt.

## HARD GATE SCHOOL - A SERIALISATION BY ALEX BROWN - 10CYS

“I’m going to die”, whispered Owen to himself as he jumped to his feet as the bronze handle twisted and the squeaky door screeched open.

“You’d best go!” George whispered.

Owen pondered to himself as he walked slowly and cautiously to school and approached the front gate. His heart was close to exploding and his nerves were close to bursting. He had to enter; he had to face death itself. The memories of the past came flooding pack and they drowned him in fear.

“So, Owen, apparently you saw these boys?” the rotund officer searched through his notes and fumbled through his papers until he found one that drew the attention of his tiny eyes, “The Knuckles Gang?”

“... I...” Owen’s mouth moved in a terrified motion, yet no words escaped his lips and for a startling moment it seemed that only the sound of his beating heart could be heard in the room. He mumbled to himself and finally released a small whine that would sentence him to a fate worse than death. “Yes!” he said and watched as the officer wrote down his name and his statement. It was as if he were the judge and had struck the hammer and come to a decision, a decision that would allow no sleep for Owen the following night.

Look out for next issue’s instalment!

# Puzzle a Week!

Solution to last issues puzzle:

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

This week’s puzzle: Fill the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains all the numbers 1-9.

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

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