



Mr. Cave’s weekly message:

Welcome to the new academic year! It has been great to welcome our students back today after their summer break, and we trust that they had a wonderful holiday. On Wednesday we welcomed in our new Year 7 group and spent time helping them settle into school life, before bringing back the rest of our school community on Thursday. The feeling around the school on our proper first day was really positive, and following

some fantastic successes in the summer with GCSE & A-Level exam results, it’s exciting to be back in the building to pick up where we left off!

Uniform

There were a small minority of students arriving at school in incorrect uniform this week, which was disappointing after the extended break offered plenty of time to resolve any issues. Please ensure that all uniform items are in place by Monday, or that there is clear communication from home as to the reason why this is not the case. Please remember that we stated before the summer holidays that there should be no bright, artificial hair colours, no acrylic or gel nails and no facial piercings, including retainers.

PSHE Term 1 & 2

This year sees us with a two week timetable and some of the PSHE classes have 2 teachers, so some of the young people will be receiving 2 topics while other classes with 1 teacher will be receiving 1 topic in a half term. By the end of the Winter term (December) they will have covered both of the following topics.

- Year 7** **Topic 1** Relationships and sex education - **Topic 2** Democracy.
- Year 8** **Topic 1** Relationships and sex education – **Topic 2** Criminal Justice system.
- Year 9** **Topic 1** Relationships and sex education - **Topic 2** Sexual Exploitation 'Cruel Kindness'
- Year 10** **Topic 1** Mental Health- when times get hard - **Topic 2** Relationships and sex education
- Year 11** **Topic 1** Relationships and sex education and topics on tackling violence against women and girls and 'Movember'

Careers Newsletter

Each week please take the time to read the careers bulletin, it has links and contacts which maybe be useful to students in all year groups, especially those looking for work experience in year 10 and 11.





# Devizes Dispatch

## What do students learn at Devizes School?

The curriculum's aims at Devizes School are "Raising aspirations and building futures". This is achieved through a core curriculum that provides challenge for all students across a rich and broad range of subject areas and ensures student interests are developed and nurtured. Curriculum pathways provide opportunities for students to deepen their experiences in subjects where there is real passion and interest, whilst maintaining a broad and balanced offer for all.

The curriculum is carefully sequenced to ensure that key skills, knowledge and understanding are developed. Prior knowledge is used to build new learning and key aspects are revisited to enable students to retain knowledge and successfully apply this to new contexts. At each key stage the curriculum develops the key skills needed to be a successful learner, ensuring an effective transition to the next phase of learning.

The curriculum develops mature and rounded individuals and, alongside academic achievement, develops holistic skills and attitudes through an extensive range of extra curriculum activities and links with the community.

The curriculum is divided into a number of subject areas, for each of these areas please use the links, on the next page, to find out more detail about what students study:

[Creative & performing Arts](#)

[English](#)

[Global Studies](#)

[Mathematics](#)

[Modern Languages](#)

[PE & Health](#)

[Science](#)

[Specialist Learning](#)

[Technology, Enterprise & Design](#)



## Dates for the Diary

11<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6<sup>th</sup> Form Photos

12<sup>th</sup> September – Years 7,8,9,10& 11 School Photos, any outstanding 6<sup>th</sup> form Photos

18<sup>th</sup> September - School closed at 1.20pm due to Open Evening