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Maths & Computing

Appeal for old but road worthy bicycles

Having successfully asked you for unwanted sofas for the Sixth Form common room we are now looking for bicycles. Several of the Sixth Form have had the idea of having a number of bicycles available for girls to use between here and Bishop Wordsworth's School. Many of the Sixth Form regularly walk between the two sites and using bicycles would make it less of a rush. If you have a lady's bicycle that is perhaps dusty and unused please let us know; we can collect if necessary.
(Mrs Stratton)



Can you help?

We plan to offer practice University interviews to all our Year 13 students during October and November on Thursday afternoons and on the Training Day. We would be very grateful if any parents could spare some time to help with these. If you would be willing to help please contact Kate Beckett, Sixth Form Secretary, with details of when you are likely to be available and what subject area/s you would feel most comfortable with. Thank you!
(Mrs Phelps)

Mobile Phone Appeal

Thank you to all who helped with donations of mobile phones towards the charity Oxfam. Nationally we collected more than most other schools. Keep donating. We are also collecting video tapes and CDs for the Oxfam Charity, so dig out all your unwanted tapes and CDs and start filling the enormous bin in Mrs Vaughan's office.
(Mrs Vaughan)

Head Girl Team

Many thanks to the outgoing Head Girls, Alison Kinghorn and Kate Wilkinson and Deputy Head Girls Alice Kirby and Sophie Stevens. They have been an excellent team and it has been a pleasure working with them. Good luck to the new Head Girls, Hannah Artiss and Helen Mitchell and Deputy Head Girls, Rachel Perry and Heather Talbot. We wish them well for the coming year.
(Mrs Stratton)

Teaching Awards

Jill Hollowell, who teaches Art here, has been put forward for the Teaching Award for Outstanding New Teacher. She has now heard that she is through to the regional final in Bristol on 21st June. This is a national award, very prestigious and described as the 'Oscars for teachers'. Congratulations to Jill and we wish her good luck in June. (Mrs Stratton)

Art and Technology Exhibitions

A great opportunity not to be missed to see students' outstanding work. All are welcome to come along—parents, friends, relatives.
Art: 16th June 7—9pm
Design & Technology: 5th July 7—9pm

Years 7-10 - School Jumpers at Greatly Reduced Prices

are now available (while stocks last) at John Lewis, who are currently clearing school uniform stock. Sizes: 34,36,38 at £10
40,42,44 at £12
(Mrs Goodwin)

ICT News

Over the next two years we hope to develop better web-links into our school network and Intranet from home to allow pupils to access their files, and for parents to gain clear information about the courses the school offers.
If your daughter has started to use a USB storage stick, either via the school or purchased privately, then please check that it is clearly labelled with her name. They are easy to lose and often contain very important documents. We always recommend to pupils that the USB stick should only contain second copies of files, so that if it does get lost there is an original either on a home PC or on the school network. You may wish to remind them of the importance of this advice.
(Mr Parks)

Summer Half Term

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Young Enterprise

The Young Enterprise companies Ice Lightning and Papillon proved to be successful and popular amongst pupils, parents and staff, selling their range of hand made products. These have included cards, jewellery, belts, corsages and pyjama bottoms. Both companies have continued their success in the Area and County Young Enterprise Competitions.

The South Wiltshire Area Competition took place on 27th April at the Guildhall, Salisbury. Teams took part from BWS, Wyvern, Stonehenge and SWGS. All the teams had to produce a company report and a trade stand and give a 10 minute presentation. The companies achieved a high standard in all of these aspects. However, Papillon was presented with the Highly Commended Shield and Ice Lightning was awarded the shield for Best Company Report and Overall Winner. Both teams went on to represent South Wiltshire at the County Finals, which took place on 11th May at the Corn Exchange, Devizes.

The County Finals saw the eight best teams from North, South and Central Wiltshire competing for the right to represent the County at the Regional Finals. Although it was not to be Ice Lightning or Papillon, both teams maintained and improved upon the high standard they had already achieved and were presented with two trophies each. Papillon won the shield for Best Trade Stand and was awarded the ICSA trophy for administration. Ice Lightning repeated their success at the Area Competition and was given the shield for Best Company Report, along with the Institute of Directors Award.



Overall, all the achievers have enjoyed their time with Young Enterprise, despite all the hard work, and we congratulate them on their success.
(Mrs Hall)



“Behind the Inside”

On 16th May, a group of drama students from Years 10 to 13, Allisa Carter, Charlotte Foyle, Emily Foyle, Jasmin Graham, Abi Moore, Charlie Pamment and Dani Sidley performed “Behind the Inside”. This play was about the last group of women convicts to be hung in Britain. After only nine rehearsals, it was performed in the new Drama Theatre with resounding success. The play was written and directed by Charlotte Foyle (13B) and told the story of Tabby-Rose, a girl imprisoned and then later hanged, for a crime she did not commit. It was inspired by playwriting encountered as part of A-Level Theatre Studies. (Charlie Pamment 13E)



Charity Fair

The whole of Year 8 have once again been finding out about the work of local, national and international groups.

As part of their Citizenship programme of study, since January they have been working in groups of eight, contacting charities for information about their work and thinking of ideas to raise money for them. On Friday April 15th there was a huge charity fair in the Main Hall at lunchtime. This allowed the girls to raise awareness of the work that the charities carry out. There were lots of stalls to raise money. Most of the charities sent representatives to the fair. The girls worked really hard for their causes and all the representatives commended them on their enthusiasm and commitment. Over £1,400 was raised between the 16 charities. WELL DONE YEAR 8!

Charities involved: Children’s Chance, Hope and Homes for Children, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Salisbury Samaritans, Marlborough Brant Group, Cancer Research UK, Harnham Water Meadows Trust, Save the Children, Alabare Christian Care Centres, Age Concern, Barnardo’s, RNID, WWF, Oxfam, Fairtrade Foundations, Scope.

(Mrs Mahoney)

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Year 9 Visit to the Palace of Westminster

The commuters were fighting to get seats on the Salisbury to Waterloo train but they were no competition for the sixteen South Wilts girls who were on their way to take part in a debate at the Palace of Westminster. After what seemed like a long journey we had to battle our way through the hustle and bustle of Westminster Bridge to make it to the Palace on time.

The opening question from security was "Are you carrying any guns or knives?" This was not too difficult to answer and after a few minutes of checking our belongings we were ready to enter, police checked, scanned and all. Still trying to catch our breath we were hurried up to Committee Room 10 to begin the debate, "Should the voting age be reduced to 16?". The committee room was nothing like I had imagined, not a room with a table and few chairs, but a room of gold leather seats and grand paintings, set out like a mini House of Commons. The order of business was discussed and we began, slowly at first until people became more confident, and then it was difficult to stop us. The speaker had to call for order as interruption followed interruption. Finally after 70 minutes of debate the chorus of no's and aye's echoed around the room as the decision was made. Lottie and I walked through the door to the right along with all those opposed to the motion and the people for the motion walked through the left door. The tellers counted us in and with 44 votes for and 20 against the opposition won.

After a tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords and a quick stroke of Winston Churchill's foot for luck, it was a prompt march back to Waterloo to catch the train home. Throughout the day we were shadowed by BBC Newsround, who published an article about us on the CBBC website. To look at the web site go to CBBC Newsround and then search for 'debates'. There are lots of pictures showing the debate in progress.

It was an experience that we won't forget, and it is definitely something that next year's Year 9 should think of doing. Before, getting involved in politics seemed boring and irrelevant, but now we realise that unless you get involved you won't have a say in how your country is run, and anyway it was worth it just to get the goodie bag!

(Hannah Mansell & Lottie Barnfield 9E)

Year 13 Art Students

Congratulations to fourteen Year 13 Art students for successfully gaining at least two places at various Art Colleges to study Art and Design this year. Special mention must be made to Fiona Brown-Hovelt and Helen McRoberts, who have achieved outstanding success in Art applications this year. Fiona has gained three places; direct entry to Newcastle University, Bristol UWE and Glasgow School of Art. She has decided to go to Glasgow to read a degree in Fine Art in September. We must mention that Glasgow School of Art received 700 applicants for 90 places.

Helen McRoberts has been given an unconditional offer at Newcastle University to read a degree in Fine Art. This was one of only six offers made by Newcastle University this year. She has also been offered an Achievement Scholarship from Coventry University and a place at Leeds University. Helen has decided to attend Leeds in September, to also read a degree in Fine Arts.

Good luck to all the Year 13 Art students in their other A-Level exams.

(Miss Evans & Miss Hollowell)

16th June 2005 7-9pm

Exhibition

You are cordially invited by the Art Department to view this year's GCSE, A Level and AS Art and Design work.

A Level work will be displayed in the Small Hall.

AS and GCSE work will be displayed in the Art Department in the Old Building.



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“An Inspector Calls”

On 12th April 2005, my English class all went to see ‘An Inspector Calls’ by J.B. Priestley in the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton. We have studied the play this year, so seeing the words being brought to life by a group of talented actors really helped us understand the themes hidden deep within it, such as the need to care for each other, and that respect between classes is very important. Another part of the performance that couldn't be seen through reading the play was the spectacular and surprisingly realistic stage, which brought the scenes and characters together very well.

(Ruth Scott 10E)

‘Much Ado About Nothing’ Workshop

On 28th April the MOPA Theatre Company visited the school. The first actor, Darren, came on to the stage and introduced himself.

It immediately jump-started into a quick sketch set at the masked ball, instantaneously enticing us with the use of modern music. They asked for volunteers from the audience to act out an overview of the play, complete with costumes – a great way to begin the workshop.

All four actors - Darren, Ben, Jo and Katie - showed fantastic levels of enthusiasm. A highlight of this enjoyable morning was when they performed a scene in modern English so that we could understand the plot and humour more easily. We never thought that watching Shakespeare could be so much fun!

We were both alarmed and amused when the actor playing Benedick started using typical teenage slang, such as “too cheeky for a chav”. It really did allow us to get involved in the story more.

The best bit by far was when they asked for ways in which the scene could be performed. Soon we were all shouting out all sorts of bizarre ways to act it: ‘Star Wars’, ‘Matrix’, ‘Grease’, ‘Teletubbies’. You name it, they performed it, making great entertainment! It was a truly brilliant workshop for all. We were given great insight into Shakespearean language and how to break it down and understand it easily. The actors made us inspired about Shakespeare. And secretly all the teachers were laughing as much as we were....!

(Emily Taylor 9N)

An Interview with Mr Davies, Head of English by Lucy Austreng, 7A

Why did you choose to come to South Wilts?

Well, there were three reasons. The first was that it was going to be exciting as I had always worked in comprehensive schools. The second was the fact that the job offered challenges, especially in my speciality (Communication Studies). The third is that the school and the department were welcoming and had a friendly atmosphere. I've been here for about 12 years now.

What do you like about your job?

I love being the head of the English department as I can influence and shape the way English is taught in this school. Another thing is that I feel English is a subject that really matters. No day is the same. I always have a range of things to do. The last thing is that I like working with all the staff, who are motivated teachers. They are always keeping me on my toes.

What do you expect from us as Year 7 pupils?

I would expect you to work hard in all the things you do, and work like the thing you are doing really matters and you care about it. I would expect you to be kind to each other, be tolerant of each other and of the teachers, and just to try your best.

If Mrs Stratton gave you £100,000 to spend on the department, what would you get?

I would like to make the Library bigger and better resourced, and for all the classrooms to have 21st century ICT equipment – it would be wonderful to think that all the English classrooms had several computers in them for girls to routinely use.

Do you have a favourite writer and why?

No, because you go to different writers for different reasons. You go to some writers to be disturbed, some to be moved, some for action, and some for comfort. Lots of writers for different things.

If you didn't teach, what would you want to do?

The sad fact is that I love it here and I love teaching. I don't know what on earth I would do! I would like to do something with young people that has a positive influence, I suppose.

Thank you, Mr Davies.



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Evensong, Salisbury Cathedral

On April 13th A Cappella sang Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral, leading the service with their singing and giving beautiful performances of Howells' *Collegium Regale* Canticles, Shephard Responses and a very moving anthem newly-written for the National Youth Choir by Richard Allain *Don't You Weep When I am Gone*. They enjoyed their visit very much, received a very encouraging response from the congregation and clergy and were especially praised for their psalm singing.

Music Department News—May 2005

This term has been a very busy and exciting one for the Music Department. Many girls achieved success in individual practical examinations taken the previous term and particularly to be congratulated are the following who passed Grade 8: Julie Aherne (violin), Victoria Clarke (violin with honours), Sarah Denman (violin), Hannah Jackson (piano and singing with distinction) and Sarah Penn (oboe with distinction). Emma Shepherd gained a Hampshire Exceptional Ability Award for her double bass playing.

The Guitar Ensemble gave their third annual concert on May 18th under the direction of Mr. Wilkinson who gives his time and expertise so generously. A very varied and enjoyable programme of guitar music with and without vocalists was much enjoyed by us all. Congratulations to all who took part.

Music Cabaret

On May 13th, a full audience enjoyed the Cabaret, masterminded by Mrs. Cameron. The Friends organised drinks and food to help lend the candlelit hall a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The evening offered a great variety of entertainment from individual and group acts: some wonderful dancing, lovely singing from A Cappella, the Junior Choir who added excellent choreography to their performance, the palm court music of the orchestra accompanied by a host of can-can dancers and the big band sound of Wind Band playing Duke Ellington. It was thrilling to see such an abundance of talent and enthusiasm.

Joint Choral Concert

May 7th saw the conclusion to many weeks of rehearsal separately and together in preparation for our joint choral concert with St. Edmund's and Bishop Wordsworth's Schools. Due to the large number of singers we changed our venue to the BWS Sports Hall where well over two hundred pupils from the three schools sang, accompanied by an orchestra of pupils, instrumental teachers and friends. The schools sang together and gave individual performances to provide a very moving, varied and exciting programme. Soloists from all three schools sang with courage and maturity. The audience was treated to an evening of enthusiastic, accomplished and beautiful performances. We greatly enjoyed working with the other schools.



Next term Junior Choir will be joining choirs from BWS and the Cathedral School in Salisbury Music Society's performance of *African Sanctus* under the baton of David Halls. This will be part of the Salisbury Festival and take place on June 18th in Salisbury Cathedral. Thank you very much to all who have made this term such an enjoyable one. Many thanks too for all their hard work and enthusiasm to our outgoing Music Captains – Julie Aherne, Harriet Duffield, Hannah Perks and Kiri Shepherd. We are very pleased that Eve Ridgeway and Sarah Brooks have been appointed as their successors.

Other news

On April 17th Harriet Wilkes (Year 12) and Helen Picknett, who left SWGS last year to study at the Royal Academy of Music, gave a performance of Gustav Holst's songs for voice and violin at the Spring Conference of the Association of Teachers of Singing. It took place at St. Paul's Girls' School in Hammersmith, where Holst was Head of Music and actually designed the Music Hall where they performed. Acoustics were perfect and their contribution was very much appreciated. On Friday, April 22nd Rachel Perry and Katie Jarvis were warmly applauded for their singing at a pupils' concert arranged by one of our instrumental teachers, Ros Richards, for the Southampton branch of the Incorporated Society of Musicians. Also in April we were delighted to hear that a bid for funding from the Paul McCartney Trust had been successful and that we have been given £600 to buy instruments for use in studying world music with our classes. This is very rewarding and we have been enjoying ordering new instruments to make our lessons more vivid and increase our understanding of cultures from other countries.

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Senior Volleyball

The season drew to a close at the Wiltshire End of Season Finale on Sunday 17th April at Bath Leisure Centre. South Wilts were up against stiff competition from Stonar, Devizes, Melsham and the Salisbury Pebbles.

Excellent serving saw the girls beat Devizes to achieve 4th position in their pool.

Well done to Leila Nightingale, Abbey Abel, Natalie Sneddon, Rachel Jackson, Alice Judd, Hannah Hudson, Ellie Rayner. See you all next season.
(Miss Salen)

Inter- Form Orienteering 2005 4th May 2005

The 2005 re-scheduled Orienteering Challenge event was well supported as an inter-form activity this year. Eleven teams, each made up of four runners, set off in a relay to collect twenty controls expertly set out in the far corners of the Athletics Track by Mr. Butt. The Flying Muffins from 8E were the fastest team home in 12 mins 27 secs, but sadly with seven incorrect controls, slower but more careful teams took the honours.

Results:

Year 7 'Compass Queens' (7B)	1st
Year 7 'Stars' (7E)	2nd
Year 8 'Flying Fairies' (8B)	1st
Year 8 (8N)	2nd
Year 9 'So Solid Crew' (9B)	1st
Year 9 'Techno Mules of life' (9N)	2nd

Congratulations to 7B's Compass Queens who also won the most original team name and were overall winners with all twenty controls correct. Superb effort!
(Mrs Godber)

PE Department Calendar of Events

17th May	Secondary Area Sports
19th May	First round of English Schools Athletics
13th June	Regional Finals of English Schools Athletics
16th June	Year 9 Rounders Festival
20-24th June	Year 8 Activities Week
29th June	Primary Area Sports @ SWGS
2nd July	English Schools Cup Final
7th July	SWGS Sports Day
8th July	Year 7 Tennis Festival
13th July	Sports Presentation Evening
17th July	Wiltshire Youth Games

Trampoline Competition 27th April 2005

Hours of hard work culminated in seven dedicated SWGS trampolinists all receiving certificates and the Girls' Team Trophy at the first Salisbury Schools Trampoline Competition. The competition was held at South Wilts even though it was organised by St. Edmund's Sports College.



The experience of taking part in a performance event was a bit nerve racking but all competitors "jumped" well.

SWGS team: Alexandra Edwards (9N), Katy Neale (8E), Katie Godber (8B), Holly Durrant (11B), Charlotte Vie (11N) and Alice Spencer (11E).

Results:

SWGS	1st
St. Edmund's	2nd
Westwood	3rd
Stonehenge	4th

Alex Edwards (9N) was also placed 2nd in the Individual event. (Mrs Godber)

Salisbury Area Athletics Sports

South Wilts convened the 74th Area Sports on the Athletics Track on 17th May. The even saw the inclusion of all year groups, U13, U15 and U17, on the same day, the first time this has happened for more than a decade.

South Wilts entered 49 competitions and all athletes acquitted themselves very well.

A big thank you to Miss Salen, Mrs Hole and Mr Butt for their excellent help on the day.

Results:

Minor Girls: SWGS 2nd
Junior Girls: SWGS 1st
Intermediate Girls: SWGS 1st

A number of girls have been selected to compete in the County Championship. Congratulations!
(Mrs Godber)

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Mike Slade Sports Scholarship Fund

On 9th February at South Wilts Sports Club six people were awarded a grant. Money must go towards coaching to help me qualify for the RYA (Royal Yachting Association) Under 17 national squad in 2006 and compete in national events all year.

My brother and I were awarded £240. I qualified for the RYA South-West Zone Squad and was ranked fourth in the country Under 17 Girls section last year.
(Avril Gibbons 8B)

Jennifer Rushworth also received an award from the Mike Slade Sports Scholarship Fund for the sum of £150. This will be used to develop her pitching skills with an American Coach.



Lakenheath Softball Tournament

Jennifer Rushworth plays softball regularly for her team, the London Angels. In the Spring Indoor Under 16 League, the team came first as they did again at a tournament recently held at Lakenheath Air Force Base. There was a closely contested final against the Lakes, the American High School Team. Jennifer pitched the whole game and was awarded both best pitcher and best batsman trophies.
(Sally Rushworth, Parent)

Swimming Gala

This very popular event was staged at Five Rivers Leisure Centre on Tuesday, 17th May. South Wilts entered five teams of four swimmers but unfortunately on the night two teams had to swim with only three members. Emma Christie (9E) stepped up from the Year 9+ B team to swim with Rachel Mallichan, Sam Heenan and Vicky Ponsford in the A Team.

A supreme battle ensued in the year 7 & 8 grade between SWGS and St Edmund's, but Katy Neale's determined effort in the third round gave South Wilts the shield, for yet another year.
Congratulations to you all!
(Mrs Godber)

Now that this year's **Tesco Voucher** scheme has closed, please send in any remaining vouchers before Friday 17th June. In recent years, we have managed to collect enough vouchers for a PC. Last year's collection provided a computer for the PE department.
(Mr Parks)



Opportunities for Gifted and Talented Students

From September 2005 the school will be linking up with the National Academy, an organisation set up by the University of Warwick to extend gifted and talented pupils. The National Academy offers a wide range of activities aimed at developing the abilities of our highest achievers. It provides on line subject support which gives students the opportunity to ask questions and get help from national experts from universities all around the country. It also organises one day events, lectures and seminars on many subjects.

The National Academy also runs summer schools providing two weeks of residential activities. If you would like your daughter to attend one of these this summer, then please contact the school by 10th June so that enrolment procedures can be completed.
(Mr Dennis, SEN Co-ordinator)

Mini Street

A street festival for teenagers
Salisbury Library
Thursday 2nd June 2005
7-9pm

If you are in Year 7, 8 or 9 then Mini Street is for you.

You will be able to watch demonstrations, such as disco dancing, try musical instruments, taste things and watch wildlife.
AND Spire FM will be around to take your requests.

Mini Street is FREE!
Come in and see what is going on!