



DEVIZES SCHOOL
A SPORTS COLLEGE

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Devizes School take National Basketball Title

Seven years of hard work culminated in Devizes School Sixth Form basketball team winning the English Schools Under 19 Basketball Championships at Nottingham on Saturday.

The team qualified for back to back Final Fours by beating Capital City Academy from London by 88 to 75 on Thursday leaving little time to prepare for their second visit to the National Championships.

Last season the team lost to Beauchamp from Leicester by 8 points in the final and so after a hard season were given a second opportunity to become National Champions.

In their first game in Nottingham the team were drawn against King Edward VI school from Aston, Birmingham. In a shortened game the scores remained close all the way through with Devizes leading, but never being able to finish off a skilful Birmingham side. With 6 seconds to go, the scores were tied and extra time seemed to be inevitable. However, **Matthew Jones** received a pass outside the 3 point arc and immediately shot the ball which sailed through the ring. At that stage Birmingham could not reply and a place in the final for the second year running was gained.

In the other semi final Lady Lumley's school from North Yorkshire beat Allyn's school from London. Devizes beat Lady Lumley's last year in a very close semi final game, so both teams knew what to expect in the final.

The final game was a full length game which was going to test fitness levels of all players.

Devizes started well with a 4 point lead but Lady Lumley's hit back with 3 quick baskets to take a 2 point lead. Lady Lumley played a very intense physical game which gave Devizes numerous visits

to the free throw line where they were scoring 50% of their free shots.

At the end of the first period Devizes had a 3 point lead but this changed to a 4 point loss at half time. Immediately after half time, Lady Lumley increased the score to a 7 point lead but a full court pressing defence and strong drives to basket allowed Devizes to get back the lead by 7 going into the final period. Both teams suffered from foul trouble in the final period which tested the strength of the depths of both squads. Substitutes from Devizes showed great character and composure to maintain the lead and finish overall winners by 73 - 66.

Team members (points in final in brackets) : **Sam Ottaway** - Captain (5), **Matt Jones** (24), **Joe Buckley** (12), **Daniel Lock** (14), **Harry Williams** (8), **Nathan Thompson** (2), **Francis May**, **Lucas Clements**, **Nathan Elliott** (8). **Stefan Gospodinov** played in the preliminary rounds but could not play in the finals due to medical reasons.

At the presentations, players received medals, certificates, a shield and a golden basketball as it is the English Schools Basketball Association's Jubilee year.



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Dates for your diary.....

MAY 2008

12th May - 20th June
GCE Exams

14th May - 23rd June
GCSE Exams

21st Governors' Meeting
6.15pm

23rd Sixth Form Prom
Last Day of Term 5

Mon 26th May - Friday 30t May
Holiday

JUNE 2008

2nd School returns

18th Sports Photos P5 & P6

24th Y11 Prom
Cumberwell Park

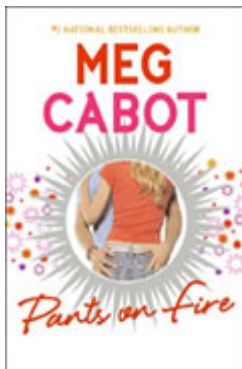
27th Y11 & Y13 Clearance Day

Congratulations to all Year 7 pupils who took part in Line Dancing for LEPRA in March. The total raised has been confirmed at £517.15.



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2008

(Another recommendation)



PANTS ON FIRE
Meg Cabot
 HarperTeen
 ISBN: 9780060880156
 Ages 12-up
 272 pages



Katie Ellison knows she shouldn't be making out behind her boyfriend's back. She should probably admit that she can't stand eating quahogs (clams), especially since she's running for Quahog Princess in her hometown's annual Quahog Festival. And it would be a relief to finally tell someone what really happened the night *Tommy Sullivan is a freak* was spray-painted on the new wall outside the junior high school gymnasium. When Tommy Sullivan returns to the town he left four years ago, Katie is sure he's out for revenge, and she'll do anything to hang on to her perfect (if slightly dishonest) existence.

SUDOKU

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

Solution to last issue's puzzle:




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1	9	8	6	7	4	3	2	5
7	6	5	3	8	2	4	9	1
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KS3 MUSIC CONCERT

We had a fantastic response this year for the KS3 House Competition, with a lot of instrumentalists and singers taking part in the heats.

From each heat, the winners were as follows:-

Hannah Robertson	Keyboard/Piano (Beginners group)	
Abigail Ibbetson	Singing (Year 7 joint)	
Martha Thorpe	Woodwind (Beginners group)	
Amy Holt	String (Intermediate group)	
Kate Moore	Singing (Year 8 group)	
Rebecca Hanney	Guitar (Overall winner)	
Ben Starling	Woodwind (Advanced group)	
Toby Hodder	String (Advanced group)	
Brogan Farr	Singing (Year 9 group)	
Anthony Kinderman	String (Intermediate group)	
Lydia McDonald	Singing (Year 7 joint)	
Chloe Moxham	Keyboard/Piano (Intermediate group)	

The winner of the competition was Ben Starling on his saxophone and the runner up was Lydia McDonald.

Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Basketball Success!

Sophie Ottaway, 9MDH, has had a very successful year in Basketball and we congratulate her on the following achievements:-

October 07 - Sophie captained the U14 South West Squad at the Inter-Regional Tournament at Lilleshall, Shropshire.

March 08 - Selected and played for South West Squad at the McDonalds Cup Tournament in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

May 08 - played in final fours County Finals at Nottingham University.

Sophie has been selected for the U15 South West Squad to play in Gniezno, Poland in July.

Congratulations to Sophie on all her achievements and good luck from the PE Department!



Calling all 6th Formers

Would you like to earn some money during a week of the summer holiday's (18th - 22nd August 2008) and have some fun at the same time?

Then why not join the Camp Xtra team as a helper. We are now recruiting assistants to help with;

- Sports
- Literacy/Numeracy support
- General Duties

If you are interested, please write to **Mr Murdoch** explaining what area you would like to help with and why you feel you would be an asset to the Camp Xtra team.

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