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Joe Hutchinson wins Home International Combined Events Schools Fixture

Joe confirmed his abilities as a winning athlete again in Glasgow recently by being a member of the England U16's victorious combined events team and by winning the individual competition.

The day was intensive; the first event, the hurdles, started at 10.45am and continued with just 30 minutes between events. The English Schools competition in September, we understand, allowed one hour recovery!

Joe managed a personal best of 8.97 in the 80m hurdles, but was 6th fastest. This race was Joe's last over this distance and hurdle height and it has been rather cramped for his 1.96m personal height. The coming year's competition over 100m and 91cm hurdles should be more comfortable and quicker for him.

In the next event, the long jump, Joe achieved a personal best and this time his 6.30m put him comfortably in the lead overall. The second position jump by Michael Downie of Scotland was 5.98m. Joe has considerable potential to improve in this event because he sat back on both the jumps that were measured.

The 200m followed, Joe's gold medal event at English Schools, fortunately he had the fourth lane allowing him a less sharp bend on the really high

looking banking. He had a little difficulty adjusting his back straight speed to the second bend and those inside made a metre or so on his lead, but he won convincingly in 23.28 from Anthony Young of Scotland in 23.50. Joe did not win the fourth event, the shot putt, but his 12.84 enabled him to go into the last event, the 800m with a 200 point lead.

The limited recovery time between events and the replacement of the high jump with the 200m inevitably brought competitors to the final event short of energy. Joe did not contest the lead in his heat, but remained close enough to the leaders with even pace running and a last lap 4 seconds faster, to win overall with 3293 points and by 88 points from Michael Downie from Scotland and Cameron Irwin, also in the England team, who recorded 3146 points.

*This was a fantastic achievement for Joe, who has worked extremely hard at his athletics over the past few years and we are very proud of his status as **British Champion**.*

PE Department

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Dates for your diary.....

JANUARY 2008

- 11th Y10 Pencelli Trip returns
- 17th Year 10 Parents' Evening
4.00pm
- 21st Prospective 6th Form
Parents' Evening -
7.00pm
- 28th KS4 Options Evening
7.00pm
- 30th Governors' Meeting
6.15pm

FEBRUARY 2008

- 7th Y9 Parents' Evening
4.00pm

FROM IBIZA ...TO DEVIZES

In order to forget the miserable winter weather, Year 8 have been studying the language of travel brochures! Students were asked to write a brochure entry for Devizes, to sell it to potential holiday makers. Here is a short sample of the fantastic results.

Other students who wrote high level entries include **Matthew Dean** (a talent to watch for in the future in creative writing - a potential novelist?), **Pritika Patel**, **Tessa Horton**, **Wesley Schorah**, **Jordan Horrocks** and **Kate Moore**.

VISIT DEVIZES!

In the very heart of Wiltshire, carved into its stunning countryside, lies Devizes. With its historical buildings and traditional market, Devizes is the place to be.

- *Stroll down the breathtaking Caen Hill Locks or relax in the glamorous Bear Hotel, with some of the most appetising food you can imagine.*
- *Have a pint of Wadworth's traditional ales.*
- *Uncover the secrets of Roundway Hill or enjoy the fantastic shops with excellent prices.*

Visit Devizes' bountiful Christmas market and be astonished by the turning on of the beautiful Christmas lights and vibrant fireworks. Relax at the glorious Green or be amazed at the town's dizzy fair!

By Harry Dobson

DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2008
7PM AT DEVIZES SCHOOL**

Mr Irons is keen to hear your views on the new links with South Africa and Spain and the future of exchange visits in education.

Look forward to seeing you there!

CROSSING PATROL VACANCY

Parents and pupils may have noticed that the lollipop man (Crossing Patroller) has not been present on the Southgate roundabout since late June. Despite attempts to find a replacement, no-one has come forward to do this important job. However, the Council has had many calls about the safety of children at this crossing. If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be, please contact **Mr Tamin, Crossing Patrol Manager at Wiltshire County Council on 01225 713580**

SUDOKU

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

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

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8	5	3	6	1	4	2	9	7

Welcome to New Teachers

We are delighted to welcome 4 new teaching staff to Devizes School this term. We wish them every success as they take up their new posts.

- **Miss Mitchell**, Teacher of English (NQT) has been appointed to replace Miss Sorrell
- **Mr Jarvis**, teacher of English has been appointed to cover Dr Harrison who will be starting her maternity leave in mid January.
- **Mrs Windridge**, SEN teacher has been appointed to replace Mrs Hepworth during her four term sabbatical.
- **Mrs Hutchinson**, teacher of mathematics has been appointed to replace Mrs Wilson.

Miss Mitchell



Mr Jarvis



Mrs Windridge



Mrs Hutchinson



INTER HOUSE RUGBY - YEAR 7 BOYS

The new Year 7's took to the new house events very well in their first attempt. The Vice Captains took to the task of organising their teams in a mature fashion and made sure all teams were pumped and ready for action.

The day started with a briefing from Mr Cocks and Mr Hammond before all the games got underway. All games were played in excellent spirit and in the correct competitive, but sportsmanship style.

The 'A' competition saw the best of the year group compete in an excellent display of rugby, demonstrating all the new skills they have learnt in these first two terms. The 'B' competition allowed some of the "new to rugby" players to represent their house with desire and determination making it a spectacle to behold.

After the tournament, Master in Charge of rugby and the organiser of the event, Mr Murdoch, had this to say...

"My favourite sport at school was rugby. All sports are about teamwork, but rugby in particular is about teamwork and I think teamwork is the essence of this event... well done to all who competed"

Mr Cocks

Year 9 Basketball Inter-House Competition

Congratulations to all the Year 9 girls who played in the Basketball Inter-House competition last term.

The Vice Captains, **Anna North (K)**, **Amelia Knight (G)**, **Sophie Ottaway (T)** and **Sophie Wotton (M)** organised an A, B, C and D team to take part in their house competition.

The competition was fought closely between Ghandi and Mandela 'C' teams for a joint third place and King and Teresa fought it out for joint first place for the 'A' team. The 'B' team saw Ghandi win by 3 points over Mandela. Teresa won for the 'C' tournament and Mandela won the 'D' tournament followed closely by Teresa in second place.

Everyone taking part contributed to the overall success of the competition, their team work and good organisation was much appreciated by staff. A special congratulations for Teresa house who were the overall champions!

SWIMMING EXTRAVAGANZA!

The Year 8 house events got off to an excellent start with a whole year group swimming gala, despite a few too many non-participants, the rest of the year group responded very well to some healthy competition.

The atmosphere around pool side was excellent, each house cheered on their fellow competitors with enthusiasm and energy. Each band of swimmers competed in a series of events including skill challenges and swimming in teams of 2, 3 and 4. Overall this was a highly successful event with all who took part enjoying themselves and representing their house valiantly.

Special recognition should be given to the overall winners, Teresa house, who despite being let down badly by a number of participants, they still entered the competition with an excellent "never say die" attitude, they managed to enter all events despite a weakened team and demonstrated excellent team work skills, allowing them to top the final results table. Well done the competing Teresa participants!

The final results table:-

1st	Teresa
2nd	Gandhi
3rd	King
4th	Mandela

Thanks to all PE and support staff who helped with the running of the event.

Mr Cocks

DEVIZES XTRA HOUSE POINTS

(After Term 1)

Ghandi	301 points
Mandela	295 points
Teresa	254 points
King	249 points



Well done to all those who have participated in Devizes Xtra - Term 2 is currently being calculated.

1 point for attending the club and an extra point if you have attended over 60% during the term.

Mrs Strickland

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