



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS

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Great to be back!!

Welcome to all our new pupils in Y7 and our new students in the sixth form and welcome back to those who were with us last year. Over 200 Y7 pupils made a very positive start to the year on Tuesday along with almost 100 Y12 students in the sixth form. 13 new teachers also started this week and these are introduced on the inside pages of this week's newsletter. We wish all new pupils, students and staff every success in their new ventures this year.

Excellent examination results for all the KS3 (Y9) National Tests, GCSE and A levels came in over the summer.

Record breaking results at KS3

The KS3 National Test results were the best ever achieved in all subjects. The percentage of pupils achieving level 5 and above in the three core subjects were:

English	78%
Mathematics	87%
Science	83%

These are excellent results and represent a great achievement for all the pupils and their teachers.

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

- **57%** of our Y11 students achieved 5 or more A*-C grades – a very good set of results reflecting a great effort by pupils and staff.
- **61%** of the GCSE grades achieved were A*-C and **19.2%** were A* or A – the second best on record and above the national average.
- **97%** 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 **99.3%** pass rate in their A level examinations with an average points score of over 280 pts per student.
- **66%** of the A level entries achieved grades A to C.- indicating the quality of the results achieved.

New and improved buildings and equipment

Once again this summer we have been very busy on the buildings front. Gaiger Brothers have been on site since mid July renovating the Modern Languages department and creating a new Art room and Special Learning Unit. The corridor in B Block has also finally been completely renovated to finish the job started a couple of years ago. The Lower School Dining Hall has also had a major facelift with a new floor and paint job that has really lifted and rejuvenated the hall. Classrooms and corridors in D block have also received much needed attention and now look fresh and new again. We have also invested in new computer equipment, upgrading many computers on our network and creating a new suite of computers in S42 for Business Studies and in E80 for music (still to be installed).

Camp Xtra took place again this summer for the fourth year running. 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 Y7 pupils.

I would like to wish all pupils, students and staff a good and successful year and to thank all parents and Governor's for their continued support.

Malcolm Irons
Headteacher

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Dates for your diary.....

SEPTEMBER

- 13th** Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)
- 15th** School Photographs
(Not Year 11)
- 18th** Roundtable Quiz
Main Hall 6-11p.m.
- 19th** Parent Group Meeting
7.00p.m.
- 20th** Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)
- 27th** Governor's Meeting
6.30p.m.
- Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)

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Miss Beck

Miss Beck is the new Deputy Director of Sport and School Sports Co-ordinator and joins us from Abbeyfield School in Chippenham

Dr Bell

Dr Bell joins the Science department from Roehampton University in Surrey

Dr Blasco

Dr Blasco joins the Business Studies and Economics department from the University of Manchester.

Miss Clune

Miss Clune joins the PE department and Sports College from the University of Gloucestershire.

Miss Darling

Miss Darling joins the Geography department from The George Ward School, Melksham.

Mrs Hannavy

Mrs Hannavy is the new Subject Leader in the Mathematics department and joins us from Parrs Wood High School in Manchester.

Dr Harrison

Dr Harrison is the new Subject Leader in the English department and joins us from Wyvern College in Salisbury.

Miss Hutchinson

Miss Hutchinson who joins the Design Technology department from Roehampton University in Surrey.

Miss Lidbury

Miss Lidbury joins the English department from the University of Gloucestershire.

Miss Patmore

Miss Patmore joins the Modern Languages department from the University of Reading.

Miss Pilkington

Miss Pilkington joins the English department from the Standish Community High School in Wigan.

Mr Waldron

Mr Waldron joins the ICT department from the University of Bath.

Miss Wilson



Miss Wilson joins the Mathematics department from Liverpool Hope University.

Welcome to Our New Teaching Staff - September 2006

We are delighted to welcome 13 new teaching staff to Devizes School this year. We wish them every success as they take up their new posts.

The thirteen new staff again represent further growth in the school. Our achievement of gaining Sports College status two years ago and our growing reputation for excellent academic performance is allowing the school to grow and develop :-

- The new intake into Year 7 is again more than 200 in eight tutor groups.
- Having achieved another good set of GCSE results this year in Y11 this summer and increasing numbers from neighbouring Lavington School, almost 100 students started the sixth form this year in Y12, making approximately 200 in the whole sixth form.

FLYING HIGH AT THE HAWK CONSERVANCY THANK YOU

Activity Day 1 - Trip to visit the Hawk Conservancy, Andover with Mrs Musgrove.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils & staff who travelled with me to the Hawk Conservancy; it was great experience for all involved. We saw many different types of 'big' birds and were

TESCO SPORT FOR SCHOOLS AND CLUBS 2006 SCHEME

We will be taking part in this year's scheme which will be running from 11th September until 5th November 2006.

Please help us by collecting Sport for Schools and Clubs vouchers whenever you shop at Tesco. You can collect one voucher for every £10 you spend in any Tesco store or Tesco petrol station and when buying your groceries online.

Please place vouchers in the box provided in Reception.

Many thanks, we really appreciate your help.

ALSO - **A BIG THANK YOU** to parents for their support with the **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**. We have been able to order equipment which includes:

- ◆ A springboard
- ◆ A CD Player
- ◆ Baseball Mitts
- ◆ Boccia Set

thrilled by flying displays with hawks and eagles. **Grant Angell** was the star of the day - keeping us informed with his knowledge of birds of prey.

However, the day was made by the behaviour and attitude of all the pupils, who understood the needs of the birds and followed the two rules of 'don't run' and don't shout' to the letter. It has been many years since I enjoyed running a school trip so much!

So a big **THANK YOU** to all Years 7, 8 and 10 involved.

Mrs Musgrove

MOUTHGUARDS

A reminder to all parents that all students have received a letter about mouthguards for sports activities. If you wish to take up the offer from O-PRO, then please return the application form to O-PRO urgently.

Miss Marshall

