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December 2010



Message from Mrs Stratton

This has once again been a busy term with students involved in so many events as you will see from this newsletter. Music, drama, sport, the sixth form Citizenship Conference and Young Enterprise are just some of the activities that have taken place. Many students will be returning to modular exams, both GCSE and A Level, in January. We hope that everyone has a really good holiday. (Mrs Stratton)

Finance, School Fund and Academy Status

These are difficult times financially for everyone. Schools nationally are facing challenging budget cuts, and a school like South Wilts will not benefit from new initiatives such as the Pupil Premium as we have very few students on free school meals. Inevitably there will be a real terms cut for South Wilts from 2011-12, which could be between £60 - 100,000. In addition the government has announced its intention to establish parity of funding between sixth forms and further education colleges. In reality this means that the funding we receive for sixth form students here at SWGS will be reduced by about £100,000.

Becoming an Academy from January 1st will go some way to help reduce budget issues, as we will gain at least £120,000 from January to August 2011. (see Governors' newsletter for more details). We do not want to compromise our levels of support and curriculum for our students. As a result continued, parental financial support becomes even more crucial. With your real support we can continue to ensure that our educational provision for your daughter remains outstanding, and days at South Wilts are truly memorable and exciting.

Over the last three years the School Fund, including Gift Aid, has added to the school budget by an average of £67,300 which has been absolutely essential in maintaining your daughter's education and school experience. Every penny donated goes towards making South Wilts special for your daughter. Full details and the means to set up a standing order and Gift Aid can be accessed here on our website: [School Fund](#) (linked) under Friends of South Wilts and will also be available at all Parent Consultation evenings in the Spring Term. (Mrs Stratton)

Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements

Parents may wish to know that the proposed Wilts County Council Co-ordinated Admissions Schemes for 2011/12 are available on request from the School Admissions Team at County Hall (admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk). Our draft Admissions Policy for entry in 2012 is out to consultation until 1st March 2011 and can be found on the school's website.

Parent Governor Election

Advanced notice that I will be holding an election for one Parent Governor in January. Please look out for the letter and nomination form in the New Year.

If you have any queries about being a Governor please contact me at the school. (Mrs Bryan, Clerk to the Governors)

Results Day for GCSEs

To parents of Year 10 and Year 11 girls : please note that Results Day for GCSEs next year is **Thursday 25th August 2011**.

In the recent 6th form Open Evening it was incorrectly displayed as being a week earlier. We apologise for the misinformation.

Skirt Lengths: A reminder that skirts should be no shorter than one hand width above the knee. Shoes need to be sensible and leather so that they keep the water out.



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Have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas



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Charity News

This term has seen some excellent contributions to charity. At the end of last term, 11W hosted a fantastic Halloween Fair in a darkened lecture theatre with fortune telling, bobbing for apples, cakes and lots of other fun stalls. They raised a total of £106.98 for the school charities!

Around the same time, 9W ran the "Are you smarter than a year 7?" event where teachers battled against year 7s to see who could answer the most questions right. Fortunately the teachers pulled through in the end but the year 7s gave them a good run for their money! They raised £112.67!

As Remembrance Day approached, girls donated money to wear a poppy and in the end raised an impressive £150 for the Poppy Appeal.



The Trussell Trust ran a Christmas Shoe Box Appeal where students put some items in a wrapped shoe box to be sent to families in need in Bulgaria. It was great to see how many students took the time to put these together. Your contributions will make a big difference to several families who would not otherwise have anything for Christmas.

On Tuesday, 8th December 6BAW ran a brilliant charity event with a Science and Humanities team competing against each other in Family Fortunes! The event was excellently organised, and the girls even surveyed other students around the school to get their data! The Science Team were the fastest buzzers and beat the Humanities team, and the event made £72 for the school charities.

Win Gwan Chan in 6AAD made a very impressive £167.39 from a sponsored silence!

Teachers Strictly Come Dancing was run by 9E on Friday, 10th December. This event is likely one that the girls will remember for a very long time! Students packed into the Main Hall to watch five incredibly brave and impressive teacher dances.

They were absolutely brilliant, and the very deserving winners for the competition were Mr. Lawrence and Miss Owen. The form made a whopping £252.96 for charity! Thank you to all the students who have put in such great efforts to run these events.



It is always impressive to see how many innovative and creative ideas you come up with to raise money. We are looking forward to seeing even more in the new year! (Mrs Chamberlain)

Foneclub Recycling Mobile Phones for Schools

Foneclub is an initiative allowing your school to raise money by recycling mobile phones. We receive £2.50 for every handset regardless of age or condition. A box will be at reception at South Wilts Grammar School for any phones sent into school. Let's get RAISING MONEY. (Laura Matlass 07733 360992)



International
School Award

Re-designation of International School Award

South Wilts has been re-designated as an International School by the British Council in recognition of the broad range of work that is studied at the school.

We initially achieved the award in 2007 and since then, the range of activities has increased and our links with our international partner schools have increased.

All departments within the school ensure there is a global dimension in the programmes of study that students undertake. From a wide range of international music to detailed work of many foreign countries in Geography, all students benefit from the international themes to the work they study.

Links with our partner schools in France and Germany continue to be strong with regular trips and exchanges. Students from South Wilts have also been regular volunteers during their gap year placements in India.

We have also developed our links with China. Regular video conferences have taken place this year between Chinese students and our own International school prefects. Two different visits this year have involved teachers and the headteacher from Nanhai No1 school to South Wilts.

Hannah Bonney, Erika Holden, Fiona Mashford, Alice Poppleton, Alex and Bryony Richards, Abigail and Emily Tan and Helena Wynn represented Wiltshire by taking part in the Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Orchestra tour to China during the October break. They played concerts which were extremely well received and enjoyed visiting schools, locals' homes and places of great cultural interest during their time in Nanhai and Hong Kong. The trip proved a very special and memorable experience and the girls were considered to be excellent ambassadors for Wiltshire.

Recently, we have also secured a British Council Grant to fund a joint project between SWGS and our Indian partner school in Lucknow. This will involve many of our students and will be based around a healthy eating project.

There will be teacher exchange visits and we also hope to be able to extend this to student exchange visits in the second and third years of the project.

We are looking forward this year to developing many of these initiatives with the introduction of Senior International School Prefects to lead the work within the school. Please see the International Schools section on the schools website for more information. (Mr Jones)

Academic Mentoring Project

South Wilts has recently worked with NACE (National Association of Able Children in Education) and the GSHA (Grammar School Heads Association) to develop a website that provides educators throughout the UK with a professional, authoritative and meaningful research resource to help implement best practice in secondary schools. This project identifies the essential elements for schools in any context that will stretch exceptional learners and help schools and students reveal and nurture underlying abilities more.

The project, called ATLAS for Advanced Teaching and Learning for Able Students, was launched in Oxford at the end of November and is online for other schools to utilise.

Our research focused on student leadership, and specifically the development and success of our Academic Mentoring programme. The full research project can be accessed on the school's website. (Mrs Harris)

Higher Education Guidance

Well done to so many students on getting their UCAS application forms completed and sent off in record time. Please note, if you are in the fantastic position of having offers, do not reply choosing your firm and insurance choices until we have spoken to you about making those decisions, in PSD, in the New Year. (Mrs Phelps and Mrs Mackay)

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Challenge Award

On December 9th South Wilts was awarded the prestigious Challenge Award. This national award is presented by NACE (National Association for Able Children in Education) and recognises schools that show outstanding provision for gifted, talented and more able students.

The application process combined a rigorous self assessment followed by a one day assessment in which two assessors visited lessons, talked to students, staff, parents and a governor and looked at examples of students' work.

The assessors were highly complementary about the students, staff and wider community work of the school. They were particularly impressed by the ethos of support and care within the school, the support that older students provide to the younger years in the form of academic mentoring and in their positions of responsibility, as well as the high expectations of students and staff. They felt that the quality of learning was outstanding and that the range and depth of enrichment opportunities was exemplary.

I would like to thank all the parents and students involved in the day. This award is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work and achievements of parents, staff and students and to build on our outstanding provision. (Mrs Harris)



Equality

As part of our continuing commitment to equality, we have been re-assessing the accessibility of our buildings thereby ensuring that all of our practices comply with the recent changes according to the Equality Act 2010.

To this end, we will be establishing a working group with the aim of reviewing school policies and practices. We would like to invite any members of the school community to be part of this group. Please contact me at the school to become involved; a first working party meeting will be arranged in the new year.

We would also like to ensure that the way the school operates is not inadvertently discriminating against students, parents or any other member of the community who has connections with the school. If you feel this is the case, then I would like to invite you to contact the school in order for us to address these issues and improve the way that we work. (Mr Jones)

Eco changes

The school has had an active Eco team for a number of years investigating ways of making the school more sustainable. The school already re-cycles white paper, the canteen re-cycles all of its cans and as much of the food waste is composted as possible.

There have been campaigns such as Eco week last summer where students were asked to consider their journeys to school, we significantly increased the re-cycling for the week and used bio-degradable trays in the canteen when students wanted to take food out of the canteen. We have also recently supported switch off fortnight.

In the new year, we will be introducing biodegradable trays in the canteen. Ideally, all meals would be eaten in the canteen on plates, but we know there are times when this is not possible or desired – especially on warm summer days. The new trays are slightly more expensive however, so rather than the current 5p extra for take out trays, this cost will be increased to 10p. (Mr Jones)



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Senior Maths Challenge

Once again the Senior Maths Challenge had a wide participation, with 37 students competing. This challenge is designed to extend the most able sixth form mathematicians in the country, and we are very pleased that 27 of our entrants were awarded certificates. Special mention must go to Hannah Royle, who was invited to participate in the follow-on round, the British Mathematical Olympiad, and to Bryony Richards, in Year 10, who was awarded a Gold certificate in the Senior challenge. The following students received certificates:



Maths &
Computing

Gold

Year 13: Hannah Royle

Year 12: Lucy Smith, Kat Burleigh, Vanessa Tyler

Year 10: Bryony Richards

Silver

Year 13: Meghan Field, Katie Newsome

Year 12: Rebecca Bostock, Emily Davis, Georgina Dean, Rebecca Freestone, Katharine Hoare, Isabelle Kiff, Katie Macleod, Fiona Mashford, Gabriella Pountney, Alex Richards

Bronze

Year 13: Katharine Baines, Rachel Unwin

Year 12: Flora Burns, Jialu Chen, Hannah Gidney, Elizabeth Legge, Georgina Lowe, Amy Oke, Abigail Tan, Sophie Unwin. (Miss Offner)

Continuing news - Rotary Club Young Chef

Ella Reed in 11A took part in the second round of the Rotary Club Young Chef of the year competition on 24th November. She had already won the Salisbury round and was competing against students from the rest of Wiltshire.

Ella made a very successful two course Thai meal and she got through to the District final to be held in Bournemouth in February. (Mrs Mahoney)



British Nutrition Foundation Award 2010

Each year the best pieces of Food Technology coursework from each of the Examining Boards in the UK are recognised by an award from the British Nutrition Foundation.

The awards are sponsored by Nestle and Waitrose and aim to celebrate the high standard of the work carried out in Food Technology. This year there was a tie for the first place with AQA Examining Board; two students achieved full marks and I am delighted to say that they both came from SWGS.

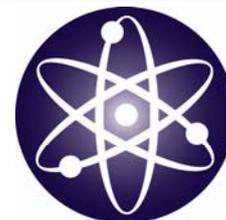
Sarah Beckett and Ella Bowen both received £100 and Mrs Mahoney collected the school's award receiving a cheque for £200 to be used in the Food Technology Department. The awards were presented at the Royal College of Physicians in Regents Park London by H.R.H. The Princess Royal and were followed by an official reception and luncheon.

Both Ella and Sarah have continued their studies: Ella is studying Estate Management at The Royal Agricultural College and Sarah is taking Dietetics at Kings College London. (Mrs Mahoney)

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Physics in Action Trip

In November a group of 6th form physicists made the trip up to London to experience a day of Physics lectures. These highly entertaining, practical demonstration-filled lectures were delivered by researchers noted in their field of expertise. The conference covered topics from the very small (the search for dark matter in particle accelerators) to the very large (the behaviour of our Sun and the latest three-dimensional images).



Science

We were treated to an array of tricks with sound waves including the use of fire to show up the vibrations of the air during an eclectic mix of past and present hits!

The LASER Light Show continued the musical theme, producing intricate light patterns choreographed perfectly. The highlight really had to be the fascinating Physics involved in making a cup of tea! (Mrs Brown)



Writing Club

Writing Clubs

'Exciting Writing' for Years 7 and 8 takes place in 08 every Monday lunch time. It is run by sixth formers, who always make sure that the meetings are great fun, with different activities every week, including a Christmas competition recently.

Sixth Form Writing Club takes place every three or four weeks after school on Monday. We are at present working on entries for the TS Eliot shadowing scheme and the Tower Poetry competition.

Please see Mrs Coundley in 08 if you are interested in taking part in either club. (Mrs

French Exchange

In October a group of year 10 and 12 students from SWGS and BWS set off at crack of dawn on our annual visit to Nantes. Excitement mounted as the moment for meeting new pen friends arrived.

France was in the grip of strikes and everyone learnt the word 'manifestation' very quickly. In spite of disruption to public transport and some large processions in the centre of Nantes we were fortunately little affected by the protests against the raising of the pension age.

The weather during the week was great and the range of activities had something for everyone. There were lessons and activities in school, visits to the local salt marshes, a guided tour of the football stadium and a full day's excursion to Paris for Year 12. All the students were wonderfully behaved and some were brave enough to make a speech in front of all the French parents, the French headmaster and a city councillor. We were all sad to leave at the end of the week and are looking forward to hosting the French students when they arrive in March. (Mrs Jouahri)



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Year 7 Roman Mosaics

On 4th and 5th November the History department welcomed local artist Joanna Dewfall into school to work with year 7 students. Each tutor group spent a half day designing and creating authentic Roman mosaics. They developed skills with tile cutting, gluing and mosaic construction.

These workshops complemented the students' study of the Roman world over the first term including the formation of the Roman Empire, the nature of Roman life and warfare and the reasons for its fall. Students produced some fantastic work and really captured the spirit of the Romans within their mosaics, which they took home to decorate their coffee tables!

The department awarded prizes in the end of term celebration assembly to students in each tutor group who had fully embraced the concept of Roman Mosaic design and for highly commended work. These were very difficult to judge as all girls had produced some outstanding work. Prizes were awarded to:

Fully embraced the concept of Roman Mosaic design

7A Eloise Martin
7B Anna Jorgensen-Stephens
7E Alexandra Nikolin
7N Adeline Ashworth

Prize: Highly commended

7A Georgia Gregory
7B Tanvi Dabke
7E Honor Jackson
7N Isabelle Wray



Free Books for Year 7 from Booked Up

Booked Up is a national programme that aims to give a free book to every child starting secondary school in England. Booked Up's goal is to support and encourage reading for pleasure and independent choice. All Year 7 pupils chose their free book from a list of 12 specially selected titles. Here are some of our 7A students who were delighted to receive their free book!

To find out more about Booked Up visit the websites <http://www.bookedup.org.uk> and <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/National-programmes/Booked-Up>
(Mrs Wood, Librarian)



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Carol Service

We are privileged once again to have our Carol Service in the beautiful setting of Salisbury Cathedral.

The girls from all our three choirs, joined by the men who sing for A Cappella, have worked extremely hard to prepare a service of readings, prayers and music.

We are very excited to be including the beautiful carol with which Caroline Halls won a competition last year. (Mrs Poppleton)



Children's Chance

In November two of our singing teachers, Mr Ottaway and Miss Williams, took Jessica Webber and Bethany Woolgrove to sing in an evening of poetry and music held at Sarum St.

Michael to raise money for the charity Children's Chance which supports young people in a variety of ways.

Their contribution was very much appreciated. (Mrs Poppleton)



School Concert

The November music concert was once again a spectacular showcase of the talent that South Wilts' musicians have to offer.

The evening began with Beethoven's First Symphony, beautifully executed by the Senior Orchestra, followed by the delightful Guitar Group, who played two pieces under Malcolm Wilkinson's direction. The Hart Quartet rose magnificently to the challenge of Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, and were succeeded by the equally impressive Training Orchestra, who played lively renditions of The Pink Panther and Mamma Mia. Year 10 students Kate Smith and Rosamond Thomas gave a moving performance of their own arrangement of Your Song, and the Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Richard Parsons, wowed the audience with selections from Corelli's Christmas Concerto.

Senior Choir sang a range of music, including a vibrant performance of the popular Don't Stop Believin' from Glee, and the Junior Choir gave impressive performances of both contemporary and traditional pieces. The Wind Quintet performed Poulenc's Novelette in C major beautifully, and A Cappella stunned the audience with two challenging pieces, including Elgar's The Snow, which was accompanied by Alice Poppleton and Christabell Pidduck on violins.

The evening finished with upbeat performances from the Wind Band of Shrek Dance Party and The Beatles, which had everyone humming along and several students dancing outside the hall! We should like to thank the FOSWGS for providing refreshments, all the staff who played, directed and helped, the enthusiastic audience, and most importantly the girls, who performed magnificently. (Miss Creese)

Congratulations:

To all who have recently achieved success in individual music examinations, including Louise Edwards who passed Grade 8 Trumpet and Katie Collins who passed Grade 8 Clarinet with distinction.

Rachel Maxey was successful in her audition to become a viola player in the National Youth Orchestra. This is a truly exceptional achievement and we wish her well in her holiday courses and concerts. She is particularly looking forward to joining the orchestra for its BBC Proms Concert in the summer. (Mrs Poppleton)



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Drama Department

There have been several enjoyable theatre trips to see a diverse range of productions such as the West End hit 'Enron' at the Bath Theatre Royal, Trestle's physical interpretation of an African story 'Burn My Heart' at the Salisbury Arts Centre and the Elizabethan play 'The Picture' at the Salisbury Playhouse.

The Year 11 Drama students received very positive feedback when they took their Theatre-In-Education projects into local primary schools and used Drama as a tool to teach the children about moral issues such as sharing and friendship and topics such as 'earthquakes' studied in their class.

The Drama prefects have been working hard with members of the Lower school Drama Club in preparing a showcase of work entitled 'The Past, Present and Future of Theatre'. Many students will perform for the first time at South Wilts during the final days of term for friends and family.

Also in the last week we have a visiting Theatre-In-Education group from Salisbury College presenting a piece of work on behaviour and consequences to the Year 10 Drama students, which will hopefully give them some ideas for their own projects next year.

Well done to all those talented actors and musicians who took part in the BWS/SWGS production of Brecht's 'Caucasian Chalk Circle'. The play was incredibly accessible, comic and dynamic and the cast really enjoyed the ensemble acting style. (Miss Atherton)

Year 12 Higher Education Conference: Thursday 17th February

Following last year's success we are again organising our own Higher Education Conference, this time in collaboration with Bishop Wordsworth's School. Keynote talks in the morning at South Wilts on applying to competitive courses in Higher Education will be followed by an exhibition at Bishop Wordsworth's School.

Around 25 of the universities most popular with our students will be exhibiting and students will have the opportunity to find out more about courses, collect prospectuses and talk to admissions staff from the universities. Fuller details will be available shortly. The conference is being held on the first TD day before half term and all Year 12 students are expected to attend.

Requests for Holiday and Leave of Absence

I am sure we would all agree that excellent attendance is a key factor in achieving success at school and so it is very important to minimise the disruption to both the education of each individual student and to a whole class through unnecessary absence.

We would ask you to consider this very carefully when requesting any leave of absence from school. Although holiday leave can be authorised, our guidelines are now very clear that this should only be in exceptional circumstances.

We need to take into account the impact on the student's learning and cannot authorise holiday simply because it is more convenient or less expensive to take it outside the official holiday time, even if it is tagged on to the beginning or end of it. Of course we will continue to look favourably upon requests where there is simply no alternative, or where family circumstances are exceptional, but please expect many routine requests for holiday absence to be denied authorisation.

The more information you can give when making a request, the easier it will be to judge whether it can be authorised or not. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter as I am sure we all share the desire to see our students continue to achieve excellent results. (Mrs Stammers)

Young Ambassadors

South Wilts 'Young Ambassadors' have also been hard at work. Izzy Ryan (Yr 10) and Ellie Ingram (Yr 11) attended a Young Ambassadors Conference where they learnt about their role of encouraging as many young people to become involved in sport using the 2012 Olympics as a stepping stone

Our Trip to Exeter!

"As 'Gold Young Sports Ambassadors' for the Salisbury area, we had the opportunity to go to Exeter for a conference with other Gold Ambassadors from across the country. We met many famous Olympians and Para-Olympians, including Adam Whitehead who won a Gold Medal in the Commonwealth Games a few years ago. We really enjoyed learning new and exciting ways to encourage others to get involved in sport and even had a chance to make up a dance to show to the other groups. Not embarrassing at all! We had a really amazing day and look forward to putting our new skills into practice!" (Isabel Ryan & Ellie Ingram)

For part of their role, the girls including Georgia Hedge (Yr 11) have begun visiting local Primary Schools to give assemblies encouraging young people to be more active:

"...we really wanted to encourage younger children to get excited about the upcoming 2012 Olympics. So, on Thursday 21st October, when most of our classmates were lying in bed at home we went to Woodford Primary School and gave an assembly about the Olympics. We were nervous to start off with but soon realised that they're not as scary as they look and they were more than happy to hear about the different sports and values that will be at the Olympics. We even had some hands up for people who might want to take part in them! We really enjoyed talking to the primary children and hope to do some more assemblies at other primary schools in the area soon." (Isabel Ryan, Ellie Ingram & Georgia Hedge) Well done - a fantastic effort from you all. (Miss Marsh)

Leweston Cross Country Relays

Superb all round performances from all the students listed at The Leweston Cross Country relays this year.

The Junior Girls finished 4th overall and the combined Inter/ Senior A and B teams finished 1st and 2nd overall.

Well done girls and thanks once again to the continued commitment and dedication of Mr Jeff Butt.

Senior

Imogen Wolsey
Amy McDermott
Katie Newsome
Florence Powell
Bryony Osbourn
Emma Clarke
Lizzie Clifford
Sophie Kalik
Vicky James
Charlotte Williamson
Lucy Butt
Hannah Croager
(Mrs Darby)

Junior

Phoebe Kalik
Rachel Lang
Georgie Holman
Becky Esdaile

South Wilts Students Reach National Finals

Following a gruelling regional round of the ESSA National Cross Country Competition at Leweston School, the Intermediate Girls qualified in 2nd Place behind Millfield to win their place at the National Finals in Northumbria (Alnwick Castle to be precise, the location of Hogwarts) to be held on 26th March 2011. The girls have trained consistently hard to reach this prestigious event which showcases the best school cross country runners in the country. Well done and good luck girls. Go for it!! Well done also to the newly formed Junior team who all ran to the best of their ability, with most of them competing against girls in the year above.

A special big thank you from all of the girls and the PE dept must also go to the inspirational coaching and dedication of Jeff Butt for once again helping our girls reach their potential.

National Finalists 2010/11

Sophie Kalik, Lizzie Clifford, Bryony Osbourn, Emma Clarke, Hannah Croager and Fiona Defty. (Mrs Darby)

U12 Netball Results

A Team v Godolphin won 10-8
 B Team v Godolphin won 8-1
 The A Team won the Salisbury and District Festival, beating both St Eds and Godolphin. A great start to their netballing careers at SWGS. Well done, girls. Keep it up.
 A Team: Sarah Brown, Amy Webster, Hannah Pickup, Helen Forrest, Alexia Lay, Lily Jackson, Phoebe Wing, Miranda Clifford, Charlotte Robinson
 B Team: Matilda Bryant, Isobel Wray, Lara Shavren, Charlotte Taylor, Holly Allaway, Bethany Moloney, Lucy Higson, Molly Evans, Sally Morris, Claire Baines.

U15 Netball Results

The U15 A Squad were victorious at the Salisbury and District Tournament which was held on Thursday 25th November at Sarum Academy and the B Team finished an extremely creditable 3rd. Both teams played excellently throughout the evening with the A's winning all of their matches and beating their hot rivals Godolphin A in an all action nail biting final. Brilliant!
 A Team: Jade Creighton, Jenny Snell, Jerry Edwards, Ellie Crosthwaite, Izzy Ryan, Lizzie Clifford, Katie Butler, Holly Scott, Sophie Kalik
 B Team: Ellen Prichard, Emma Francis, Lizzie Jacobs, Hannah Easterbrook, Mia Baines, Georgia Smith and Rebecca Foggitt.

U16 Netball Results

The U16 qualified for the county round of the netball this year which was held at Dauntsey's on Saturday 20th November. Following a bit of a slow start, the girls pulled together to produce some good performances with intermittent brilliance in temperatures which were extreme to say the least.
 Cate Morrison, Emily Kalik, Meg Dickson, Ellie Ingram, Rosanna Grant, Anna Carter, Laura Tomlin, Hannah Brown and Steph Sherborne.

U19 Netball Results

The senior squad finished third overall in the county tournament behind NEW College and Godolphin. They performed outstandingly well beating St Mary's, Hardenhuish, Stonar and Sheldon in their group.
 Becca Goddard, Jess Wheeler, Flora Lewis, Vicky James, Emily Brown, Lydia Griffiths, Hannah Vaughan, Rebecca Outterside, Fleur Southwood, Aine Tiernan, Karina Roche.

Wilts Open Gym & Trampoline Competition

Lucy Ramsdale (7N) took part in the Wiltshire Open Gym & Trampoline Competition at Wiltshire School of Gymnastics in Melksham.

Lucy did really well, there were only about 6 - 8 schools taking part from the whole of Wiltshire.

Lucy came first in the KS3 Elite Trampoline Competition.



British Judo Association

Emily Snell has received an individual national medal in Judo and has also qualified for training with the England Squad, at the end of which she will be assessed to join the England Team. Well done, Emily.

Sporting Sixth Form News

Simon Woodhouse – Badminton Development Officer - succeeded in gaining funding for a Sixth Form Badminton Club to be run in conjunction with Bishop Wordworth's School.

The Club has been a huge success with many of the girls going down to 5 Rivers on a Wednesday afternoon and working with Simon. As well as keeping fit, they have learnt new skills and had the opportunity for some challenging competition. (Miss Marsh)

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SWGS sweep to victory at Schools Biathlon Qualifier

13 SWGS pupils took part in the National Schools Biathlon Qualifier held at Bath University.

The competition requires each competitor to both swim and run as fast as possible over a stated distance - the swim being 100metres and the run 1,000metres - points are then awarded on a sliding scale based around an optimum time. All SWGS girls performed exceptionally well on the day which was very cold and windy and the results were fantastic!

The year 8 team of Sarah Croager, Becky Esdaile, Georgie Holman and Phoebe Kalik produced personal bests in the run and in the swim to gain a well deserved 2nd place on the podium with Phoebe coming individually 3rd overall and Georgie taking 11th place with Becky 14th - this puts the girls at the top of the ranking list with an excellent chance of going through to the semi finals. Sophie Kalik, SWGS only year 9 competitor, produced a magnificent pb in the run to take her to first place before the swim - she then swam a pb to hold on to a great win for the school and a place in the semi - final.

The gauntlet was cast and our year 10 girls rose to the challenge with a tremendously impressive run by Bryony Osbourn to win the best run medal in her year. Her team mates, Hannah Croager and Ellie Wolverson, followed up with an equally impressive swim which saw Ellie win and the team take 1st position with Ellie on her debut taking 4th place individually.

The year 11 girls - Nicole Esdaile, who had been off with a chest infection all week, produced a gutsy running performance coming fourth to Louise Davidson, who ran a personal best finishing second to Emily Kalik, who produced a season's best time of 3.18secs ensuring the team went into the swim in a very strong position. They came home in fantastic fashion with Nicole 1st in a time of 1.04, Louise hot on her heels in 2nd -1.05 and Emily 3rd in 1.07. The



girls all took podium finishes - Emily 1st Louise 2nd and Nicole 3rd!

The team were delighted to win and produced one of the highest scores in the competition of 6444 points! Finally our two year 12 &13 girls, Gabriella Pountney and Alexandra Richards, produced another excellent performance for SWGS finishing 4th and 7th respectively, with great personal achievements across the two events.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

Over the last term, the girls have been involved in many sporting opportunities inside and outside of school. Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been attending a Dance Club project taught by professional dance teacher, 'Carrie Sylkemoore'. They have twisted and turned to Streetdance moves with a Contemporary edge and have even begun to learn lifts! The club will continue next term, culminating in a performance piece at Salisbury Arts Centre in March. Keep dancing, girls!

Another exciting opportunity has been the development of the Volleyball Club run by Alex Baker and Emma Cole in the 6th Form. The Salisbury Sports Partnership was awarded, Change 4 Life funding specifically for supporting clubs run by students. Alex and Emma have begun to develop the club by inviting more students and using the money to buy some outdoor Volleyball equipment so that all the girls can use it throughout the summer months as an extra-curricular opportunity. The club has also had additional training on a Monday evening with two experienced Volleyball coaches from Salisbury Volleyball Club coming in to teach the girls new skills and tactics. The take up for the club has been fantastic –well done to both Alex and Emma for overseeing the whole process. (Miss Marsh)

E-Safety - Summary advice for parents

At Home

- There is a danger in having Internet connection available in bedrooms or other non-public rooms in a house. Keep internet access to family rooms only.
- Webcams on laptops: there is a danger associated with having this facility active and on during visits to chat rooms.
- Unfiltered access to the internet on laptops and PCs: youngsters are very likely to stumble across offensive material.
- Social networking sites: young people have a tendency to release too much information on these sites. In addition to the more obvious name & address, there should be no release of e-mail address, mobile no, school name. Bits of information can easily be pieced together.
- Social networking sites: too many young people leave accounts public-facing, and not password-protected.
- “Friend-swap” can occur on such sites in which contact details are swapped; soon a youngster might find themselves being contacted by total strangers because of this habit; they think that the stranger is a “friend of a friend” so is worthy of trust.
- Online “friends” may not be who they claim to be.
- Instant messaging is more risky since the contact is usually directly one-to-one. Stalkers can start gently, but quickly increase pressures during the course of a short conversation.
- Control over any information is lost once it has been sent to others. This applies to text, images, video clips and sound clips. Once released such items can be copied many times, altered, merged etc.
- Youngsters have a tendency to believe much of what they read. This can make them susceptible to spam messages and e-mails.

The advice is: never open e-mails or files from unknown senders.

Mobile Phones

- These may offer unfiltered internet access, available all day every day, unless this facility has been disabled.
 - Sexting: the recent problem of taking indecent or semi-indecent photos using a mobile phone and sending the images to others. This hands control of the images to others and such images are invariably copied many times. Victims can suffer extreme anxiety.
 - Text-message bullying: using messages to intimidate others.
- Some mobile phones are available with filtering built in; check with your provider/supplier.

Online Gaming

- Young people can become addicted, and lose touch with real friends.
 - Some gamers can become abusive towards other players, intimidating them.
- Some users bribe youngsters by supplying clues and “cheats” in order to gain personal information and indecent images (after a spell of careful grooming).

Tips for Parents

- Monitor what your child is doing online.
- Let her know that you are monitoring; discuss the reasons.
- Discuss her use of a mobile phone.
- Constantly remind her to report any problems, concerns or worries to you or to other responsible adults.

It is never too late to tell someone of worries; remind her of this.

Websites for Advice

- CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) at <http://www.ceop.gov.uk/>
- Think-U-Know (government advice organisation) at <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>