

# Devizes Dispatch



## Mr. Cave's weekly message:

We love to recognise & celebrate hard work & achievement at school as much as possible. For some, it's about demonstrating core values of courage, pride & resilience. For others, the effort they put into their work regardless of current ability or level of challenge. There's lots we therefore do to acknowledge these moments:

- Merits given during lessons for answers, engagement & effort
- The treasured Golden Ticket issued by teachers to just one student each lesson for being the shining star of the lesson
- Taking time in morning line up to recognise the daily top scorers for each of our three Houses within our tightly fought competition between Avebury, Roundway & Silbury
- Milestone certificates for students in receipt of their Bronze, Silver & Gold stars
- Simply being aware of student achievements and taking that moment in passing to congratulate them

And then most recently, we introduced our weekly "Positive Prizes" initiative, that sees the student with the highest amount of House Points each week receive a voucher to celebrate five fantastic days! Our three winners so far have been rightly proud of their achievements being recognised by both their individual teachers and the school. That's because celebrating the many ways that all students approach life at Devizes School positively is so important in motivating young people and building our culture within school where effort, engagement and attainment are held as the standard for all to aspire to.

## Year 11 Football League vs Corsham

As storm Chandra battered the pitch with gale force wind and rain - the boys took a relaxed approach to the start of the match. Corsham were pushing and nicking the ball in a congested midfield. It didn't take long before their efforts paid off and scored (0-1). Devizes upped their performance and began to move the ball well in combinations out wide - Caelon shooting just over with a left foot drive. TJ was putting a fantastic shift in at LB and frustrating their RM, progressing down the wing and creating more opportunities. On the opposite side, Owen H was solid and winning every header and pushing the ball up to Nate T beginning to put pressure on the Corsham defence. Harley R and Elliot S battling well in a compact midfield, with Jo S acting as a target man going into the wind.



Half time required us to refocus, move the ball quicker and a change of formation. The onslaught began instantaneously with shot after shot raining down on the Corsham GK. Back-to-back corners caused the defence to look a little rosey with only a few last-ditch blocks stopping Devizes from equalising. Another corner saw Jo S and Caelon W leap like salmon, with Caelon gaining the final touch, sailing the ball into the top corner (1-1). Corsham almost immediately got back ahead, with their ST going in 1 on 1 with Josh B (from the half way line) - with Josh B making an incredible save pushing it around the post.

Max R having switched wings, being given the freedom to go where he wanted whilst attacking began pushing Corsham back to the edge of their box, with numerous driving runs in behind and a number of shots forcing anxiety in the defence. Max R began the move with a fantastic pass into Ollie C, who jinxed past the ST, before playing an inch perfect long ball to Caelon Whyte - who plucked the ball out of the air, before taking the perfectly weighted touch into the box and producing a finesse shot around the GK (2-1). The final 10 minutes saw end to end attacks, but Devizes holding firm to win the league fixture. Our next opponents will be Hardenhuish in February. Callum N, Nate T and Ollie C applying some mature tactics of slowing the game down ("time wasting") in the corner flags.

A huge amount of positive performances from all in the squad.

Squad: Josh B / Elliot S / Max R / Ollie C (C) / Harley H / Thomas J / Oliver J / Owen H (M.o.M) / Harley R / Joseph S / Nate T / Callum N / Caelon W (x2)



### Quiz Night

Devizes School will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday 6th February. Tickets available now via ParentPay, maximum 6 per team. All proceeds will go towards the Year 11 Prom Night.

### Dates for the diary

6th February – Year 8 vaccinations- Please check emails for consent link

6th February – Quiz Night – 7pm – 10pm Tickets available via Parent Pay

12th February – Year 12 - Online Parents evening - Appointments available to book