



DEVIZES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends,

As the end of the school year approaches it is again a good time to reflect on the events and achievements since last September and to look forward to the new challenges and developments ahead.

Over the last few years Devizes School has developed into a lively and dynamic school with strong traditions and high expectations but with a determination to adapt and improve itself. The success of being a Sports College is now being recognised by many people both locally and further a field as our reputation for innovation and high quality teaching and learning improves our performance. Improved opportunities for all pupils to achieve in the school are now beginning to show in better examination results and our increased popularity in Devizes and beyond.

We have record numbers of young people joining us next year with 230 pupils starting in Y7. Changes in September include a new school day starting and finishing 30 minutes earlier that makes room for a wide range of new **sporting and non-sporting extra-curricular activities**. We hope that many pupils will take up the opportunities that will be on offer early next term. In addition we will be introducing a **new house system** in the school. All pupils and staff will belong to one of four houses called King, Teresa, Mandela and Gandhi after the famous inspirational world figures. The Key Stage 3 results for Mathematics and Science have been received at school and indicate another year of very high success. I will share the full details with you after we receive the English results along with the GCSE and A level results in the summer.

The fifth 'Camp Xtra' takes place in August with record numbers of young people from Y5-Y10 taking part in a wide range of sport, arts and ICT activities. If you want a place on 'Camp Xtra' there are still a few places left! Visit our website to find out more. As part of the 'Camp Xtra' this year, the Numeracy and Literacy Schools are also taking place again in August for some of our new Y7 pupils next year.

Ends of years inevitably bring changes to staffing and we are sad to be saying 'goodbye' to unusually large number of staff this summer.

- **Mrs Ford** is retiring after a long and very distinguished career of 25 years at Devizes School during which time she has taught mainly PE and more latterly Geography. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.
- **Mr Trowbridge**, who has been teaching Mathematics at Devizes School for 22 years is moving to St. John's School in Marlborough. We thank Mr Trowbridge for his dedication and service to the school staff and pupils over these many years as Mathematics teacher but also as an Assistant Head, senior member of staff and governor. We wish him every success in his new school.
- **Mrs Winterburn** is also retiring after 22 years at Devizes School. Mrs Winterburn has been an inspirational teacher of Health and Social Care and Leader of Vocational Studies in the sixth form for many years, helping students achieve some the most outstanding results in the country.
- **Mrs Eichenberger** is retiring at the end of the academic year. Mrs Eichenberger has been teaching Modern Languages (French) at Devizes School for 17 years as Head of Modern Languages. We have really appreciated her experience and leadership in the department over this time and wish her every happiness in her retirement.
- After five years leading the Art department very successfully **Miss Lay** has secured a new Head of Department post near Bristol where she now lives and we wish her every success in her new school.
- After 3 years at Devizes School as Deputy Head of Maths and acting Head of Maths for 6 months, **Mr Mason** has secured a promoted position as a Head of Maths at a school in Somerset.

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Dates for your diary.....

JULY 2007

23rd Activities Day
24th Activities Day
25th Last Day of Term 6

SEPTEMBER 2007

3rd TD Day
4th Year 7 & Year 12 return to School
5th Whole School returns

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www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk

- **Miss Day** has been teaching PE at Devizes School for 3 years and has secured a promoted post as Head of Girls PE at the John of Gaunt School in Trowbridge.
- **Miss Hall** is leaving us to join a school in Bath. Miss Hall has been teaching in the English department for three years and has been the Literacy coordinator and has been the acting Deputy Head of English this year.
- **Mrs Wilson** (Science) has secured a promoted post at a school in Dorset. Mrs Wilson started her teaching career at Devizes School two years ago.
- **Dr Blasco** has been with us for one year as a teacher of Business Studies and Economics. He is moving to a brand new school in Bristol.
- **Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Temlett** will all be leaving at the end of term after helping us in the English department over the last year.
- **Mrs Simpson** will be leaving us at the end of the term after working on a temporary contract at Devizes School since January in the Religious Studies department.
- **Mrs Cantwell** will also be leaving at the end of the term after helping the Geography department on a part-time basis for the last four terms.
- **Miss Roberts** is on maternity leave from the end of this term. We wish her every success and good health in the next few months.

On behalf of the staff at Devizes School I wish you all a happy and relaxing break over the summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September; rested and ready for the exciting year ahead.

Mr Irons
Headteacher



What makes Devizes special?

A lecture by Dr Lorna Haycock

Saturday 28th July

Devizes Town Hall - 2.30p.m.
£5.00 (Tickets available from
Wiltshire Heritage Museum)
01380 727369



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