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During Fairtrade fortnight (February 25th to March 8th), Devizes School are having a quiz night on **Wednesday 5th March**. The questions will be on all different categories from sport through to famous faces but will include a round on Fairtrade.

There will be fair-trade refreshments (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) available on the night as well as a fair-trade stall and raffle.

The evening starts at **7.30pm**, will finish at approximately 10pm and will take place in the **Main Hall of Devizes School**.

Teams (of up to 6 people) can be entered by calling and booking a place with Paula or Andrea on:

07986278285
07843904354

Alternatively you can just turn up on the night.

Entry costs £12 per team.

Please support our school and Fairtrade by coming along on the evening.

REMINDER - TD DAYS

Confirmation of TD Days for the remainder of this academic year:-

Tuesday 25th March 2008
Wednesday 23rd April 2008

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Dates for your diary.....

MARCH 2008

3rd - 7th March
House Assembly Week

5th Y10 Aimhigher Day
(Bath University)

6th Y11 Photographs

12th - 14th Year 9 SATS Mocks

13th - 15th Battlefields Trip

21st Good Friday

24th Easter Monday

25th TD DAY

26th Governors' Meeting
6.15pm

APRIL 2008

2nd Spring Music Concert

3rd Y12 Parents' Evening
4.00pm

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www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk

YEAR 9 SATs TESTS

More simple tips to make revision easier:-

Give yourself the best chance:-

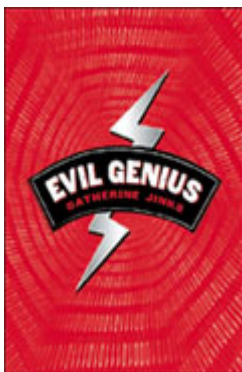
The tests are going to happen, whatever you do. So you might as well give yourself the very best chance to do well. So:

- Don't rush your revision. Give yourself enough time, so that you do yourself justice in the tests.
- Speak to your teachers - they can help you. Ask for past papers and explanations on things you don't understand.
- Don't force yourself to keep revising if you're not taking it in. Take a break and come back to it after 10 minutes.
- Drink plenty of water. It sounds crazy but it hydrates the brain and makes it easier to learn. It really works!
- And get plenty of sleep. That's not nagging. It's simply giving you a head start.

More tips to follow next week...

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2008

(More recommendations)



EVIL GENIUS

Catherine Jinks

Harcourt Children's Books

ISBN: 9780152059880

Ages 12-up

496 pages

Cadel Piggott has a genius IQ and a fascination with systems of all kinds. At seven, he was illegally hacking into computers. Now he's 14 and studying for his World Domination degree, taking classes like embezzlement, misinformation, forgery and infiltration at the institute founded by criminal mastermind

Dr. Phineas Darkkon. Although Cadel may be advanced beyond his years, at heart he's a lonely kid. When he falls for the mysterious and brilliant Kay-Lee, he begins to question the moral implications of his studies for the first time. But is it too late to stop Dr. Darkkon from carrying out his evil plot?



FLORA SEGUNDA

Ysabeau S. Wilce

Harcourt Children's Books

ISBN: 9780152054335

Ages 12-up

448 pages

Flora Fyrdraaca knows better than to take shortcuts in her family home, Crackpot Hall --- the house has 11,000 rooms, and ever since her mother banished the magical butler, those rooms move around at random. But Flora is late for school, so she takes the unpredictable elevator anyway. This turns out

to be a *huge* mistake. Lost in her own house, she stumbles upon the long-banished butler --- and into a mind-blowing muddle of intrigue and betrayal that changes her world forever.



UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge ("IMC") 2008

The results, in order, for this year's IMC were as follows (year group in brackets):-

Gold Certificates

William Hector (10)
Amy Palmer (10)
Michael Wraw (10)

Silver Certificates

Milo Edwards (9)
Rory Wiltshire (9)
Christopher Lloyd (10)
Jack Goodenough (9)
Anna North (9)
Amy Case (10)
Edwin Day (9)
Seth Thurlow (9)

Bronze Certificates

Stephanie Bridewell (10)
Aaron Dyer (9)
Stefan Rossi (9)
Joseph Hutchinson (10)
Lewis Privett (10)
Laura Christopher (9)
Andrew Bills (10)
Sophie Wootton (9)
Bradley Stone (9)

"Best in School" was awarded to William Hector.

Many congratulations to everyone that took part and in particular those pupils who received certificates this year.

Mrs Fisher

Thinking Skills Revision Day Monday 31st March 2008 P5 & 6

The whole of Year 11 will be involved in a Thinking Skills based revision afternoon during P5 & 6 on this day. This session is aimed to provide useful revision skills that students can use in all of their lessons.

Students will normally be taking part in PE during these lessons and so will not need their PE kit.

They must report to the following areas immediately after registration on the 31st March:

Sports Hall

11KES
11SWH
11VCM

Main Hall

11EJW
11DCJ
11NBS

Miss Marshall

DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP MEETING

The next Parent Group meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March at 7.00pm in Room A2.

The discussion subject will be Devizes School's Fairtrade Initiative.

All welcome...

Mrs Valerie Wiltshire
Parent Group Chair

English Revision Sessions... for target grade C students

Please note that these sessions will be running from 3pm to 3.45pm in B16 on the Mondays shown on the timetable you have received.



Mrs Carpenter

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Thursday 14th February saw the last of the basketball fixtures for this year.

The Year 9's who had been unbeaten this year were desperately let down by team members at the last minute and had to travel away to Malmesbury School with only 4 players. Malmesbury had been our toughest opponents so far and the girls were very apprehensive before the game.

However, Devizes were 'fired up' by the loss of their players and channelled their frustrations towards the game. After the first quarter they were 12 - 6 ahead and never looked back. At the end of each quarter they had stretched their lead and the final score of 44 - 16 was testament to their hard work.

The girls were therefore League Champions for 2008. Well done!

Players: **Sophie Ottaway** - 20 points
Hannah Sedgewick - 20 points
Helen Pettersson - 2 points
Beth Collins - 2 points

At the same venue the Sixth Form girls also had the last of their fixtures. This was a much tighter match with both the teams slow to start. The first quarter ended with Devizes narrowly ahead 4 - 3. However, they ended the second quarter without conceding any points and scoring 8 of their own.

Again the third quarter saw them stretch away by scoring another 13 points to their 4 for the quarter.

The final score was 33 - 11 to Devizes and again they were unbeaten for the season.

Miss Beck

SQUASH

A junior squash league is about to start at the Leisure Centre. If any students are interested, please pick up a leaflet from the Leisure Centre or from our Squash Coach.

Swimming Congratulations....

Abbie Moss, 9HLB took part in the Wiltshire Sprints in Swindon on 3rd February.

Abbie swam really well and received the following medals in the 14 year old age group:-

Butterfly	1st place	GOLD
Freestyle	2nd place	SILVER
Backstroke	3rd place	BRONZE

Abbie was also placed 3rd in the Junior Championship (U15) for the Butterfly.

WELL DONE!

SUDOKU

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

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Solution to last issue's puzzle:

5	9	6	4	8	1	3	2	7
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