



DEVIZES SCHOOL

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DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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Parents Consultation on increasing the provision of Out of School Hours Learning (OSHL)

At 7.00pm on Tuesday 21st November 2006 approximately 60 parents and governors met to discuss the proposal to increase the number of extra curricular opportunities at school by bringing the school day forward by 30 minutes. By starting at 8.30am and finishing at 3.00 pm instead of 3.30 pm. an optional session could be created at the end of the school day. Mr Irons presented the background to the proposal and explained the process of consultation so far with staff, governors, local schools and now parents. Pupils will be asked for their opinions about the types of new OSHL opportunities in the New Year.

Here at Devizes School we have become part of a nationwide programme and successfully secured funding (for 2 yrs) to host an Extended Schools Network Co-ordinator to work with secondary and primary schools across Devizes and Lavington areas. "Extended schools provide a range of services and activities, often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of children, their families and the wider community." The core offer of extended services to be in or accessed through all schools by 2010 is:

- All year round 8am-6pm quality childcare on site or through local providers
- A varied menu of activities including study support
- Parenting support including family learning

Swift and easy referral to specialised support services including adult learning

In our aims to move forward the school day to an 8.30am start we are expanding our ability to successfully fulfil the extended services agenda.

After the presentation parents asked a range of questions about the proposals:

Q. What does the Infants' School think of the idea?

A. They are concerned about increased traffic congestion at 3.00 pm. Could parents use the Leisure Centre car park? Should the Consultation be extended to include the primary schools?

Q. When will pupils do homework if they are taking part in OSHL?

A. If the school day finishes earlier they will have more time in the evenings. There will be a facility in school to do homework - "Extra time".

Q. Will more staff be employed or will current staff be expected to work more hours?

A. A payback system is proposed whereby staff will have an extra free period during the day in return for running an OSHL session. No staff will be forced to work extra hours. No contract changes. The school will be buying in some expertise by employing more outside coaches.

Q. Will parents have to pay for activities?

A. On the whole, No, but certain activities, e.g. Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme or some water sports could attract a fee.

Q. Will the school be able to arrange for transport for out-of-catchment pupils in Worton, Great Cheverell and Lavington?

A. The Extended Schools Coordinator will be investigating this. The school may be able to provide a special bus, depending on demand.

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Dates for your diary.....

DECEMBER

8th Year 7 Christmas Fair
3.30p.m.

12th Carol Concert -
7.30p.m.
St James' Church

13th Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)

19th Sixth Form
Presentation
Evening - 7.30p.m.

20th Last Day of Term 2

JANUARY 2007

8th First Day of Term 3

10th Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)

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- Q. If Drama and Art GCSE are offered after school, will they still be offered in the normal curriculum?*
 A. Yes. These would be extra sessions for those pupils who are unable to fit them in their timetable. The aim is to add subjects, not substitute them.
- Q. When would these changes start?*
 A. September 2007. Notification of any changes must be given 6 months before the start.
- Q. Do the OSHL sessions apply to 6th Formers?*
 A. Yes
- Q. How will the earlier start for school affect those pupils with part-time jobs, e.g. paper rounds?*
 A. No change. By law, pupils cannot work before 7.00 pm.
- Q. What target has been set for pupil uptake of OSHL? How will it be measured?*
 A. This was an excellent point! No targets have been set, yet. We do however, measure the numbers of pupils attending OSHL. We will set targets and numbers will be closely monitored to see if the changes were worth it.
- Q. Will extra coaches and other adults taking the classes be CRB checked?*
 A. Yes. All adults working with children at school are checked thoroughly.
- Q. Does the school expect 15 year olds to stay after school voluntarily? Eating issues?*
 A. If the subjects on offer are attractive, they will. A pupil consultation is planned.
- Q. As the attendance at the meeting is relatively low, will the conclusions of the meeting be available to the rest of the parents?*
 A. Yes – via the school newsletter and the school’s website.
- Q. Did the letter to parents imply that the decision was 'done and dusted'?*
 A.. That was not the intention, similarly the article in the Wiltshire Gazette 16/11/06 was an invitation to discuss.

MGI



Roast Turkey
Stuffing, Sausage
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas
Gravy

Christmas Pudding + Custard or Brandy Sauce
 or
Cheesecake

Glass of Juice and Christmas Cracker

Vegetarian Option Available

£2.80

TICKETS STILL ON SALE

Sudoku

Fill the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains all the numbers 1 - 9.

Solution to issue 928 puzzle:

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

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

A WEEKEND OF SPORT!

The Year 7 hockey team had two tournaments last weekend, both at Dauntsey School. Both involved hard games with more experienced opposition but they never gave up, improving with every game. Zoe Horsfall and Lucy Nash made their debut in goal for the team, both gained confidence.

Team players were:



Friday

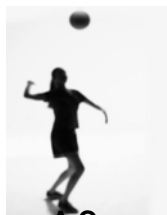
Joanne Wick
 Sophie Smith
 Charlotte Linney
 Shannon Mould
 Charlotte Morgan
 Lucy Nash
 Katie Ormond
 Tessa Horton
 Amber Elliot
 Zoe Horsfall

Sunday

Sophie Smith
 Shannon Mould
 Charlotte Morgan
 Lucy Nash
 Hannah Sedgewick
 Katie Ormond
 Tessa Horton
 Amber Elliot

Results:
 Dauntsey B 0-0 drew
 S W Grammer 3-0 lost
 Godolphin 1-0 lost
 Dauntsey 1-0 lost

NBS



Year 7 Intertutor Results Girls Netball

A Competition

1st SLW
 2nd ELD
 3rd SYB
 4th JYH

B Competition

1st SLW
 2nd ELD
 3rd PXC
 4th SYB

Well done to all the girls who took part. It was an outstanding tournament. Many thanks to the teachers and pupils who helped out.

HER



Boys U13 hockey at Dauntsey School

The boys took part in a tournament all day on Sunday, playing five other local hockey clubs and schools.

The players were:

Danny Mould
 Jack Kelly
 Richard Horton
 Toby Lock
 Ben Hartley (GK)
 Andrew Ramsey
 Ashley Beattie
 Daniel Rees Norris
 Tom Andrews

Ben Starling, - who by the end of the tournament were linking passes and playing as a team.

Well done to all who participated, and thank you to all the parents who came to support.

To look at your team photos on-line, see NBS for a leaflet.

AMH/NBS



Year 7 Interform Results Boys Rugby

Winners = PXC
 Runners Up = SJL
 SLW
 JYH
 SYB
 ELD
 EMS
 ADR

Well done to all the boys who participated. An excellent event with many outstanding performances.

PXC/NAM



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PARENT GROUP 100 CLUB FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2006-2007

Annual Membership £10

Payment by cash or cheque payable to
"Devizes School Parent Group"

**Three Draws Annually
YOUR CHANCE TO
WIN £100!**

- To join the fundraising club, you pay for one year's membership which runs from October 30th each year.
- Membership entitles you to NINE chances to win a prize – 3 of £20, 3 of £40 and 3 of £100. These prizes will be awarded after three separate draws – these draws taking place in December, March and July.
- The prizes above are based on 100 members. Should the membership increase, the prizes will either be increased or extra draws arranged at the discretion of the promoter.
- The Devizes School Parent Group 100 Club is registered with Kennet District Council under the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 (as amended).

Please complete the form below and return to Mr Trowbridge



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**Annual
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**Three Draws
Annually**

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Member Signature: _____

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