



Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:

What a busy week! There's been so much going on at school this week, and although we're probably a little tired by now, we've really enjoyed this eventful week. On Monday & Tuesday we welcomed the soon to be new Year 7 cohort from across our feeder primary schools, for two days of lessons and activities. They made a fantastic start to life with us, and it was great to meet a lot of parents & carers who will also soon be a part of team Devizes.

On Wednesday we held our Year 13 prom- a wonderful send off for some exceptional young adults who now fly the nest and go on to exciting new adventures. On Thursday we welcomed over 40 Headteachers from the Truro & Penrith Academy Trust to visit our school and see the work of the White Horse Federation in action. They were very complimentary about our school and engaged in some brilliant conversations about leadership, curriculum and school culture. And then today we've held our annual Sports Day. Students have got involved both in terms of athletics and in showing team spirit, and enjoyed their day in the sunshine. We will wait to see who came out on top and how it affects our final House Championship, with just two weeks to go until the 2026 Season 2 winners are announced.

We have INSET Days on Monday & Tuesday next week (an opportunity for some to stay up and watch England play again- if you can endure it!) so we will see all students back with us on Wednesday 8th.

RSHE Policy update

Please find attached to our weekly dispatch email a letter concerning the latest statutory updates to our RSHE Policy, and your chance to feedback on its contents should you wish.

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.

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From rain to shine at Hengistbury Head!



On Thursday our Year 10 Geographers had a fantastic day out on the coast, collecting vital data for their Geography GCSE Paper 3.

Despite a wet start to the morning, the clouds cleared, the sun came out, and our students absolutely smashed it. They worked hard gathering heaps of data to investigate evidence of Longshore drift along the shoreline

We were so impressed by their excellent fieldwork skills—from detailed field sketches to precise use of technical equipment like clinometers, ranging poles, and tape measures.

Of course, no geography field trip is complete without a traditional seaside ice cream to wrap up a brilliant day! Thanks to all staff involved for their help and support! 🍦🌊

Well done, Year 10—you did the school proud!

#DevizesGeography #GCSEFieldwork #HengistburyHead #FieldworkSkills



The Gr8 Book Debate

The amazing Y7 debaters joined up with Ridgeway School Y7s to debate five books that they had been reading since April this year.

After much deliberation and some persuasive presentations the hard won winner was Bird Boy by Catherine Bruton.

The students received personal messages from three of the authors for their perseverance including local author Catherine Bruton, Rohan Gavin and even international best selling author Andy Weir sent a line.



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Sixth Form Prom



The Devizes School Sixth Form Prom, held at the beautiful Wellington Barn, was a wonderful evening of celebration and unforgettable memories.



Our Year 13 students looked absolutely stunning, with everyone dressed to impress in elegant gowns and smart suits, making for a truly glamorous occasion.

It was fantastic to see students and staff coming together to celebrate the end of their Sixth Form journey and recognise all that had been achieved over the past two years. With laughter, dancing and plenty of photographs, a great time was had by all as students celebrated their successes in style alongside their teachers.

We wish them every success and happiness as they embark on their next exciting chapter.



David Attenborough 100th birthday essay writing competition

Congratulations to Winner Georgia M in year 7 and runner up Perry L year 10 for their excellent submissions to the David Attenborough 100th birthday essay writing competition. They have both won gift vouchers.

Georgia wrote of how Sir Attenborough inspired her to think about Gorilla Conservation and had excellent suggestions of simple things we can all do to support wildlife. Perry did some really interesting research around his early life and the fossil hunting that inspired his long career.

Thank you to everyone who entered, we have really enjoyed reading your creative and informative essays.

Miss Holland and the Science Team.

Borneo Bingo/Auction of Promises

A group of Year 10 boys are currently fundraising for their upcoming trip to Borneo and are putting together an “Auction of Promises” to help raise money. They would love to hear from anyone who may be able to donate a promise, service, experience, or voucher for the auction. It’s a great opportunity for local businesses to support the students while also promoting themselves.

If you would like to contribute something, please email office@devizes.wilts.sch.uk with details of your promise. We really appreciate all the support. The auction will close on 10th July at the Borneo Bingo Night, poster attached .

[Auction of Promises – link](#)

[Borneo Bingo Ticket - link](#)

Dates for the Diary

- 6th July – TD Day – School closed to students
- 7th July – TD Day – School closed to students
- 10th July – Borneo Bingo / Auction of promises
- 15th July – PSHE evening

22nd July - Last day of term- 1pm finish for students

Please ensure you make arrangements for your child to get home, as no busses will be running from the School site at this earlier finish time.

