

Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cooper's weekly message:

I was delighted to see so many of our students representing the school at our open evening for prospective new students this week. They were really impressive and left us all feeling very proud.

If you have not done so already, please could I remind you that we are seeking your opinions through our **Parent View** survey? If you completed it last academic year, I would appreciate it if you could do so again as your new responses will contribute to the results for 2024/25. It can be found here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Mr. Cave's weekly message :

We've had an exceptionally busy week, with various events taking place. Last weekend our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition travelled over the Wiltshire hills and slept under the stars, whilst our Year 7 students welcomed Patrick, a Fairtrade farmer from Kenya to share stories of the impact of climate change and the global farming pressures. This was Year 7's first experience of an external visitor coming to speak with them, and we were really impressed by their engagement and maturity- they've made a fantastic start to life with us at Devizes School.

On Wednesday we opened our doors to the wider community for the school's Open Evening. It was great to meet the Devizes students of the future, but it was even better to witness the contributions of our students. There were so many volunteers across the school who engaged and taught our visitors about the many aspects of life at Devizes School. We received many compliments about their politeness, confidence and interactions, which makes us very proud of them all.

We also had our second House event this week, with members of Avebury, Roundway & Silbury turning up each morning for a community litter pick. We are really keen that our House system encourages a sense of community, and this was a really positive start to achieving that aim. Next week we hold our first House assemblies, where students across Years 7-13 come together to meet for the first time as our new House.

The weather has been kind to us this week, but the forecast for next week sees the return of some more unsettled weather- do please ensure your child has a coat when required, to avoid managing their school day in wet clothes. Please note that hoodies or tech fleeces are not coats and cannot be worn in school.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

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Fairtrade Visitor



On Wednesday, year 7 students had the opportunity to meet Patrick, a fairtrade farmer from Kenya and members of the fairtrade group based in Devizes.

Patrick encouraged students to think about where their food comes from, how climate change can jeopardize global food patterns and how fairtrade is supporting farmers facing exploitation, poor working conditions and pay.

Staff were extremely impressed with the questions students asked after the assembly, and they are now ready to be fairtrade ambassadors!

This was a hosted event by the green captains who also had the opportunity to lead a focus group.



Post 18 Options Day

Year 13 students of Melksham Oak and Devizes came together for our first joint Careers education event.

Students engaged in an afternoon understanding and exploring all Post 18 options, applications and employability skills. Our guest business professionals enabled a Human Library where students intractably listened and asked questions in speed style universities, apprenticeship providers, employers, skills providers and HE institutions



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Devizes School Extra-Curricular Club Opportunities 2024 (Term1)

	Club	Location	Time	Who Can Attend
Monday	Trampolining Club	Gym 2	3.00 – 4.00pm	Any Year Group / x40 max Year 10 & 11 Any Year Group
	Tassomai Club	S46	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Homework Club	LRC	3.00 – 4.00pm	
Tuesday	Netball Club	Netball Courts	3.00 – 4.00pm	Any Year Group / Unlimited Any Year Group Y7 – 11 / x30 max Year 11
	Homework Club	LRC	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Drama Club	ST1 & ST2	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Y11 Science Revision	S45	3.00 – 4.00pm	
Wednesday	Rugby Club	Field	3.00 – 4.00pm	Any Year Group / Unlimited Any Year Group / Unlimited Any Year Group / Unlimited Any Year Group / x8 max Any Year Group Year 7, 8 & 9 / x30 max Any Year Group / Unlimited Year 11
	Girls Football Club	Field	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Boxing Club	Gym 2	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Whittling Club	Regrow	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Homework Club	D70	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	KS3 Art Club	B27	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Dungeons & Dragons	LRC	3.00 – 4.00pm	
Y11 English Revision	B16	3.00 – 4.00pm		
Thursday	KS3 Book Club	LRC	Lunchtime (1.30-2.10pm)	Any Year Group / x8 max Any Year Group Any Year Group Year 11
	Crochet Club	LSU (B Block)	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Homework Club	LRC	3.00 – 4.00pm	
	Y11 Maths Revision	A5	3.00 – 4.00pm	
Friday	Y11 GCSE PE Revision	D66	3.00 – 4.00pm	Year 11 GCSE PE Pupils / x20 max Any Year Group
	Green Captains	B17	3.00 – 4.00pm	

Upcoming Extra-Curricular Clubs

	Club	Time	Who Can Attend
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Photography Club	3.00 – 4.00pm	Any Year Group / Unlimited
	KS3 Dance Practice		
	Journal Writing Club		
	Drama Production Rehearsal		
	Badminton Club		
	Tennis Club		
	Boys Football Club		
	Girls Rugby Club		
	Hockey Club		
	Cricket Club		
	Rounders Club		
	Volleyball Club		
	X-Country Club		
	Athletics Club		
	Squash Club		
	Dodgeball Club		
	Basketball Club		
Sports Academy			
Gymnastics Club			
STEM Club			
Gardening Club			
Warhammer Club			
Year 11 Revision Sessions (All subjects)			

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GCSE & A level Science Revision Sessions Term 1

Date	GCSE	A-Level	Date	GCSE	A-Level
9/24/2024	Physics MMX S48 CHL S45 RHL S40	Biology JJN S51	11/5/2024	Biology JJN S51 CHL S45 MMX S48	Chemistry RHL S40
10/1/2024	Chemistry RHL S40 CHL S45 JJN S51	Physics MMX S48	11/12/2024	Physics MMX S48 CHL S45 RHL S40	Biology JJN S51
10/8/2024	Biology JJN S51 CHL S45 MMX S48	Chemistry RHL S40	11/19/2024	Chemistry RHL S40 CHL S45 JJN S51	Physics MMX S48
10/15/2024	Physics MMX S48 CHL S45 RHL S40	Biology JJN S51	11/26/2024	Biology JJN S51 CHL S45 MMX S48	Chemistry RHL S40
10/22/2024	Chemistry RHL S40 CHL S45 JJN S51	Physics MMX S48	12/3/2024	Physics MMX S48 CHL S45 RHL S40	Biology JJN S51
HALF TERM			12/10/2024	Chemistry RHL S40 CHL S45 JJN S51	Physics MMX S48
			12/17/2024	Biology JJN S51 CHL S45 MMX S48	Chemistry RHL S40
CHRISTMAS HOLS					

School Canteen

Devizes School offers a varied menu for our students.

Every day students can choose from a Grab and Go Break/Lunch option, with the choice of a pana au chocolate, bacon roll, hash brown, sausage roll or pizza with a cookie and water for £2.65

Grab and go Deluxe (Lunch time only) Chicken burger or Panini with water for £2.65

Hot meals are available daily, for £2.65 including a drink and pudding.



Dates for the Diary

Meet the Tutor – Thursday 10th October 4-7pm