

# Devizes Dispatch



## Mr. Cooper's weekly message:

Mr Cave and I met with members of the Devizes School Local Governance Committee this week. Our governors are volunteers from the community who work hard to support the school with aspects of strategic planning and self-evaluation. I am very grateful for the work that they do.

The committee members are as follows:

M Warne - Chair / Trust Appointed  
I Mullings - Trust Appointed Governor  
H Pougher - Parent Governor  
A Wright - Staff Governor

H Phillips - Vice-Chair / Trust Appointed  
G Harrison - Trust Appointed Governor  
A Gill - Trust Appointed Governor  
V Mackay - Staff Governor

## Mr. Cave's weekly message:

I continue to be so impressed with the way in which our students have begun this academic year. On Wednesday I showed some new prospective parents around and they were overflowing with praise for what they saw in the classrooms and around the school site. I was so proud to show them our school and everything we offer, as well as our plans for the future. I also got into lots of Year 7 lessons this week and spoke with students who have made flying starts to their time with us, before phoning their parents to share our pride in their approach to secondary school life. It was great to share this with some of our new parents.

This week we've also held our first House assemblies, which has been great as over 300 students and staff gathered together as a team. The Championship is really heating up and so it will be interesting to see how each House does in various upcoming events and competitions.

As we enter October next week I wanted to highlight to you all our 'Meet the Tutor' Evening on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for you to come into the school itself, meet with staff and learn a bit about how your child has started the academic year. Heads of Year and Senior staff will also be available for conversations. Please make appointments via Edulink One.

Finally, as Mr Cooper mentioned last week, please can I point you towards our Parent View survey, and ask that you take a few moments to answer some questions about the school this year. It can be found here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

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## HMS Queen Elizabeth

A group of Year 10 students have been to visit one of the Queen Elizabeth class aircraft carriers, Britain's biggest warships. The visit onboard will include a presentation with information about the ship, a tour and opportunity to meet serving Royal Navy and Royal Marine personnel. The ships tour will include seeing the living areas, the flight deck and other areas of interest. There will be the chance to meet people serving in the Royal Navy, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and Royal Marines in the large aircraft hangar and find out more about what they do.



## Key notices:

### School photos Years' 7,9 & 11

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

### Meet the Tutor

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October we are holding our "Meet the Tutors" evening. This is an opportunity for all parents and students to meet with form tutors and discuss how the year has started. Tutors will have key information about attendance, rewards and behaviour logs as well as copies of the most recent academic report from last year (where relevant).

**Appointments will be held in school** and will run for 5 minutes from 4-7pm. Appointments can be booked using Edulinkone (1 slot per student), a guide to logging in and using this is attached.