



Devizes Dispatch

Mr. Cave's weekly message:

It's been a different week at Devizes School as our students have only attended for 3 days. We'll share more about what they've got up to next week, but this week I want to focus on our staff, as a big part of our week has been around staff training. Ensuring that all of our team here at the school, in their various roles, receive up to date training and support, as well as opportunities to work collaboratively with colleagues, is really important for the health and development of everyone involved.

We've benefited enormously from the time we've had this week. On Monday many of us met with colleagues across the White Horse Federation for a Trust Development Day, looking at creativity within the curriculum and enhancing the quality of what we provide for our students. On Tuesday we had time in school to consider our vision for the year ahead and new initiatives that will help move the school forward. On Wednesday some of our staff attending a session run by our Teaching & Learning partners 'Steplab', looking at how we coach teachers to become even better practitioners. And today our work around developing Trust curriculum continued as our Subject Networks met together in our Central offices.

We know that sometimes the public can wrongly perceive an inset day as a 'day off for staff', but these days are intense in nature and incredibly productive too- they help shape the school that your child attends each day, and I'm incredibly pleased with all the progress we've been able to make in these areas this week.

With the ongoing warmer weather forecast, we have decided to continue to give students the option of wearing Devizes School PE Kit for the remainder of term. Please refer to previous emails home for more details around expectations for uniform. We will continue to monitor future forecasts and update as necessary.

Pastoral Teams 26-27

As you know, we have in place a very experienced and knowledgeable pastoral team, designed to support each of our students with any pastoral concerns that they may have. We wanted parents/carers to be aware of the team in place for the 2026-27 academic year, so you know who to network with when necessary and who your child should see if they needed pastoral support:

- Pastoral Manager- Mrs K Gerken
- Year 7 Leader & Transition Lead- Mrs K Yeoman
- Year 8 Leader- Mrs M Cattelona
- Year 9 Leader- Mrs V Mackay
- Year 9 Pastoral Support- Miss C Bourreau
- Year 10 Leader- Mr M Traylor
- Year 10 Pastoral Support- Mrs S Gray
- Year 11 Leader- Mr T Black



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REMINDER

House Championship Final

Waivers required for Years 7,8,9,10 & 12

Many thanks to all parents who have completed their child's waiver in preparation for the House Championship final on Friday 17th July.

With out a signed waiver students will NOT be able to participate. We request that any outstanding waivers are completed ASAP and no later than Wednesday 15th July.

Original correspondence from March 2026 below.

We're writing to all parents to look ahead to one of the end of year highlights- our House Championship Finale. The three houses of Avebury, Roundway & Silbury have been engaged in close competition throughout the academic year so far, and on Friday July 17th we'll crown our new House Champions.

The winning house gets an afternoon reward out on the field to celebrate their victory, and as a part of this year's activities we have the option to engage in 'Bubble Football' or 'Archery Tag'. Each of these events does come with a small element of risk to it, and whilst all necessary safety precautions will be taken by both the company who are putting on the afternoon's activities and the school to mitigate against risk, the company require anyone taking part to sign a waiver in order to get involved.

Therefore, should your child's house be crowned the winners on that day and they wish to take part in either of these events, the waiver must be completed and their names added to the list in advance. If this is something your child would be interested in enjoying on the day, please take a moment to complete either/both of the waivers via the links below.

Please be reassured that there will be plenty of other activities for them to enjoy during the afternoon too!

If you have any questions about our House Championship or the Finale itself, please send them in to Mr Richardson.

Bubble Football : <https://app.cleverwaiver.com/s/qIZf7wmt>

Archery Tag : <https://app.cleverwaiver.com/s/pQZfzwmt>

PSHE Information meeting

A PSHE Information meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th July from 4.30pm. Full details have been emailed out. If you would like to attend, please complete the link below.

[PSHE Information evening Wednesday 15th July 2026 – Fill out form](#)

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U17's England Volleyball Team



Belle B has been selected to represent England in the U17s volleyball team, with the team travelling to Portugal for the competition. Even more impressively, she has also been appointed Joint Captain!

On top of that, she has been selected to represent the South West at the Inter-Regional Beach Volleyball Championships.

These are fantastic achievements and a testament to her hard work, dedication, and talent. Congratulations.

A fabulous achievement!

Beating the heat at Hengistbury Head!



Wednesday saw Part 2 of our Year 10 Geographers hit the coast to collect their vital GCSE Paper 3 fieldwork data—and what a scorcher it was!

In one of our hottest field trips yet, with highs of 27°C, our students absolutely smashed it. They stayed cool in the shade, kept hydrated, and worked incredibly hard to investigate evidence of longshore drift along the shoreline.

We were so impressed by their resilience in the heat and their fantastic fieldwork skills, from high-quality field sketches to the precise use of clinometers and ranging poles.

To celebrate wrapping up a brilliant (and very warm!) day of geography, we made sure to fit in a traditional seaside ice cream before heading home.

Huge well done to the final group of Year 10—you did us proud! A big thank you to all the staff who looked after everyone and made the day such a success.



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Wiltshire School Games Finals



On Wednesday, a selection of Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils took the lead at the Wiltshire School Games Finals, demonstrating outstanding leadership and responsibility throughout the event. They officiated matches, kept scores, coordinated the order of play and ensured the smooth running of the competition.

Their efforts were highly praised by teachers, participants and the School Games organisers, all of whom

commented on the pupils' professionalism, enthusiasm and exceptional contribution to the day.

They represented the school superbly and should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Start Music Lessons This September

If you would like your child to begin music or singing lessons in September, please see the attached flyers for further information on the lessons available and how to enrol.

Library Book amnesty

We are requesting that all School Library books (no matter what condition) are returned by Friday 17th July. School books can easily be identified as they will hold a school stamp on the first page and/or on the spine.

Any books not returned may incur a replacement charge.

Summer reading challenge

This year we will be running a Summer Reading Challenge (poster attached) – There will be a prize draw for three kindles that will take place in September. Everyone has the entire summer to complete the challenge, all entrants will receive house points.

Please collect your challenge card from the School Library

Dates for the diary

13th & 14th July – Year 10 Work Experience days

14th July – Year 8 Rewards Trip

15th July – PSHE Information session – Devizes School 4.30pm – 6pm

16th July – Year 9 Rewards Trip

22nd July – End of term – 1pm finish for students.