

# Devizes Dispatch



## Mr. Cave's weekly message:



This week marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and as a historian I think it's a special moment to remember. As time passes and real events turn into historical memories, some times the real significance can be lost. To have claimed victory over fascism and come out of war triumphant after facing a stark defeat just five years before was an incredible feat, that required a national and international effort with great sacrifices made by many. We celebrate the victory and pay our respects to all those who gave so much to make it happen.

Here in school we dressed in red, white or blue and took time in assembly considering the achievement, as well as making a donation to the Royal British Legion to mark the occasion.

On the topic of sacrifices and achievements, as I write this our Year 11 and 13 students are about to embark on their own journey towards success as the GCSE and A-Level exams begin. Those who have prepared effectively have certainly made sacrifices in terms of time and effort, and across the next month continue to work incredibly hard to realise the positive outcomes of all this work. We don't wish them luck because there's no luck involved at this stage- we say 'go well' and look forward to celebrating their success in the summer months. All of Devizes School is right behind you and cheering you on!

## School attendance

We're keen to hear parents thoughts around the important matter of school attendance to understand the current viewpoint of our school's approach to attendance and your thoughts on what else could be done to promote good attendance and see it improve as we move to 2025/26. Please take a few minutes as parents/carers to complete this short survey- <https://forms.office.com/e/7MxhQeikrO> We're also keen to hold a parent focus group meeting around attendance later this term, so please use the form to express your interest should you wish to be a part of this.

## Presentation Folder & Local Advertising

We're working with a company called "Funding Solution for Education" (FSE) to produce a school presentation folder, used for various public events throughout the year. It is hoped that this will raise over £3,000 towards school rewards in the future. The folder contains space for local businesses to advertise, and we're keen to give these opportunities to businesses with connections to our school. Please see the attachment in the email about this, share with those who may benefit from the opportunity, and get in touch with FSE if you are interested.



## **Rising Sports Stars of Devizes**

Our PE team are looking to complete a project on "Rising Sports Stars of Devizes". If any of our students are participating in any sporting activity to a high level (e.g. regional or national level), to please email Mrs Hobbs (rhobbs@devizes.wilts.sch.uk) with details and photo's.

## **Wiltshire First Aid Babysitting Course.**

Young teenagers may be looking to venture into babysitting evenings and weekends or may often be tasked with looking after their siblings whilst parents are working during half terms. Our babysitting course is aimed at those aged 14 years and it will give them the knowledge and confidence to babysit the professional way, as well as offering reassurance to the parents knowing that their child is in safe hands.

The course covers:

- Basic First Aid for Babies and Children
- Safety in the home
- Safeguarding for children
- General baby care

More information can be found here: <https://www.wiltshirefirstaid.co.uk/babysitting-course>

## **Message from Salisbury Hospital regarding Open Day**

We are hosting an open day at Salisbury District Hospital and we would love you to join us. Perhaps you are thinking of a career in nursing, medicine or one of the many roles that support the running of a hospital? Maybe you want to find out more about work experience or volunteering? Or you are just looking for something fun to do? Pencil in Saturday 7th June as we will have something for everyone. There will be live music, creative activities as well as historical displays. Come and join us! The Open Day will be held on Saturday 7th June from 10:00 – 15:00. Entry and parking is free; food will be available.

More details are on our website, Facebook and Instagram. Flyer attached.

## **Dates for the Diary**

13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 9 Vaccination catch up

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 10 Online Parents Evening – Bookings open