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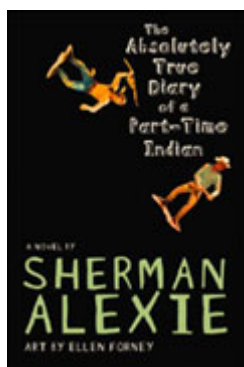


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NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2008

2008 is the National Year of Reading. To celebrate the start of an exciting year, the English Department would like to look back on the year that was and recommend the top reads of 2007.

Over the following weeks, we will issue a range of books to suit all tastes, especially useful for anyone who received a book token for Christmas!



[THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN](#)

Sherman Alexie

Little, Brown for Young Readers

ISBN: 9780316013680

Ages 12-up

240 pages

In his first book for young adults, bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, an aspiring cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the reservation to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.



[BEFORE I DIE](#)

Jenny Downham

David Fickling Books/Random House

ISBN: 9780385751551

Ages 12-up

330 pages

Tessa has just months to live. Fighting back against hospital visits, endless tests and drugs with excruciating side-effects, Tessa compiles a list. It's her To Do Before I Die list. And number one is Sex. Released from the constraints of "normal" life, Tessa tastes new experiences to make her feel alive while her failing body struggles to keep up. Tessa's feelings, her relationships with her father and brother, her estranged mother, her best friend and her new boyfriend, all are painfully crystallised in the precious weeks before Tessa's time finally runs out.

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Dates for your diary.....

JANUARY 2008

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

15th School Ski Trip
15th - 23rd February

END OF TERM HOLIDAY
18th February - 22nd February

25th **Whole School Returns**



Lions Club of Devizes Sports Coaching Weekend 29th & 30th March 2008

Are you in year groups 7 or 8?

Why not try out a new sport – there are 14 to choose from:

Archery

Athletics, Track & Field

Badminton

Canoe Training

Golf

Gymnastics

Hockey

Horse Riding

Mountain Biking



Poolside Diving

Squash

Sync Swimming

Table Tennis

Trampolining

**Two sessions at any sport for £5
(Except Horse Riding £10 for one session)**

Qualified Coaches

£200 Prize to the school with the best percentage participation.

Entry forms will be distributed shortly by your form tutor, however if you have missed out please ask for a copy. Completed forms should be returned by 1st February.

SUDOKU

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Solution to last issue's puzzle:

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YEAR 9 GIRLS' BASKETBALL

On Wednesday 9th January, the Year 9 girls hosted a team from Abbeyfield School to play the return basketball fixture that they had before Christmas.

The match started very slowly with both teams suffering from the Christmas break and neither team scoring in the first few minutes. However, after a couple of substitutions, the Devizes team started to put a few plays together and ended the first quarter 14 - 2 up. As the game progressed the Devizes team got better and better. After the second quarter, Devizes had stretched their lead to 26 - 6. The third quarter finished 54 - 8 and the final score was 73 - 12.

I was extremely pleased with the girls performances as each had raised their game throughout the match and worked on developing their skills. With one game to go in the league, the Year 9 girls are unbeaten and hopefully heading for league winners.

Scorers of the match: **Sophie Ottaway 31 points, Hannah Sedgwick 26 points, Anna Lyons 10 points, Hayley Chan 4 points, Maddie Elliott 2 points.**

Miss Beck **The final results were:-**

YEAR 9 INTER-HOUSE BOYS' HOCKEY

On a dark wet windy Thursday morning, Year 9 boys took to the Astro Turf to compete in their first inter-house event.

All the boys had organised their respected teams and were ready to commence in a fiercely competitive 'round robin' tournament.

The rain continued to fall throughout the whole tournament, however, this did not deter from excellent individual performances from **Aaron Chivers** and **Dan Jones**, who lead their team very convincingly. **Rory Collins** also showed excellent defensive skills, whilst **Ashley Huntley** demonstrated some clinical finishing.

The tournament was played in an excellent fashion with all games and points being fought for in a competitive but controlled manner. Everyone who played done well to battle the elements as well as continue to show at times some brilliant hockey.

WILTSHIRE SCHOOLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Early December saw the hosting of the Year 7 Wiltshire Schools Netball Tournament at Devizes School. In the group 'A' competition, places were heavily fought as after 4 matches, four schools were tied in first place. Devizes, who were unfortunate to loose their first match, went on to win all their other matches convincingly showing evident improvement throughout the day. In the 'B' competition, Devizes faced some tough competition, but showed impressive team spirit and produced some very pleasing performances.

Results:- 'A' team - Runners Up
'B' team - 6th place

This year the tournament was co-ordinated and umpired by students. The standard of umpiring was very impressive and many positive comments were made by staff and parents on the level of professionalism shown by the girls.

**HUGE thanks to all the umpires involved:-
Lucy Baross, Katie Baross, Hannah Sedgewick,
Bryony Hutchings, Claire Balmer, Rachel Holmshaw,
Sophie Ottaway and Steph Bridewell.**

'A' Competition:

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

'B' Competition:

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

Well done to all the boys and all the vice captains who helped organise the teams.

Mr Cocks

PARENT GROUP 100 CLUB **Terms 1 & 2 Prize Draw**

The three winners were selected on Saturday
12th January 2008

1st Prize	£100	07019	R D Wright
2nd Prizes	£40	07007	Davina Squire
3rd Prize	£20	07015	C Wiltshire

Winners will receive prize cheques in the post.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Mrs V Wiltshire for Devizes School Parent Group

Fixture List (to date) for Terms 3 and 4

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