

# Devizes Dispatch



## Mr. Cave's weekly message:



Welcome back to 2026! A Happy New Year to the entire Devizes School community, and what a year we have ahead. It was great to welcome all students back into the buildings and I have been mightily impressed that despite some tired faces adjusting to both a morning routine and the wintry weather, our students have settled back into lessons very well. I have been able to hold assemblies with multiple year groups this week thinking about the importance of resolutions as a calendar year

turns over, and how important it is to be intentional in our quest to always be better. What do I want to achieve, why do I want to do this, and crucially, how will I make that journey to realising the aim?

Our students in Year 8, 9 and 10 have particularly been put to the test around progress as they returned to complete their first formal assessment points this week. The level of intentional focus and effort demonstrated has been brilliant to observe, so we look forward to looking at how they have got on, and what's next for each of them in terms of their own improvement.

## 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, below, to find out more detail about what students' study:

[Creative & performing Arts](#)

[English](#)

[Global Studies](#)

[Mathematics](#)

[Modern Languages](#)

[PE & Health](#)

[Specialist Learning](#)

[Science](#)

[Technology, Enterprise & Design](#)

## **Devizes Eisteddfod 2025-26 Creative Writing Competition**

Entry deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Start the New Year by entering the Devizes Eisteddfod Creative Writing Competitions!  
The categories are:

**Short Story**

**Poetry**

Please see the attached Flyer for further information.

## **Dates for the Diary**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 11 Supporting Success Evening

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 12 Parents Evening

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 Parents Evening

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 Options Evening