



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL**
A SPORTS COLLEGE



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SKI AUSTRIA 2006

Well! What a fantastic week for us all. An excited team of snowboarders and skiers left for the slopes on Friday 10th February for a 24 hour journey to the brilliant Bad Kleinkirchheim. With the legends of Mr and Mrs Strickland, Mr Cocks, Mr Long, Mrs Stewart (Miss Repton) and Miss Lay as staff, we all had a brilliant time...even if there was a sickness bug!! Upon arrival we found a small chalet resort which catered for our every need, including karaoke and a good game of bingo.

As soon as we took to the slopes there was instant rivalry between skiers and snowboarders, resulting in large snowball fights and all in all everybody had an amazing time on and off the snow.

Mr Long provided us with our usual entertainment and Mr Cocks proved to be just as insane. After our great day on the slopes we had a selection of activities to try, including: bum boarding, curling, swimming, shopping and 'wrapping up' with a nice hot chocolate at the end.

Each night there were a few small awards including the Sharking Shirt, the Muppet Hat and the Slip of the Day top. As much as we tried to avoid these awards, the teachers kept a very sharp eye on us and a few of us (not naming anyone!), ended up with very embarrassing garments to wear whilst on the slopes the next day.

We are glad to announce that there were no serious injuries although there were a few bumps, bruises, a bang on the head and a suspected broken arm that turned out to be a sprained wrist.

Our week finally ended with a slalom race, followed with a presentation and a disco for everyone. The disco was a great end to the week as we had a themed wacky hair night and now have many embarrassing pictures of the teachers to blackmail them with!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, including the teachers, who we would like to say a **BIG** thank you to (and we also want to say thank you to our bus drivers).

Vianne Britten & Connie Blake (Y11)



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Dates for your diary.....

MARCH

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| 8th | Year 11 Photographs
9.00a.m.
Modular Science Exams
(Year 10 & some Y11) |
| 9th - 11th | Year 10 & 6th Form
Trip to Battlefields |
| 14th | Maths Modular Exams |
| 15th | Governors' Meeting
6.30p.m. |
| 20th - 24th | Year 10 Work
Experience Week |
| 31st | Last Day of Term 4 |

Easter Holiday

3rd April - 17th April 2006

APRIL

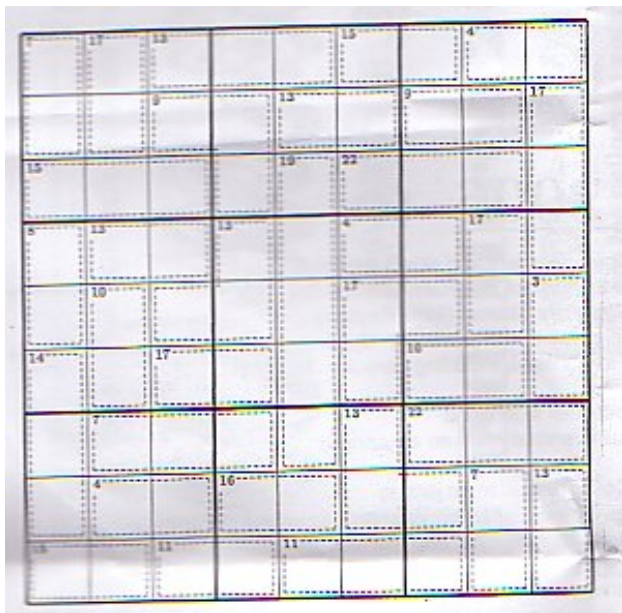
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| 18th | TD Day |
| 19th | First Day of Term 5 |

Puzzle a week!

KILLER SUDOKU

The object is the same as the normal puzzle; to fill each 3 x 3 grid with the numbers 1-9 so that each row and column in the puzzle has the numbers 1-9 in them. The dotted lines tell you the sum of that section. If the sum is 4, then the numbers can only be 1+3, 17 must be 9 + 8, 23 must be 9+ 8 + 6. However, you cannot have a double numbers in any section, even if it goes into another 3 x 3 grid. So a sum of 10 cannot be 5+5, it is 9+1, 8+2, 7+3 or 6+4. Good tip: remember each 3 x 3 grid, each row and each column has to add up to 45 (the sum of 1-9) Have Fun!

Solution to last issue's puzzle:



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

MUSIC NOTICES

ROCK CONCERT: **March 16th** - Tickets are now on sale for the Devizes School Rock Concert. They are being sold in Reception at break and lunchtimes. Make sure you get yours before they all go!

LOWER SCHOOL MUSIC COMPETITION

Starting the week of March 20th, we will be having heats for the music competition. Any student in Years 7 - 9 who plays an instrument or sings, will be welcome to compete. See Mrs Hodder for more details.

HARD GATE SCHOOL

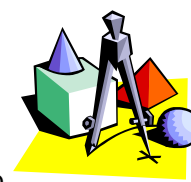
A SERIALISATION BY ALEX BROWNE - 10CYS

George lived with his mother in a rusty old flat in the back streets of the city. Although the location of his house was a little off-putting, his actual home was very warm and cosy. His mother had done it up with white walls and soft blue carpets, which she had bought from a friend. George's family was not the richest and it was understandable that he never had anything the day it came out and that Christmas and birthdays were the only days when he got anything at all. Pocket money didn't exist for him nor did special gifts. However, he always found a way around having nothing. For George, having the city's junkyard close to his house was a blessing. Every day he would go there and get anything from old pipes to new boxes. His room was decorated with all sorts of objects made from the scrap from the junkyard. He was quite an interior designer.

One day George was searching through the rubble, tossing back anything that was of no immediate use. Among the many items that he threw over his head, was a long steel pole and a tube wrapped in fencing. After almost five minutes digging, he retired from his search and fell to his backside on a sharp can lid. Without a care he simply removed the lid and threw it aside. His desire to find something of use began to fade and after a while he picked up the pole and the wire fencing and started to walk off. As he did so he was suddenly startled to see, in the corner of the junkyard, one of his teachers searching through what appeared to be a damaged and rusty car.

Look out for next issue's instalment!

Year 10 Maths Coursework



Year 10 start their first piece of Maths coursework on Tuesday 7th March. You will have lesson time until Thursday 18th March to complete it. It must be handed in on or before Thursday 30th March. You must ensure you bring all appropriate work and equipment to all lessons; failure to do so can affect your score. Failure to meet the deadline could result in your work not being marked! For more information, please speak to your Maths Teacher.

Mr March

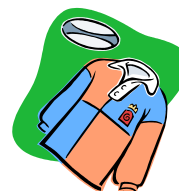
DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP

The next meeting of the Parent Group will be on Tuesday March 7th at 7pm in the Moonraker's pub. Please check-out the adverts in this edition of the newsletter which give details of the next planned events:

- Car Boot Sale on Saturday 18th March.
- Quiz Night on Thursday 23rd March.

SEE YOU THERE!!

DEVIZES RUGBY CLUB



Are looking for girls aged 12+ to join their new Girl's Team

Please turn up at 10.30a.m. on Sunday Mornings at Devizes Rugby Club or see Mr Hammond for more information.

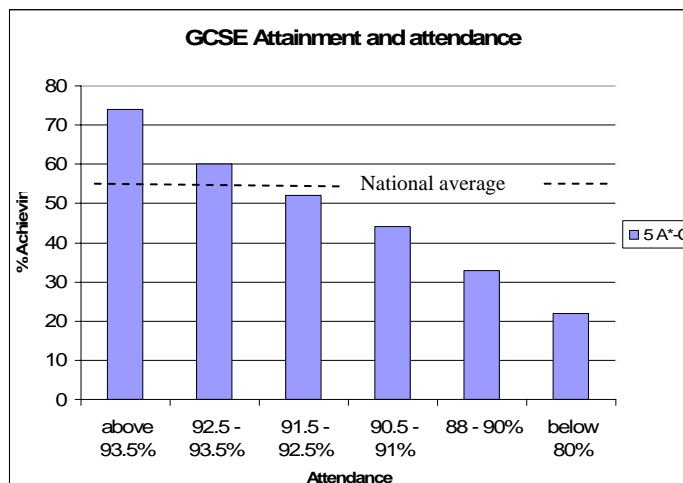
Holidays in Term Time Seriously Affect The Chances for GCSE Success

There is an obvious connection between a pupil's attendance and attainment – if you are not at school your learning will be badly affected.

Nationally, 56% of pupils in Y11 last year achieved 5 or more GCSE grades A* - C. However, as the graph below clearly illustrates if a pupil's attendance fell below average for any reason the chances of achieving this level of success is seriously affected. For example:

- pupils whose attendance fell below 80% only 22% gained 5 or more grades A*-C.
- the positive news is that for pupils who attended more than 93.5%, 74% gained the 5+ A*-C standard.

Your son/daughter should spend 190 days each year in school. This leaves 175 days, the equivalent of 25 weeks for holidays and leisure. I do understand the issues of prices of holidays at peak times but with these figures in mind we should be asking – what price to help your child succeed at school? Please consider these points when you plan/book your next holiday.



DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP

Car Boot Sale

Saturday

18th March 2006

10.00 - 12.00

(9.00 am for sellers to set up)

DEVIZES SCHOOL

Nursteed Road entrance (opposite Moonrakers)

£5 per pitch

entry by donation

TO BOOK PHONE VAL: 01380 721030

DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP

Quiz Night!

Thursday

23rd March 2006

7:30 PM

Main Hall

DEVIZES SCHOOL

£10 PER TEAM OF 4

Bar & Raffle

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OR JUST TURN UP

Go on it'll be a laugh !!!

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