



**DEVIZES  
SCHOOL**  
A SPORTS COLLEGE

# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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## South African Visit to Devizes and Wiltshire

Devizes School was very pleased to welcome Mr Bennett Phatswane and Mr Andrew Molelekeng from Mosupatsela Secondary School for the week beginning 3rd March 2008. During the week the other Link South Africa teachers from Avon Valley College in Salisbury and Kingdown Community School in Warminster joined Devizes School in various visits and activities.

Our visitors arrived early on Sunday morning at Heathrow Airport and were then taken for a whistle-stop tour of London including the Changing of the Guard, a flight on the London Eye, a visit to Parliament Square and the new statue of Nelson Mandela, Wembley Stadium and Horse Guards Parade.



The next three days were spent in school visiting a wide variety of lessons. Their first port of call was a visit to the Mandela House assembly where our guests were interviewed by our students on the great man himself. A tour of the school with our Sporting Ambassadors, Lucas Clements, Luke Bonome-Davis, Bryony Hutchings and Charlotte Keen, gave them a good picture of the school in action. Both teachers were able to visit their respective second subjects and were very impressed by what they saw in History and Science.



Later in the week they were able to have lots of interactive sessions with students in History, Geography and Languages where students were able to ask questions about South Africa and even learn the basics of the local language, Tswana.

The African handshake and basic greetings went down well with many teachers and students being able to greet them with a Dumelang or Dumela!

Our visitors were also able to meet some of the governors and our Chair of Governors, Ian Halpin, as well as attend a Senior Leadership Team meeting and talk with many students and staff around the school.

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### Dates for your diary.....

#### MARCH 2008

- 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

#### EASTER HOLIDAY

Mon 7th April - Friday 18th April

- 21st Whole school returns

- 23rd TD Day



On Thursday and Friday we were able to show them some of the local sights of Wiltshire and in particular Devizes Town.

Friday morning saw some of the Year 7 girls put on an African dance piece with music from the Lion King. We were then very fortunate to be treated to three of the teachers putting on an impromptu African dance and a traditional African song where we all joined in.

The Future

The plans for the future include projects with Maths and Geography and use of data transfer as well as using information about Kagiso and its surrounding environment as a place to study.



Students will be learning about each other through annual pen portfolios.

A visit is planned in the first year, for some of our Year 12 Sports Leaders, linking with Sports Leaders in their school to run a festival in South Africa, for all the three schools involved and some primary schools. A similar visit back to England for their South African Sports Leaders is being planned. We hope the visits will take place in February and September 2009 respectively.

**Mrs Carpenter's Target Grade C English Revision Sessions**



The next session is on **Monday 31st March at 3pm.**

Thanks to students who are already coming and if you are target grade C, come and join us in B16 on 31st March. Sessions are an intense 45 minute burst of hard work. Sweets have been mentioned, but not yet materialised - they may on the 31st.....

.... who misses these sessions.

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**SUDOKU**

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

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# FILM STUDIES



Film Studies is an interesting and diverse course at 'A' level. It takes in elements of Sociology, Media, Literature, Language and Politics. For example, in Year 13 students study film and gender and look at representation of masculinity and femininity in films.

Here, in extracts from her grade 'A' essay, **Laura Thomas** superbly explores these representations in James Bond films and how they have changed.

I thought you might enjoy such high level analysis. Laura is to study film and journalism at University and is writing right at the top of 'A' grade in paragraphs from her excellent essay.

Mrs Carpenter

*“Women want him, men want to be him. This catchy and witty tagline immediately hints at what is expected from a James Bond character. It also suggests that he is irresistible to women, which is clearly shown throughout the films.*

*Each Bond actor over the years brought a different brand of masculinity to the role, whether it is Sean Connery's 'alpha-male' image, Pierce Brosnan's 'unmissable hair and well tailored elegance' or Daniel Craig's 'tough, blunt sexiness'. Although these qualities may be appealing to a woman, a James Bond film, packed full of action and gadgets is not traditionally targeted at a female audience, as the appearance of beautiful women through cinema continuously shows”.*

*“Pierce Brosnan in 'Die Another Day' gives the audience another interpretation of masculinity as a calm and confident charmer with a sense of humour. Despite being an older Bond, his good looks and 'tame, physical attributes' allow the viewer to connect with him as the next James Bond”.*

*“The character of Jynx (Halle Berry) is not a stereotypical bond girl. Beautiful, but feisty and sassy, the audience realise she can hold her own in the male dominated world and as we learn she is a spy, she gains our respect”. The first time we see Jynx is through James Bond's binoculars, as if we are watching wildlife. As she emerges from the sea, a slow motion technique is used to let the viewer see the whole of her body and that this is the focus of the scene. The bikini she is wearing is revealing, complimenting her dark and exotic skin. As Jinx walks towards the beach, shaking her hips in a subtle yet seductive way, her head is almost out of shot, making the suggestion that at this point, identity is not important and that her body is shown for male pleasure and entertainment”.*

*“Daniel Craig, perhaps the most surprising casting for the James Bond character, offers a different alternative to masculinity than both Sean Connery and Pierce Brosnan. Alison Gilmore says that Craig is a 'perfect icon for 21st century manhood' and that he can 'burn up the screen with testosterone'. The suggestion is that Daniel Craig is, like the other Bonds, good looking and charming, but will bring something new and updated to the role”.*

## Election of Parent Governor of Devizes School

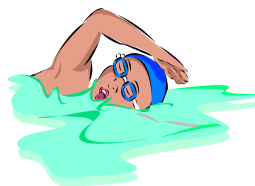
As a result of the recent election, Mrs Kathryn Collis has been elected to the Governing Body for a four year period of office. The number of votes cast for each candidate was as follows:-

Mrs Kathryn Collis	37 votes
Mr David Thorp	24 votes

Gill Wheeler, Clerk to the Governors

**SPORTS TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS**  
**WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2008**Timetable:-

8.45am	Year 10
9.15am	Year 7
9.35am	Year 8
9.55am	Year 9
10.45am	Year 11
11.15am	Mixed photos: Skiing Gymnastics Trampolining Badminton Cross Country Basketball
11.35am	Sixth Form

**Swimming  
congratulations...**

Abigail Moss, 9HLB who took part in the Wilts County Age Group Championships on 1st, 2nd and 8th March. She gained 5 personal best times. She received the following medals in the 14 year old age group:

100m Butterfly	3rd place	<b>Bronze</b>
50m Butterfly	2nd place	<b>Silver</b>

Abbie was placed 4th in the Junior Championship (U15 for the 50m Butterfly).  
50m Backstroke 2nd place **Silver**

She was placed 5th in the Junior Championship (U15) 50m backstroke and 6th in the Championship for the 50m Backstroke.

Well done to Abbie who has put many hours into her sport and has deservedly achieved placings in 2 age groups.

**SIXTH FORM BASKETBALL TEAM PROGRESS**  
**TO LAST 16 IN THE NATIONALS!**

On Friday the Sixth Form basketball team beat Quinton Kynaston from London 85 - 53 to gain a well deserved place in the last 16 of the National Championships against Winchester College.

Devizes took an early 7 point lead through Captain **Sam Ottaway** and **Nathan Thompson**. Full court pressure by the home side did not allow the Londoners to settle and by half time, Devizes led 42-16. The second half allowed the substitutes to gain some valuable court time with **Nathan Elliott** and **Francis May** making valuable contributions. **Matthew Jones** and **Sam Ottaway** led by experience and with Harry Williams high work levels, the team finished the game comfortably.

Scorers:

**Sam Ottaway 25, Matt Jones 19, Joe Buckley 16. Nathan Thompson 8, Harry Williams 7, Stefan Gospodinov 4, Daniel Lock 4, Francis May 2.**

*Next game: Winchester College*

Mr Herring

**Dorset & Wilts Emerging Schools Rugby Festival**

On a bright but windy day, the Year 7 rugby team joined with 21 other schools to take part in the 'Emerging Schools Festival'.

In the first stages, the Year 7 did not lose a game, beating Branstone 4 tries to nil, Castledown 4 tries to nil and drawing to All Saints, 2 all.

Having gained a place in the top pool for the afternoon, the team played the eventual winners in their first game. Bournemouth proved to be too strong and Devizes lost by 4 tries to nil. In a close game with St. Michael's, another loss, but only by 1 try, made winning their group a tough task.

However, the team fought hard to beat Allen Border and in their final game lost to Hardenhuish by 1 try. Overall, the team came 4th out of 22 teams!

**Bradley Hill** scored 8 times, **Joe Merritt** 2 tries and **Grant Bridewell** and **Josh Lewis** scored 1 try a piece. Other members of the squad were:

**Guy Davies (Capt), Jack Dowse, Dean Nield, William Musgrove, Jack Wilson, Ben Poulton, Jack Dixon, Robbie Cordell-Blake, Paul Peacock, Greg Bowen and Ashlie Chapman.**

Mr Herring

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