

# Devizes Dispatch



## Mr. Cave's weekly message:

It's been a shorter week for students this week but packed nonetheless! Our teachers spent Monday & Tuesday working with secondary teachers across the White Horse Trust in work around the secondary curriculum. It was a fantastic time that brought together the best minds in the Trust to design a curriculum that will provide a fantastic learning experience for our students in the years to come.

Wednesday we welcomed Year 5 students, teachers and parents into the school for a taster day of life in a secondary school. The children were fantastic, engaging with all activities that included descriptive writing, glider designs and creating pizzas. It finished with an Athletics event between the different primary schools, led by our PE team and Sixth Form Sports students, and a parent information session. We loved welcoming everybody in to our wonderful school, and look forward to doing so again very soon!

Finally, amidst this current heatwave, we had to split our Sports Day into two parts, but had a great first morning with tutor groups competing in the shot put, long jump, 100m and a tug of war. The competition was held in a great spirit and we'll soon see who this year's winners are!

Next week we are incredibly busy- PSHE Day, Years 8-12 reward trips, some fantastic Summer Sprint prizes on offer for continued attendance in July, part 2 of our Sports Day and our House Championship winners are revealed!



We had the privilege of celebrating our Year 13 Prom at the stunning Wellington Barn—a truly beautiful venue that set the perfect tone for a night to remember.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 13 cohort. Everyone arrived looking absolutely amazing, and the evening was a classy, joyful celebration of all they've achieved. It was a pleasure to see so many staff members joining in to mark this special milestone alongside our students.

As a token, all students received a gift to remember their time in Sixth Form.

If they were unable to attend or have misplaced their gift, they will be able to collect it on Results Day.

Here's to the bright futures ahead for each and every one of our Year 13s!

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## Geography Field Trips

### Year 10 GCE Geography field trip to Hengistbury head

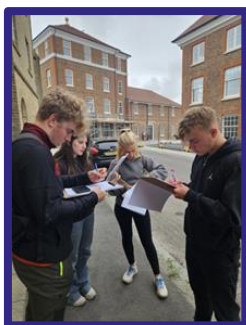
Students from Year 10 GCSE Geography had a fantastic couple of days down at Hengistbury Head for their Physical field trip. The weather was scorching hot but the students rose to the challenge collecting lots of data on longshore drift measurements and processes along the coast. They managed the 5km hike round the headland and completed some stunning field sketches. There was even time for an ice cream!



### Year 12 Geography NEA

Last week we had a very successful and sunny trip to support year 12 with their Geography NEA, all of them now have a strong concept to carry forward into year 13.

Students enjoyed completing questionnaires with local people, asking questions related to the theory of the rural Idyll and 'the perfect town'. Barry (fieldwork specialist) was extremely complimentary of the student's behaviour, engagement, and manners throughout.





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## County Year 10 Rounders Tournament

It was a glorious day on Wednesday, the 9th of July when Devizes School played host to the county year 10 rounders tournament. 17 teams entered from across the county and four regions, with a round robin tournament, resulting in the top four teams going through to semifinals for a final.

Our first match was against Commonweal school which was a very fast game, and eagerly fought by both teams. This ended in a draw. By the second game we were up to speed and we beat Clarendon quickly followed by a win against Ridgeway school. However, the girls were starting to tire and we narrowly lost against Wellington Academy. We were grateful for a break which resulted in us winning our last two fixtures against Trafalgar and Matravers. This placed us second overall and through to the semifinals.



We played our best rounders in our semi-final match against Clarendon, with some magnificent bowling by Nicola and some incredible fielding from the remainder of the team. We won that match quite convincingly, and therefore we were then in the final back against our original opponents Commonweal school. Commonweal had finished top of the league having won all of their matches except the draw against us so we knew we were up against tough opponents. We batted first and took all the opportunities we could and scored 5 1/2 rounders. However, Commonweal had a very strong batting performance and finished with seven rounders and therefore winning the competition.



All 11 girls on the Devizes team were magnificent. Each played their heart out, showed great resilience and we're fantastic ambassadors for the school. I'm immensely proud of every single one. And thank you to all of the year nine leaders and year 13 umpires who helped make the whole event so successful.

## Dates for the diary

14<sup>th</sup> July – PSHE Day

15<sup>th</sup> July – Rewards Trip Year 9

16<sup>th</sup> July – Rewards Trip Years 10 & 12

17<sup>th</sup> July – Rewards Trip Year 8

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last day of term – School closes 12.40pm.