

# Devizes Dispatch



## Mr. Cave's weekly message:

What a brilliant week as the summer approaches! On Monday our PSHE Day saw students experience such a range of activities including a murder mystery, BMX stunt riding, archery and First Aid, and cover topics such as blood donation & dealing with grief. There was a really productive atmosphere around the school, and the lunchtime debut of 'Curtain Karaoke' certainly drew in the crowds!

We've been able to take over 400 students on various reward trips this week, visiting Chessington, Thorpe Park & Paulton's Park. They were all fantastic days out to celebrate such a successful year.

And then today- we completed Sports Day (with winners announced next week) and then crowned our inaugural House Champions- congratulations to Silbury, who enjoyed their fantastic afternoon of fun as a reward this afternoon, and will be presented with their trophy in the final day assembly next week.

Speaking of next week, we keep going to the end of Wednesday lunchtime, with Years 10 & 12 out on work experience and the final Summer Sprint prizes on offer- what a way to finish strong!

## Sports Day



Friday, the 11th of July was one of the hottest days of the year, and it certainly was one of the hottest contested days of athletic events in our annual sports day. We had made the decision, because of the hot weather, the split sports day across to Friday mornings. So sports day part one had the whole school competing in four different events each representing their house, and accruing points for the house. They took part in the 100 m, the shotput, the long jump, and the tug of war.

There were some incredible performances across the board and a number of year groups. However, there was only one school record broken in these events. And it was an amazing long jump record of 5 m 40 cm by Charlie W in Year 9

Sports day part two is taking place on Friday, the 18th of July where all our other athletic events will be taking place and students across all year groups having the opportunity to break records, and accrue House points

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## PSHE day



This day is all about students developing future skills needed for life through the activities on the PSHE curriculum. There was a wide range of skills being learned and demonstrated through out the day by each year group.

**Year 7** - For part of the day Year 7 Students designed a smoothie, and the top 2 teams across the year group were selected to make their creations to be tasted by Mrs Yeoman, congratulations to the winning teams.



**Year 8** - Students from Year 8 took part in first aid focussing around Asthma, carers work, bereavement and loss, knife crime and CPR, as well as some PE.



**Year 9** - Students took part in BMX biking, archery tag, learned about knife crime, drug awareness and the challenging subject of FGM, plus logged into Unifrog to learn about careers.



**Year 10** - Students took part in a science experiments to solve the mystery of who murdered Mr Lamb!

Students have been forensic scientists for the day to help solve this murder and do some practical work towards their Science GCSE.

Mr Lamb was found dead at the bottom of A block stairs on Friday. Suspects were Mrs Gray, Miss Weeks, Miss Rendell and Mrs Mackay. They all had motive and links to evidence found at the scene.



Students also developed their first aid knowledge through a practical drama session, where they practiced a number of techniques to support people suffering from a range of conditions.

**Year 12** - The day began with a treasure hunt around Devizes, giving students the chance to explore their local area and uncover some fascinating history about where they live. It was great to see them working together, solving clues, and enjoying the fresh air.



In the afternoon, they took part in a 'Ready Steady Cook' challenge where they were given a mix of mystery ingredients and tasked with creating edible dishes. Let's just say... it was an interesting culinary journey - cinnamon in tomato sauce and an entire pot of chilli on plain pasta certainly gave our taste buds a challenge! Despite the chaos, most dishes were edible and the students impressed us with their teamwork and creativity in the kitchen.



The day ended on a more serious, but incredibly important note, with an informative and honest session around sex and drugs. Students engaged maturely, asked thoughtful questions, and gained valuable knowledge on how to keep themselves safe and make informed decisions.

A well-rounded day of fun, learning, and growth for our Year 12s!



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## Art Exhibition at Haywood Care Centre



**Sophie P with her eye drawing  
with views of Devizes**

On Thursday 10th July, KS3 students at Devizes submitted their creative works from art and photography for an exhibition held at the Haywood Care centre in Devizes. They exhibited their pieces alongside the residents of the centre. The staff at Haywood were amazing and were there to support and put on canapes and soft drinks in their impressive garden.

This was a wonderful evening that over 100 people visited! Parents, students, grandparents, siblings and local councillors and the Mayor of Devizes attended.



**Mayor of Devizes with  
our student's work**

All were so impressed by the talent of our students for the ages they are.

Devizes school now has a permanent wall in the care centre for us to rotate art works from our students, which is a fabulous opportunity! That wall is above, headed with the beautiful stitched piece by our DT technician Lorraine Choularton. Miss Williams would like to say a huge congratulations to all involved as it was such a successful evening.





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## Summer Holiday food bank support

If any of our families need support over the summer holidays please contact

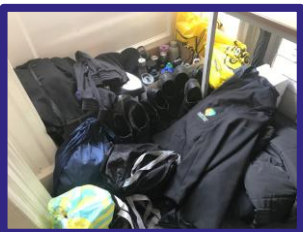
**Citizen's advice on freephone - 0800 278 7995 Monday-Friday 9am-4pm**  
**Help through Hardship freephone - 0808 2082138 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm**

Support will also be available via [Wiltshire Family Hub](https://www.wiltshirefamilyhub.org/), health visitors and the housing associations.

## 10 Free Swims

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, Wiltshire Council are offering up to 10 free swims for children and young people in Secondary School. Please see the attached letter to check eligibility.

## Lost Property



As we approach the end of this school year, please encourage your child to check with lost property for any items they may have misplaced. We have had a delivery of lost school shoes from the PE department today waiting to be reunited with their owners. Parents are also welcome to pop into the school reception and staff will check the lost items.

Please can we request that school uniform is clearly labelled with the students name. Reception staff will endeavour to return all labelled items that arrive at lost property back to students.

Items not reunited with their owners by the end of term will be disposed of.

## Last day of term

Devizes School will close at 12.40pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for the Summer Holidays. If your child travels home by bus, please ensure you make alternative travel arrangements as no busses will be collecting from Devizes School at this earlier finish time.

## Dates for the Diary

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Last day of term – 12.40pm school closed to students

14<sup>th</sup> August - A level results day – Main Hall 8.30am – 10.30am

21<sup>st</sup> August – GCSE Results day – Main Hall 9am – 10am

3<sup>rd</sup> September- School Open for Year 7 & Year 12

4<sup>th</sup> September- All Year groups return to school