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THINKING SKILLS DAY 2007

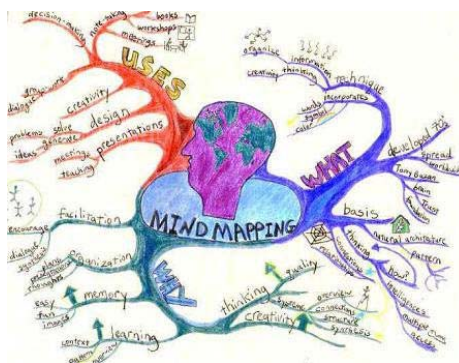
Devizes School's first 'Thinking Skills Day' will take place on Friday 27th April 2007. Pupils will experience a wide range of activities designed to encourage independent learning and further develop their strategies for effective learning.

Activities for the day include specific preparation for exams for Years 9 and 11, both delivered by professional companies.

Year 7's will have an ICT based day with a focus on research skills.

Year 8 will experience 2 major events: The 'Make it Real' game and Science and Technology problem solving, lead by 'Setpoint', another professional organisation.

Year 10 will spend the day with Army personnel, working on problem solving skills.



Years 12 and 13 have a full day of activities designed to motivate, enhance their abilities to think creatively, improve their memories and much more.

This is the first of what we hope will be an annual event, designed to promote learning and provide our pupils with a range of skills and strategies to support them in school and beyond.

Please note that pupils are not required to wear school uniform, but should dress sensibly as for other non-uniform days.

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Dates for your diary.....

APRIL 2007

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| 25th | Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH) |
| 26th | Junior Maths Challenge |
| 27th | 'Thinking Skills' Day |

MAY 2007

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| 2nd | Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH) |
| 7th | BANK HOLIDAY |
| 8th - 11th | Year 9 SATS |
| 9th | Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH) |

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REVISION TIPS 3

Learn to read to save time:

You don't need to read every word of your revision resource material (notes, texts, articles etc). Unnecessary or insufficient reading often wastes time. Effective reading is not about speed, but about understanding and comprehension. Ask yourself your purpose and need.



SKIM, SCAN, SCOUT!

- Learn to **SKIM**. Let your eyes move fast through the text to gauge the value and relevance. Look at the contents, the index, the concluding chapter and opening and concluding paragraphs.

- Learn to **SCAN**. Look for key ideas, names, phrases, illustrations, quotes and data by scanning across the page. Let your eyes zig-zag as you go. Read the first and last paragraph sentences.
- Learn to read in detail - **SCOUT!** Use the punctuation and a guide (ruler/finger). Try to avoid backtracking (when you re-read sentences or your mind wanders). Set minutes for your reading, not hours or moments. Use adequate lighting, avoid reflective surfaces and keep a distance of about 45cms/18 inches.
- To maintain concentration - take 2 minute breaks every 15 minutes.

More tips in the next issue....

GCSE Mathematics Revision

Suggested web sites that can be used:

- www.Mymaths.co
- www.easymaths.com
- www.edukate.net
- www.2july.co.uk/gcse
- www.gcseguide.co.uk
- www.mathsrevision.net/gcse
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/math

SUDOKU

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

Solution to last issues puzzle:

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

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

Hot Weather and PE

We have already been blessed with excellent weather and I am sure there is much more on the way.

The PE Department would like to enrol the help of all parents in keeping students cool and free from sunburn and dehydration.

PE lessons will always be adapted to suit the conditions but the following can also help.

Water

Please ensure students come with an adequate supply of water, in a **clear** bottle with a sports top, that can be taken out to all PE lessons.

SLIP



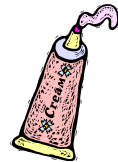
Clothing

Please ensure students wear the proper PE kit for the summer, loose fitting blue polo shirts and black shorts or dark tracksuit bottoms, white socks for all PE lessons which are different from those worn around school. This will stop the wet foot after the morning dew.

SLOP

Sun Cream

Every student should have an adequate supply to last all day at school, not just PE lessons, house events, clubs, after school but breaks and lunchtimes too. It must be reapplied throughout the day and particularly before sports activities. SLAP it on.



SLAP

Hats

Sun hats of all shapes and sizes are excellent in the hot weather. French Foreign Legion style is superb!



WRAP

Sun Glasses

These can be worn to lessons but in activities where balls are involved such as rounders, softball and tennis parents should understand there is a slight risk of injury if students miss the ball. Plastic sunglasses that wrap around the face are much better and minimise the risk of injury.



Hay Fever

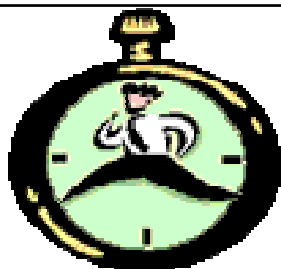
Students suffering from this condition will need to ensure they take their medication and bring all inhalers out to the lesson.

Sun Brollies

Not one we have tried before, but they may have their uses.

Thanks for your co-operation.

PE Department



Extra Time!
In the LRC
MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
3.30 - 4.45P.M.

For:

Exam Preparation
Key Tasks
Homework

**The place to be for all your information needs:
Computers, books and other resources... and a brilliant
place to get work finished!**

GIRLS' HOCKEY RESULTS

Devizes Vs Corsham School
Tuesday 27th March

The Year 8 & 9 Hockey team were sadly let down by team members not turning up, but they rallied well, some Year 7 players 'stepping up to the mark'.

In the first half, Corsham scored 4 goals, but only 1 in the second; final result - 5 - 0 to Corsham.

The players all worked hard, special mentions to **Joanne Wicks**, **Emily Young** and **Zoe Horsfall** from Year 7 who played for the Year 8/9 team.

Devizes Vs Corsham School (Year 7)
Won 3 - 0

The team showed good team work, passing around the opposition to put themselves into good shooting opportunities.

Goal scorers: **Kate Ormand** x 2
Nicole Lomax x 1

Well done to **Charlotte Williams** (GK), **Lauren Bartrum**, **Emily Morgan**, **Charlotte Linney**, **Sophie Smith**, **Megan Goodman**.

Well done to all who played!

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