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Maths & Computing

School News

There has recently been another set of newspaper performance tables and again South Wilts has featured near the top, particularly for the GCSE results. Student success continues with 13 students currently holding Oxbridge offers in a wide range of subjects - English, Veterinary Science, French / German, Geography, Earth Science, Chemistry, Medicine, Natural Sciences, Psychology and Music.

The exam season seems to extend for much of the year now, so our examination invigilators have been very busy throughout January, with AS result modules, new A2 modules and the first Year 11 GCSE units. Many of our invigilators are parents and we appreciate their help. Additions to the invigilator team are always welcome. (Mrs Stratton)

Music Block

We finally have planning permission for the new music block so work can commence. The foundations will need to be piled, therefore most of the foundation work will be done during the Easter holidays. We hope that the building will be completed by October 2006 - later than we had hoped! I know how much the Music Department is looking forward to teaching in purpose built rooms. The cost of building has increased substantially due to the redesign to protect the tree roots. We appeal to all parents to help with donations or ideas for raising funds. (Mrs Stratton)

Parents' Evenings

At all Parents' Evenings this year we are asking parents to complete a questionnaire which includes the Ofsted questions as well as others. The response from the three year groups who have completed the questionnaire so far has been very positive. We plan to produce a summary of all the responses at the end of the year. Your ideas are always welcome at any time. We will also be asking students for their views in the summer term. (Mrs Stratton)

UKYP and WAY Elections

Two students from South Wilts Grammar School stood for election at the end of January for UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY). Polly Selby (Year 10) was standing for election as the UKYP representative and Cory Preston (Year 11) was standing for election for WAY. This year voting took place via text messaging. Polly Selby was elected as UKYP Deputy Member for Salisbury and Kennett and Cory will be on the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY).

New Parent Governor

We welcome Stephen Worthington to the Governing Body following his recent unopposed election. He will join the Curriculum Committee. (Mrs Bryan)

Something to think about..... 90% OK? No Way!

If pupils miss only one day, they are already behind with their work. An absence of 10% i.e. an average of one morning or one afternoon a week across a year is the equivalent to a four week period of absence!

Sept → July



Absent for four week period

Tesco Computer Vouchers

As of 6th March Tesco will be issuing computer vouchers. They will be available for three months so please start collecting. (Mr Parks)

Charity Event

Sian Kerley (9E) raised £15.50 for the school charity 'EdUKaid' by selling hand made cards, earrings, Hama bead mats etc. Sian would like to thank all of you who bought items and supported her. Well done Sian! (Mrs Tallis)

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Year 9 Languages' Day, January 2006

Bonjourno! Languages' Day rolled round once again, and was as successful as ever. We spent the morning learning about the languages and the cultures of different countries such as Italy, Russia, China (Mandarin) and quite a few more. Italian was great fun, as we spent a lot of time hugging each other (which is how Italians greet each other) and being very loud! Russian was also very interesting: we learnt about the youth culture in Russia and had fun trying to decipher Russian words! After this we had worked up enough of an appetite for our delicious European picnic. A mixture of German sausages, French bread, Belgium chocolates and Italian pizza gave us strength for the European Quiz after lunch. This was splendid - although it tested our limited knowledge of Europe. The role plays were by far the highlight of the day. Each FL1, either German or French, performed a variety of hilarious sketches to the rest of the year. Among our favourites were "Blind Date", "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Ready Steady Cook". They were all very good, although the language was sometimes hard to understand. Overall a fun day with a great insight into other languages. (Sarah Giles & Kim Brown 9E)

SWGS Success in the National Cipher Challenge

This competition, run by Southampton University, aims to encourage young people to get involved in mathematics and IT. This year the competition was hard fought: more than 4000 students took part from around 400 schools. SWGS had 6 teams who were awarded positions on the Honours Board, and two teams who were awarded cash prizes. Special mention must be made of Kirsty Biggs, in Year 12, who finished 16th overall. Well done to Jocasta Patel in Year 9 who managed to complete the penultimate Part B Challenge and finished 51st overall. We hope for even more entrants in next year's challenge. (Mrs Offner)

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to Lizzie Davies in Year 13 who has successfully completed and been awarded her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a fantastic achievement particularly as she has managed to complete it while still at school. Well done Lizzie. (Mrs Herbert)

Lizzie Davies - Gold D of E



Lizzie Davies 13B



Congratulations!

Well done to Beanie Ayling, who recently passed Grade 8 Flute with distinction – an excellent achievement.

Emily Lim has now begun attending rehearsals with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra as well as the Wilts Youth Jazz Orchestra. She is finding the experience very exciting and inspiring.

Hannah Jackson, a very experienced singer, was recently offered a choral scholarship to Trinity College, Oxford, where she has been given an offer to read Chemistry. Competition was very strong and Hannah should be congratulated on this very impressive achievement which will give her wonderful opportunities in the future. (Mrs Poppleton)

Music Department - Dates for the Diary

Saturday, 25th February - 7.30pm

Salisbury Chamber Music Club Concert

United Reformed Church

A Cappella, Chamber Orchestra and small groups will give a concert for Salisbury Chamber Music Club

Thursday, 2nd March - 4.00pm

Year 10 GCSE Groups Concert with members of Sarum Orchestra

Small Hall

Year 10 GCSE groups from BWS and SWGS will give a short concert following two composing workshops from previous weeks given by members of the Sarum Orchestra in conjunction with Joe Duddell.

Wednesday, 22nd March - 7.00pm

A Cappella Workshop

Matthew Owens, Organist and Master of the Choristers, Wells Cathedral and Artistic Director and Conductor of the Exon Singers, who has done a considerable amount of work with the National Youth Choir, will take a workshop for A Cappella.

Thursday, 23rd March - 7.30pm

Instrumental Groups' Concert

School Hall

Instrumental groups will give a concert. Please come and support this event! Tickets £3.

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U14 Football vs. Westwood

On Thursday 2nd February the U14 football team played away at Westwood St. Thomas School. It was a bitterly cold afternoon, and the team was under strength due to illness. Once the match was underway the SWGS forwards showed up gaps in the Westwood defence with excellent running and linking play. Hannah Billingham scored with a strong left foot in the first few minutes and followed it up with three more in the first half. With her tireless running and great ball skills she deserved the player of the match award.

In the 2nd half Westwood came back strongly and stretched the SWGS defence. Two goals were scored by Westwood despite close marking and good defending. The final score was 7-2 to South Wilts. Congratulations to the team for a superb all round display.



Year 7 Football vs. Westwood

South Wilts showed how well they have learned from practice sessions and previous fixtures. They looked around and passed the ball effectively to stretch Westwood's defence; they took shots confidently, defended their goal and cleared quickly. Kirsty Ballard, and Louise Funnell from 7A quickly scored 7 goals to dominate the attack. In the second half Hannah Kirkham 7A and Elizabeth Reap 7E scored 2 more goals each to give a final score of 11-0 to South Wilts.

Georgina Dollittle 7A and Rebecca Clarke 7B defended excellently. Lucy Butt (captain) set up many of the scoring opportunities with tireless running and passing. Lottie Wells in goal had little opportunity to show real skills in defending her goal.

All in all it was an excellent display of skills. Well done Year 7. (Mr Herrod-Taylor, Referee)

Gifted and Talented Tennis

During the Autumn and Spring terms, sixteen talented players from Years 8 – 11 were selected to take part in an extension programme in tennis at Victoria Park Tennis Club. Professional coach Jason has been delighted with the progress individual girls have made during their one hour per week of specialist coaching. Miss Salen, teacher in charge of tennis at South Wilts, is looking forward to some outstanding play when the Schools Cup league matches are played during the Summer terms.

Tag Rugby

Tag Rugby has commenced this term with Year 9 & 10 training on a Tuesday lunchtime and Year 7 & 8 training on Wednesdays after school. Four keen talented Year 11 students have taken on the challenge of coaching this fast moving modified rugby game. Lena Barnes and Fiona Herbert assist Alan Lowe, the Wiltshire Rugby development officer with the Year 9 & 10 teams. Blanche Lumb and Lucy Phipps put the Year 7 & 8 girls through their paces. Both grades will start schools league matches during term 4 leading to a Girls Tag Rugby Festival at the Salisbury Rugby Club on **Wednesday, 29th March.**

English Schools Basketball

The new year has arrived bringing with it the promise of some very exciting matches. On Tuesday 7th February, the South Wilts U15 team play Dr. Challoner's High School for Girls in Buckinghamshire to decide who goes through to the 'Final Four' in the National B grade competition. On Wednesday 22 February the South Wilts U14 team will have a home game (at Five Rivers Leisure Centre) against Aldworth School to again qualify for the 'Final Four' in the C grade National competition. Good luck to both teams and congratulations on achieving this standard of play.

Trampoline Awards

Every Monday after school a keen able group of students from Years 8 – 13 keep up their trampoline skills in the gym. This awards and competition group have been practising regularly and at the end of the Autumn terms, were examined for their trampoline awards. The following girls were successful:

- Award 5 – Victoria Douglass (13W)
- Award 6 – Emma Grisdale (13 W), Rosie Dibben (12 I) and Michelle Todd (10A)
- Award 7 – Victoria Cox (7E)
- Award 10 – Hannah Fisher (12T), Alex Edwards (10W), Katie Neale (9E) and Katie Godber (9B)

Congratulations on your excellent work. (Mrs Godber)

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Cross Country

South Wilts have come through smelling of roses yet again. On Saturday 14 January seventeen South Wilts runners took part in the **Wiltshire Cross Country Championships** staged at Hudson's Field in Salisbury. On a long hard course Holly Kirkham (3rd individual), Victoria James (4th individual), and Jessica Wheeler (5th individual) took the U13 Girls Team title and received gold medals. Karina Roche, Lucy Butt and Sophie Davie placed 3rd equal with Lavington School for bronze medals and South Wilts also placed 6th in the team event. This is an outstanding effort from our Year 7 & 8 runners.

Alice Butt and Nadine Rowe, both of 11E, battled the hilly 4.2 km course to take 3rd and 5th place respectively in the U17 Senior Girls event.

The following girls have made selection for the South West inter counties event at Bournemouth on **Saturday, 4th March**: Holly and Hannah Kirkham, Flora Burns, Victoria James with Jessica Wheeler as first reserve. Congratulations on your excellent achievement.

Salisbury Schools Cross Country – the third of the four events is organised by South Wilts for the first time, on **Wednesday 8 February**, at Hudson's Field. Thank you to Mr Butt and the Sports prefects for helping to make the day run smoothly. (Mrs Godber)

Maths Puzzles by Sophie Manners 12E

Win a Car!

At a fair ground a stall offers a prize of a car to the first person who can throw six sixes on six fair dice.

It costs 50p to have a go and the car costs the stall holder £5000.

What is the probability that the stall will make a profit?
(Consider only the cost of the car).



What number was the middle house?

Five houses next door to each other were on the even side of the road. They were all three digit numbers and the largest was a perfect cube. The second lowest was a triangle number.

What number was the middle house?



Recommended Websites:

www.univie.ac.at/future.media/moe - Fun interactive tests for various maths topics.

www.cs.uidaho.edu/~casey931/conway/games.html - "Clever games for clever people". Need I say more?

Easter- End of Term Arrangements

School finishes at the usual time of 3.45pm on Friday 31st March. There will be a charity fun run in the afternoon on the athletics track. More details to follow.
(Mrs Stratton)

Events Next Term

Monday 20th February — TD Day
Tuesday 21st February — School returns
Thursday 23rd February — Year 9 Options Evening
Wednesday 1st March — Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 9th March — Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 20th March — Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 31st March — Break up for Easter (3.45pm)

Lost Property

Lost property is now full and will shortly be cleared of items which have been there for more than three months. The following items are waiting to be collected: coats, jackets, PE kit, school jumpers, scarves, umbrellas, lunch boxes, swimming kit, non-school uniform, two sleeping bags and a tent. Please encourage your daughter to come and check whether anything belongs to her. The Office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.30pm. Parents are welcome to come and have a look. (Mrs Taylor)

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School Production Years 7-13 - 'Return to the Forbidden Planet'

Deep in outer space (or SWGS main hall!!) a group of 30 girls and boys from Years 7 through to 13 have been rehearsing for this years exciting school production '**Return to the Forbidden Planet**'

They will be performing this production at South Wilts Grammar School on the 16th, 17th and 18th March 2006 in the Main Hall.

Come and watch Captain Tempest's space ship struggle its way through the galaxy trying to get home to earth. Featuring songs such as 'Great Balls of Fire', 'Teenager in Love' and 'Wipe Out' combined with some of the greatest lines that Shakespeare has to offer.

There is something for everyone.

Where can I buy a ticket I hear you ask?

Simply fill out the form below and return it to **Mrs Wood in the School Library**. Ticket prices are as follows:

Adult - **£5**
Children - **£3.50**

Please come and support what plans to be a very enjoyable event.

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School Production Years 7-13 - 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' 16th, 17th and 18th March 2006 in the Main Hall

Daughter / Son's Name:..... Form:.....

I would like to purchase: adult tickets (£5)

I would like to purchase:.....children's tickets (£3.50)

I would like to come on

Thursday 16th March

Friday 17th March

Saturday 18th March (please tick where appropriate)

I enclose £..... Cash / cheque (please make cheques payable to SWGS)

Signed.....

✂.....

For office use only School Production Years 7-13 - 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' 16th, 17th and 18th March 2006 in the Main Hall

Receipt

Daughter / Son's Name:..... Form:.....

Received with thanks the sum of £..... (DES) (EMW)

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Evening classes in French, Spanish and Italian conversation at Bishop Wordsworth's School

If you would like to learn Spanish and Italian from scratch or improve your French then read on!

Spanish and Italian conversation classes will be starting at BWS on Tuesday evenings and will run from 28th February to 2nd May inclusive, with a break for Easter on 4th and 11th April. They will start at 19:15 and finish at 20:45.

French conversation classes are running on Tuesday evenings up to 28th March inclusive, with a break for half term on 14th February. The classes start at 19:30 and finish at 21:00.

The cost is £5 per session and all sessions must be paid for in advance.

Neither course is examined and you will not require a textbook.

The Spanish and Italian classes are for beginners, the French class assumes some basic knowledge of the language – GCSE or roughly equivalent.

Classes will accommodate up to a maximum of 15 students and places will be allocated on receipt of payment for the course.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Catherine Short at Bishop Wordsworth's School **as soon as possible** if you'd like to do the French classes, and by **Tuesday 21st February** if you'd like to do the Spanish.

You will need to complete the registration form below and return it with your cheque to Mrs Short at the School.

(Mrs Claire Makin, Assistant Head and Language College Director 01722 336840)

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Registration form for adult evening classes at BWS to be returned to Bishop Wordsworth's School, 11 The Close Salisbury SP1 2EB. FAO Mrs C SHORT

I wish to enrol for the French class Spanish class Italian class

___ I enclose a cheque for the total number of French sessions I will attend up to 28th March

___ I enclose a cheque for £40 for the 8 week Spanish course

___ I enclose a cheque for £40 for the 8 week Italian course

Cheques to be made payable to Bishop Wordsworth's School. We regret we cannot refund any missed sessions.

Name:

Address:

.....Post code:

Tel number: Email address:

Signature:

Date:

