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July 2005



Maths & Computing

The end of the School year was made up of a very positive, lively, dynamic mixture of events. I hope this Newsletter will give you a flavour of some of the things that have been happening. We say goodbye to members of staff leaving at the end of term: Carol Vaughan retires as Deputy Head, but will return in September to teach Geography part-time; Linda Cameron (Music) is retiring from teaching; Frances Cave (French) is leaving the teaching profession; Penny Fuller (Food Studies) has recently married and is moving to Germany; Carol Ashby-Rudd is taking up a teaching post in Dorset; Anna Read (Psychology) will work as a clinical psychologist; Anne Smith (Drama) is to study for a Master's degree in London; Joanne Argyle (Maths) is now on maternity leave and expecting twins at any time. We wish them all well for the future. We are pleased to have recruited excellent, well-qualified staff for September and look forward to welcoming them.

Year 13 students had a very successful evening in the Guildhall at the Ball organized by the Friends of SWGS. We are sure their results will be excellent when they, as well as Years 11 and 12, receive them in August and we will be at school on Thursday and Friday 25 and 26 August to give them any advice needed about their next steps.

Year 10 students are to be congratulated on the excellent reports we have received for their Work Experience. This is the first year that Year 10 students have done this and terms like "mature", "sensible", "plenty of initiative", "friendly, positive, thoughtful, helpful" and "a real asset" are common on the employers' reports. Well done, Year 10.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been involved in a wide variety of activities over the last few weeks. Year 7 all had a week in either France or Germany, while Years 8 & 9 had History, Geography and Science trips, and various other activities which you will read about in this newsletter.

Thank you to all parents for their support during this School year. Term starts for Year 12 on **Thursday 1 September**, for Years 7 and 13 on **Friday 2 September 2005** and for the whole school on **Monday 5 September 2005**. (Mrs Stratton)

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End of
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Make Poverty History

On Friday 1st July, the day before the Live 8 concerts, students and staff from South Wilts Girls' Grammar School formed a giant human white band to show their support for the *Make Poverty History* campaign. The girls listened to an assembly highlighting the key issues of debt relief, aid and trade and were invited to wear white on Friday lunchtime and join hands to produce the human chain around the school's athletics track. Hundreds of girls, teaching and non-teaching staff were involved. The event was recorded using low-level aerial photography, thanks to SWGS parent Thomas Bryer of ATS Limited.



Mrs Poppleton with G4

Libby Poppleton—Finalist for Classic FM Award

South Wilts' very own Mrs Poppleton was one of the ten teachers honoured at the Classic FM Music Teacher of the Year Award ceremony, held at the New Theatre in Oxford. As a finalist, Libby has won a computer and Sibelius software, which helps with musical notation, for our school. She was also presented with a finalist's certificate by the opera group G4, of TV's Pop Idol.

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Aerodynamic Visit

On Wednesday 29th June, Dr Takeda from Southampton University School of Engineering came into our physics lesson to talk about making forms of transport more environmentally friendly. In particular, he told us how the A380 airbus has been built with more environmentally friendly methods than previous planes. We also helped his research into the use of Flight Simulator Software in lessons by participating in a test on the flight simulator itself.

Everyone found the lesson interesting, but we would like to have had more time on the flight simulator! We would all like to thank Dr Takeda and the science department for organising this fascinating experience. (Jessica Clarke and Emily Green Year 9)

Footnote from Mrs Jones

Girls from two Year 9 groups have also been helping Dr Takeda develop the Future Flight - Greener by Design website. This website allows people to take part in a prize-winning competition (running until the end of September at www.futureflight.org) to design a complete airliner and see how it performs in terms of cost, greenhouse gas emissions and noise, for the first time.



The girls used the website and according to Dr Takeda "provided invaluable feedback which will not only help us to improve our project for the school, but also for other schools across the UK." Also, Dr Takeda tells us that our input will have a global reach, as there are plans afoot to expand the competition to the USA next year.

Bishop Wordsworth's School - Language College

Would you be interested in either participating in or teaching an out of school hours language class at BWS? If so, could you please get in contact with Mrs Catherine Short, Language College administrator - 01722 333851. If you would be interested in joining a class, let her know. We are aiming to establish classes during the 2005-2006 academic year for parents and/or young people.



Museum Day

On Friday 20th May, twenty gifted and talented Year 8 girls attended a day long History workshop at Salisbury Museum. The sessions were led by Caroline Beasley, the museum's education officer.

During the morning the girls were presented with a series of archaeological challenges. These included the examination of settlement patterns and habitation remains. Girls were also able to examine actual Prehistoric finds and to make deductions from them. A lively debate ended each workshop. In the afternoon girls studied the skeletal remains of the first Prehistoric peoples to inhabit Salisbury Plain, speculating on causes of death and the nature of their burial.

This was an exciting and demanding investigation which will certainly be repeated. (Mr Dennis)

Spirited Arts 2005

RE Today (publication for RS teachers) ran the Spirited Arts Competition again this year. After receiving some wonderful entries last year, the RS department decided to join in the competition again with Year 8 pupils. The pupils could enter work on one of any of the four themes: **Inspiration, The Next Step, A Day to Remember, Where is God?**

Entry by
Sarah Beckett



Yet again, we had some amazing entries, each with a written explanation. Only five entries could be sent from each school, which was a difficult choice to make. After much deliberation, Mrs Owen and Mrs Hall chose entries from Jemma Moulard (8A), Hannah Grayer (8A), Sarah Beckett (8A), Rose Adams (8B) and Tamara Giles (8B). We wait to see if any of the pupils will have their work displayed on the website. Look out for their entries at the following address: <http://www.pcfre.org.uk/spiritedarts/>. (Mrs Hall)

Lower School Geography Trips

Cadbury World provided us with chocolate treats, but also an insight into the manufacturing process, links with Ghana, and the vision of Quaker families who had the welfare of their workers at the centre of their development of a greenfield site. The **orienteering trip** was challenging for Year 7 but they all found their way eventually and were rewarded with the delightful task of feeding kids (baby goats) and handling fluffy ducklings at **Longdown Dairy Farm**. Many thanks to the parents who accompanied us - your help is invaluable. (Mrs Smith)

Library News

Thank you to all the girls and parents who have supported the Scholastic Cover2Cover book club over the last year. It has enabled us to have free books for the library to the value of £570!

Also thank you to all those who collected Nestle Box Tops for us. This year we received £35 to buy books of our choice. So please keep collecting the coupons from Nestle cereal packets and send them into the Library. We have also received a number of kind donations of books recently. (Mrs Wood)

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Year 9 - Winchester and the Whitchurch Silk Museum

On Friday 24th June, 9A and 9B visited Historic Winchester with an added trip to see the equally historic working silk mill at Whitchurch on the River Itchen. The week's baking weather was starting to break and various groups were found taking refuge in different historic buildings around Winchester City. A poignant moment for one group was experienced in the small but historically significant church of St. Lawrence. Hidden away between other buildings and standing on the site of William the Conqueror's chapel, the girls were listening to the story of the ghost of Dame Alice Lisle. Just at the point where the story told of her beheading outside The Eclipse adjacent to the church, the loudest clap of thunder ever heard shook the whole building – so loud in fact that even the girls' squeaks and squeals were all but completely masked. Interestingly, after an absolute torrent of water fell from the heavens the same group was befriended by a pure white dove, instantly nicknamed Noah by the girls.

The silk mill, driven by the surging waters of the River Itchen, offered the girls a real time capsule of technological advancement of bygone years. The constant rattle and clang of looms running non-stop from a free power source (that we can only dream of now) demonstrated how early industrialists capitalised on all available resources. The girls learnt of the effect small industries had on local societies and how communities grew up around the factories. The Itchen divides and rejoins at the point where the mill was built, thus giving more control over water flow. Whitchurch itself is built on the resulting island.

Inside there were interactive exhibits and some girls tried their hand at weaving with paper. Numerous films and TV dramas have specified Whitchurch Silk for their period costumes and the girls were amazed by the 'wall of fame'. The proprietor of the mill was amazed by our girls' ability to devour every sticky cake and bun in the café - to the point where they had to send out for the local bakery to rapidly deliver further supplies; these too were quickly made to disappear by the second group to arrive at the mill during the afternoon. (Mr Crouch)

Year 7 Science Trip to The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew

The day dawned bright and clear (but not too hot) as the whole of Year 7 and their teachers set out for the annual visit to Kew Gardens. On arrival each tutor group followed its own route around the glass houses in pursuit of 'the variety of plants and their adaptations to their environment'. Everyone marvelled at the paintings by Marianne North. Many girls enjoyed finding out about the products such as tamarind that are produced from the plants grown in the Palm House. As usual we all had a lovely day, admiring both common and unusual plants. This year there were also stunning glass sculptures to enhance the settings of the plants. (Mrs Wrighton)

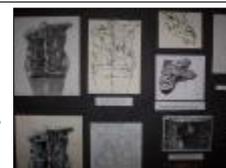
Year 8 Science Trip to @Bristol

After a lengthy coach trip we arrived in time to see the 3-D film Bugs at the IMAX. There were loud screeches as the spiders descended on silken threads apparently just within reach of our hands! After this we enjoyed visits to the Wildwalk, hands-on tasks in Explore and the Planetarium.

The day was marred by the inevitable traffic hold-ups getting into and out of Bristol but thank you to Year 8 for being so good natured about these delays. (Mrs Wrighton)

Art Exhibition 2005

The work from GCSE Students was displayed in Art rooms and in the Small Hall. We are always delighted with such high standards being produced from our students but this year's exhibition showed quite exceptional work from all three examining groups, with many students achieving full marks for both their coursework units and controlled tests. The Art Department was delighted that so many parents and students attended the Exhibition that evening. We are very proud of all our very talented students. (Miss Evans)



Fiona Brown-Hovelt

Technology Exhibition 2005

Design and Technology Exhibition

The annual exhibition of GCSE and A Level Design and Technology was opened on Tuesday 5th July at 7:00pm. A busy evening of guests and parents was followed by two days of open viewing by a gentle stream of parents and pupils past and present. Also our German Exchange visitors and September's prospective Year 7's all managed to find time to look around the wide range of projects on view.

Particularly popular this year was the stunning range of solid silver jewellery and presentation box in Rubberwood articulately constructed by Nicky Kaskow; a laminated full length rocking recliner chair by Poppy Lomax; a draughting table complete with light box and lift up lid that reveals a working drawing board with parallel motion made at South Wilts by BWS student Dan Mather; and a speciality bread cupboard complete with Nickel-Chrome spot welded bread shelves and etched glass doors by Jane Hammond.

The visiting Year 6's preferred the freestanding educational play easel by Emma Atkinson where it seemed that each one of them signed their name on the blackboard with chalk or used the magnetic letters. (Mr Crouch)



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Sixth Form Induction— for students joining the Sixth Form in September 2005 New Forest Orienteering

The key to a successful event is in its organisation – we're lucky enough to have one of the best organisers arranging our sixth form induction in the New Forest, Mr Jon Crouch, without whom the event could be a disaster! He knows the Forest like the back of his hand and mapped out five routes, setting out from Whitefields Moor, this year lunching at Gritnam and finishing with a short hike back to the coaches at the Reptile Centre. He was very ably supported by Mrs Phelps, Mr Wood, Mr Phillips and next year's Year 12 tutors, not forgetting Mr Goldsmith who sets up the training area.

The routes are all colour coded and Mr Crouch's paperwork for each group is carefully annotated with grid references and clues for the students to follow. The teams sorted themselves out with leaders, whistle blowers, map readers and compass holders, and started with a training session at Whitefields with Mr Wood and Mr Goldsmith. It all came flooding back to the D of E girls but confusion often reigned for the rest! But it's all in the name of having fun, team-building, getting to know each other and generally enjoying the trek through our beautiful woods. Mrs Stratton's idea of encouragement by lollipop went down very well, and all the teams happily went off with their sweets to keep them going. Mr Crouch always checks the routes beforehand and coaxes out as many adders, frogs and New Forest ponies as he can to make the morning more interesting; if there are none to be seen on the way, there are plenty at the Reptile Centre. Ask Mrs Wrighton, Mrs Phelps, Mrs Stammers or Mrs Nicholls about the large white pony who got too close for comfort!

The teams ended the day tired but happy. They should all be proud of themselves for successfully finishing. Everyone enjoyed the experience and made some new friends whom they will meet again on 1st September. We look forward to seeing everyone then, and thank Mr Crouch for all his hard work!
(Mrs Beckett, 6th Form Office)



It was all a bit too much for Mr Wood



Year 9 Visits to Portsmouth

Activities Week saw two Year 9 excursions run by the Technology department this year. On Monday 20th June 9E and 9N had Explore tickets for the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The (whistle-stop) tour took in HMS Warrior, HMS Victory, The Mary Rose and Mary Rose Museum, and the Maritime Museum. The heat was intense and the girls took shade by scrambling around the bowels of old ships and cannons. The girls discovered that Nelson's affinity for a drop of brandy became his final preservative and that the phrase "A square meal" came from plates designed not to roll off shelves when stacked on their edge. They discovered that historic events have developed the way they did through the use of the technology prevalent at the time and were able to make comparisons between historic boats that represent different eras. This trip was a fitting tribute to the Trafalgar 200 celebrations. (Mr Crouch)



German Exchange

Thirty-nine girls and three teachers from the Maria Ward School in Landau, Germany, have been on an exchange with girls and boys from South Wilts Grammar School/Bishop Wordsworth's School from 26th June to 6th July. During their time in Salisbury the pupils and their teachers were welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress of New Sarum, Mr and Mrs Paisley. They also climbed the tower of Salisbury Cathedral, visited Stonehenge, Bath, Wilton House, Bournemouth, the New Forest and London, where they had a tour of the Houses of Parliament arranged by Robert Key MP. They also enjoyed a barn dance with partners and their families to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Exchange. (Mrs Tallis)



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Drama Festival

From 11th to 19th July SWGS has been a very theatrical place, as girls from all years have got involved in performances. Year 8 and 9 Drama Clubs performed scripts to parents in the new drama theatre; all year 7 & 8 devised entries for the 5 minute play competition; Year 10 performed theatre-in-education performances to Year 7 and the set design club exhibited its wonderful set models and sketches for 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'. All in all, the work was great fun and some excellent performances were seen from all age groups. (Miss Smith)

The End of A Successful Run

The end of this term sees Miss Smith take her final bow as Head of the South Wilts Drama department, a department she herself founded. Since first introducing Drama GCSE and Theatre Studies A-level, she has overseen the development of Drama as it has gone from strength to strength, culminating in the recent construction of the purpose-built new Theatre in the Old Building - a far cry from the converted classroom provided when she started teaching the subject. Thanks to Miss Smith's enthusiasm for the theatre and its various innovations, an entire generation of students has been fully indoctrinated into playing 'rubber chicken' (sort of like the hokey cokey, but with less singing) before they do any kind of dramatic activity. This, apparently, is Miss Smith's favourite warm-up exercise. She has also afforded students the almost certainly unique opportunity of spending entire double lessons impersonating animals, volcanoes and other natural phenomena, something you certainly don't get in the ICT or Maths departments. Her recent staging of Sue Townsend's 'Womberang' will be remembered as being almost certainly the most daring and risqué school play ever produced at South Wilts, and will probably remain so for some time. It was greatly enjoyed by everyone who took part even if it did not meet the full approval of the powers that be!

Miss Smith's theatrical exploits extended beyond South Wilts: we have it in good authority that she spent two weeks last summer dressed as a fairy at Bishop Wordsworth's School

Miss Smith now leaves the school in order to take her MA at Goldsmith's College in London, giving us the golden opportunity to say that wherever her next step leads her, we trust that she will break a leg! (Alice Hamilton & Kate Ryan)

"Spolling Clab"

Over the past academic year we have been organising a weekly lunchtime spelling session for a small group of year seven students who were less confident with their spelling, appropriately named "Spolling Clab". We included a variety of interactive games and activities, with prizes (mostly chocolate!), in order to make the process of remembering spellings more interesting and bearable. Such games included making use of the ever popular mini-whiteboards, and seasonally themed spellings and races. Innovative rhymes and sayings also helped with the learning and memorizing of common spelling patterns, and dramatically helped with the progress made by the girls who participated regularly. We are all extremely pleased with the progress made and the commitment shown, and hope that all the students enjoyed it and will benefit.

(Emma Creech, Haley Gentle, Helen Mitchell, and Lydia Rolls, Year 12)



Sixth Form Reading Group Summer Reading List—a selection (most only suitable for 16+)

Fiction:

- Life of Pi – Yann Martel
A surreal tale of a boy, a tiger, a monkey and a zebra in a lifeboat.
- The Gathering Light – Jennifer Donnelly
Murder, mystery and romance.
- The Lovely Bones – Alice Sebold
Thought-provoking and sad.
- The Alchemist – Paul Coelho
Parable about finding the meaning of life.
- Rebecca – Daphne Du Maurier
Classic tale of mystery and romance.
- The God of Small Things – Arundhati Roy
A tragic family tale set in India.
- The Purple Hibiscus – Chimanda Ngozi Adichie
A moving tale of a family caught up in the political upheaval in Nigeria.
- Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo
Sad but heartwarming story of World War 1.
- Peter Pan – JM Barrie
The classic children's tale about the magic of childhood.
- Little Women – Louisa M Alcott
The story of four sisters growing up during the American Civil War.
- Memories of Geisha – Arthur Holden
Stories of an early twentieth century Geisha girl.

Non-Fiction:

- One Child – Torey Hayden
A traumatic account of one child's terrible childhood.
- Notes from a Small Island – Bill Bryson
Quirky travel writing.

Poetry:

- Heavy Water – Mario Petrucci
Powerful poems about Chernobyl.
- Crow – Ted Hughes
Wonderful collection about a mystery figure.

Plays:

- The Importance of Being Earnest – Oscar Wilde
"A trivial comedy for serious people"
- The History Boys – Alan Bennett
A challenging and thought-provoking play which questions the purpose of education.

Comic Books:

- Ultimate Spider Man – Stan Lee
- Batman Year One – Bob King

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African Sanctus

The Junior Choir was very much a part of this large and ambitious work by David Fanshawe, which was performed in the Cathedral on 18th June. The performance was part of the Salisbury Festival. They sang as part of the Children's Chorus, along with BWS trebles and St Mark's Primary School Choir.

David Halls conducted the Salisbury Musical Society singing this powerful music, and the Cathedral was filled with African drumming and dancing. This spectacular performance will always be remembered by those who took part and those who witnessed it. (Mrs Cameron)



Composer David Fanshawe at African Sanctus, in Salisbury Cathedral

We have now received the instruments purchased with money from the **Paul McCartney Fund**. These are proving very valuable in our teaching. They have allowed classes to introduce new sounds and colours to their work and are enhancing their understanding of music from different cultures.



Music group with the instruments purchased from Paul McCartney Fund



Please note dates for the Autumn terms for your diaries:

Sept. 20th Visit by the Pearl of Africa Choir, followed by workshops for GCSE Music students with BWS
Oct. 17th A Cappella sing Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral 5.30pm
Nov. 15th School Concert – Main Hall 7.15pm
Dec. 9th A Cappella concert – St. Martin's Church – 7.30pm
Dec. 15th Carol Service – Salisbury Cathedral – 7.30pm

Goodbye to Music Staff

This term we say goodbye to two members of staff. Helen Woodgates has taught piano at South Wilts for many years but has been offered the chance of more work nearer to where she lives. This will allow her to cut back on the considerable time she spends travelling. Over the years she has helped a great number of pupils of all ages, encouraging them to practise, make progress and, above all, inspiring in them a love of playing. We have all very much appreciated her as a teacher, as a good friend and as a dedicated colleague. We wish her good luck and every happiness in the future.

Linda Cameron has worked at South Wilts for five years. She has been committed and enthusiastic in her classroom work, full of energy and ideas, so that her pupils have enjoyed their learning to the full. She has been responsible for many highly successful projects and performances, including *The Boyfriend*, the Open House and, recently the Cabaret. She has directed Training Orchestra and Junior Choir, helping them to reach high standards while having a great deal of fun. Junior Choir's recent part in *African Sanctus* was an example of their involvement in exciting ventures out of school as well as within our own community. Two years ago Mrs. Cameron spent time in local primary schools, providing the pupils with specialist music teaching and preparing some of them to participate in Britten's *Noye's Fludde*, which was performed in the cathedral. Last year Mrs. Cameron lent her expertise to St. Joseph's School as part of our school's Beacon work. She will be much missed by girls and staff. She is looking forward to continuing her work with Stagecoach, spending more time with her husband, who has taken early retirement, and to enjoying their boat! We wish to thank Mrs. Cameron very much for all she has achieved, for her generosity and dedication and to send her every best wish for the future. (Mrs Poppleton)

Music Workshop

On 14th July the Year 10 GCSE group enjoyed two workshops for their Dance Music area of study. One session was led by Diana Scrivener, mother of Caroline Andrews who left two years ago. Ms. Scrivener is esteemed as an authority on Elizabethan dancing and has choreographed many films. She instructed our girls along with boys from BWS in dancing in this style. Everyone learned a great deal and benefited enormously from her expertise. Colin Tomlinson led the Salsa session, which was very helpful, energetic and great fun! We are very grateful to Mr. Abbott and BWS for hosting this event. (Mrs Poppleton)



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Year 9 Industry Days 2005

We celebrate the Twelfth Year of Year 9 Industry Days this year. All Year 9 pupils enjoyed the experience of working with 24 local companies. Groups of five girls were set a realistic challenging business problem to solve. On Day 1 they visited their company where they were briefed. The next two days were spent coming up with a solution and preparing a formal presentation. Pupils enjoyed planning and researching their work.

On the Friday the employers joined staff for lunch and Mrs Moody thanked the following companies: Action for the Blind, Debenhams, James Hay Pensions, Marks & Spencer, Old George Mall, Pizza Hut, Capita PPML, Salisbury Cathedral Visitor Service, Salisbury District Council (City Centre Management), Salisbury District Hospital (Personnel Department), Salisbury District Council (Training Services), Salisbury Playhouse, Shop Mobility, Spire FM, Splash, The Red Lion Hotel, Three Swans Surgery, Tourist Information Centre, The White Hart Hotel, Wilsons Solicitors, Wiltshire Constabulary, Wiltshire Fire Brigade, Woolley & Wallis and Waitrose for their continued valuable partnership.

A Silver Cup, sponsored by "Old George Mall" was presented to the winning team "**Tourist Information Centre**". This was an extremely difficult choice as the final work was judged as excellent, innovative and realistic by all company representatives. The final presentations were displayed at the company premises and a lot of the ideas are being implemented by a variety of companies. (Mrs Moody)



Girls working on their projects

Sports Day 2005

This year the morning dawned clear and warm with no sign of the torrential rain that cancelled last year's event. The weather brought out the best, not only in the competitors but also in the array of banners and interesting costumes! Karlene Payne, the Leisure Development Officer from the Salisbury District Council, presented certificates to a stream of worthy winners, and a new event emerged at the conclusion of the Sports with a fun relay between the Sports Prefects and the PE staff. The PE staff won of course! The Sports Day is run as an inter-form event where every girl who completes her event scores points for her Form. Results on the day were:-

Athletics Round Up Salisbury Area Sports Round 2

The South Wilts athletics season has been peppered with events throughout the Summer terms. Following the Salisbury Area Sports, 16 SWGS athletes were selected to compete in the Wiltshire County Championships on Saturday 28 May. Many of our girls produced 'personal best' performances but Rachel Artiss (Y11) and Lottie Barnfield (Y9) were particularly notable. Rachel jumped 1m 49cm to win the senior girls' high jump and was placed 3rd in the 80m hurdles. Lottie won the 100m sprint in a time of 13.2seconds. Both girls were selected to continue on to the South West championship at Bournemouth, where Rachel increased her 'PB' to 1.51m and was placed 5th in the high jump. Congratulations!

English Schools Cup competition was closely contested in the Salisbury round but the South Wilts junior and intermediate teams emerged victorious once again. The 12 intermediate girls from years 9 & 10 gained sufficient points to compete in the B final at Bath University where they gained 7th place. Lottie Barnfield (9E) in the 100m sprint and Megan Hollinghurst (9E) in the long jump had commendable results. The junior English Schools Cup team qualified for the 'A' regional final at Millfield School where they equalled their points score of 199 to be placed 8th overall in the South West region. Superb individual results came from Mamie Attwell Thomas (800m), Hannah Smith (200m) and Rosie Peters (75m hurdles) but all members of the team are to be congratulated on their excellent effort and team spirit.. (Mrs Godber)

YEAR 7	1st 3rd 4th	7E & 7N 7A 7B
Individual Achievements	1st 3rd 4th	Karina Roche (7E) Grace Hampson (7N) Rebecca Outterside (7E) Hayley Ranachan Abby Dalziel (7N)
YEAR 8	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	8A 8N 8B 8E
Individual Achievements	1st 3rd 4th	Hannah Smith (8N) JJ Rushworth (8A) Rachel Tooley (8N) Naomi Goddard (8A)
YEAR 9	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	9E 9B 9A 9N
Individual Achievements	1st 3rd 4th	Megan Hollinghurst (9E) Michelle Todd (9A) Sophie Vandyck (9E) Rachel Buckingham (9B)
YEAR 10	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	10E 10W 10A 10N 10B
Individual Achievements	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Nadine Rowe (10E) Alice Foster (10N) Jenny Buckingham (10W) Alice Judd (10W)

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Indoor Cricket

South Wilts Girls once again won the Wiltshire Round of indoor cricket and the South West Regionals in Taunton. The girls acquitted themselves well, beating Cornwall and Somerset. However the aggregate number of runs scored meant we were four runs short of progressing to the final four teams.

A great day was enjoyed by all and thanks to Mr Wood and Abby Abel for their help in preparing the team for competition.

(Mr Owen)



Year 7 Salisbury Schools Tennis Tournament

Twelve year 7 girls from South Wilts took part in the girls' doubles tennis tournament at Victoria Park Tennis Centre on Friday 8th July. Three girls were selected from each form to represent South Wilts as they took on opponents from St. Edmunds, Downton, Stonehenge, Wilton and Upper Avon. After the first round of play, the South Wilts pairings of 1 and 6 had won their group to progress through to the semi-finals. Both pairs played against girls from St. Edmunds, with pair 1 (Karina Roche and Maddie Hancock) winning 6-1 to reach the final. Following some tough points the girls lost 2-6 but should feel pleased with their high standard of play throughout the day. South Wilts also narrowly lost out to achieve second place in the team competition. Downton won the overall team competition, which included results from the boys' doubles tournament. All girls played a good standard of tennis and have learnt a lot through this competitive experience – well done! (Miss Salen)

South Wilts Trip to Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships

Tuesday 28th June 2005

South Wilts was lucky enough to win tickets in the British Schools Tennis Association Wimbledon ballot this year, so Miss Salen and twelve Year 11 and 12 girls travelled up to the championships on Tuesday 28th June. We had two tickets for Centre Court and ten for court number two, so everyone rotated throughout the day to experience the atmosphere on the famous show court! The players we saw were both new and 'more experienced' (!)- John McEnroe, John Lloyd, Amalie Mauresmo, Venus Williams to name just a few. We also ventured down to the practice courts to watch the tennis stars preparing for their matches later in the day. Lyndsey Davenport and Maria Sharapova, the current holder of the women's title, were practising hard - this obviously paid off as they both won their matches convincingly. In addition to all the tennis, Miss Salen, Abby Abel and Sian Emmett were interviewed live on BBC Radio Wiltshire whilst at Wimbledon. The radio station had been speaking to schools around Wiltshire about exciting events and trips they had been participating in recently, and they were keen to speak to South Wilts girls about the Wimbledon experience. A great time was had by all! (Miss Salen)

Air Cadets—Athletics

On Sunday 5th June I represented Wiltshire & Dorset Air Cadets in long jump, 400m and the relay. My friends Emily Taylor and Emma Sibbald also competed. Emily came 3rd in her relay and Emma came 2nd in the 800m. I came 1st in the 400m and the relay, which I was very pleased with, and 2nd in the long jump. Winning the 400m fixed me a place to represent South-West of England running the 400m. (Hollie Stewart 9N)

Eastern Cup 2005 UK Windsurfing Association

Avril Gibbons (8B) beat both girls in the National Squad to achieve 5th overall in the National Windsurfing Championships. The event was also a qualifier to the Worlds in Poland this year, which takes part in August. Well done Avril.

Sports Presentation Evening

The 3rd SWGS Sports Presentation Evening was held on Wednesday, 13th July in the main school hall in sultry summer conditions. The evening

celebrated the achievements of the top 100 sportswomen at South Wilts, in athletics, basketball, cricket, cross country/orienteering, football, hockey, netball, rugby, swimming, tennis, trampolining and volleyball. To recognise outstanding commitment and excellence 188 'Colours' were awarded and a 'Player of the Year' award was presented to the most outstanding girl in each sporting code.

Four dance performances punctuated the evening, executed in contemporary dance style by students from 9N and 9A. The evening was a great success and we hope future years will be as wonderful. A full list of award winners can be accessed on the school website under "Sports Presentation Evening".

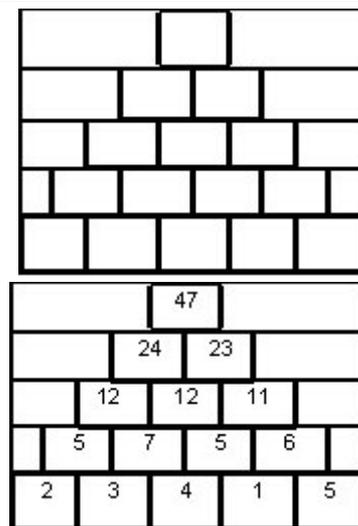
ONWARDS

Triangular Towers

Each of the numbers 1 to 5 is written, in any order, on the stones at the base of the tower. The top stone can be reached using the simple rule “the number on a stone is the sum of the two numbers directly below”. Opposite, for example, is tower 47 (because 47 is the top stone).

What is the largest and smallest top stone that can be achieved?

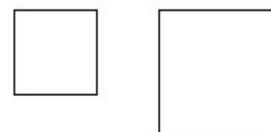
The rule for the stones is now changed: If the two numbers directly below are the same then they are added, but if the two numbers directly below are different then their positive difference is found. What is the largest and smallest top stone that can now be achieved?



Tri-Squares

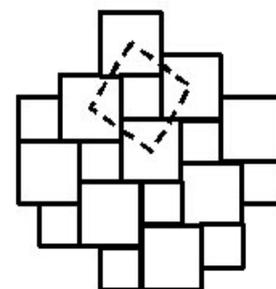
These two squares have sides 5cm and 9cm respectively.

The tiling pattern below is formed by tessellating these squares. An additional square is formed by joining the centres of the 9cm square. What is the area of this square? (Mr Hunt)



Early Bus Passes

School finishes at 3.45pm but currently some girls are allowed to leave early at 3.40pm. However, having reviewed the present arrangements, we intend to discontinue the early bus pass from September for two reasons: firstly, the current Year 7 girls have not been issued with early bus passes and have not found that catching a bus is a problem; secondly, staff have found the early bus pass system to be very disruptive to the end of lessons. We hope therefore that parents will appreciate our reasons for not continuing with the current system. (Mrs Goodwin)



School Terms and Holiday Dates 2006/2007

Term 1—2006	1 September (Y7 + Y12 return)	-	20th October 2006
Term 2—2006	31 October (TD day) 2006	-	22 December 2006
Term 3—2007	8 January 2007	-	16 February 2007
Term 4—2007	26 February 2007	-	30 March 2007
Term 5—2007	16 April 2007	-	25 May 2007
Term 6—2007	4 June 2007	-	20 July 2007



Car Sharing

One of the current targets of our Travel Plans is to encourage car-sharing in order to reduce traffic pollution as well as congestion outside the school gates at the beginning and end of the day. We therefore ask parents who would be interested in setting up or participating in such a scheme, to give permission for their address and telephone number to be shared with like-minded parents. Please use the form below to enter details. (Mrs Goodwin)

Car Sharing Scheme — Jenny Goodwin

I / we are interested in participating in the scheme and agree to personal details being passed on to like-minded parents.

Name:

Address:.....

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I / we would be willing to set up a car sharing group in September 2005 (Please tick)

Please return to Mrs Goodwin via your form tutor by Friday 9th September 2005.