

Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:



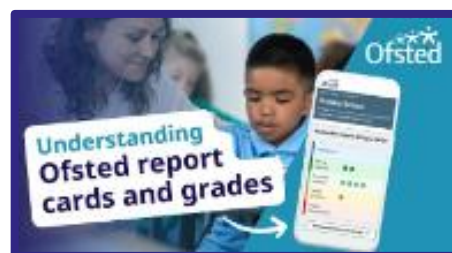
So there we go- Christmas break has arrived and we're done for 2025! It's been a busy final week with a Year 9 Careers Event, lots of prizes given out in our 12 Days of Christmas event, a festive House Quiz and the highlight of the week- Christmas Curtain Karaoke! The hall was packed as students endured the backstage singing of various staff members & guessed who exactly was on the microphone. Congratulations to our winner & once again reigning champion, Mr Black!

It's been a great Autumn term overall- we've seen a fantastic work ethic from our students across the school, great engagement in school events & as always, an environment of positivity and praise. There's some sadness today as we say goodbye to Mrs Jones in Science, who has been at the school for over 23 years. We're so grateful to her for the contribution she has made to countless students, and wish her the very best in her new job. We also wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We will see all students back on Tuesday January 6th, 2026!

Understanding the new Ofsted report cards and grades

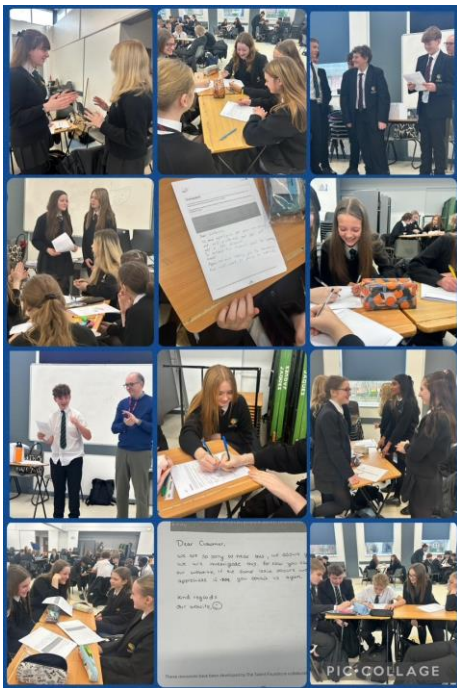
As you may be aware, we were successful in achieving an Ofsted grade of 'good' in our last inspection. The inspection framework in England is now changing, and the report from our next inspection will present information in a very different format. To find out more about how the inspection system is changing, please watch the short video clip linked below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbIOFvY976g>





The Rise project



This week Year 9's engaged in 'The Rise project, in collaboration with employees from ICAEW -a 2 hour experience of the workplace - a carousel of challenges that brought curriculum subjects to life by testing and engaging students to work collaboratively and in ways that were both familiar to the classroom and relevant to the workplace.

Students looked at business decisions including complaints handling, HR, email writing, marketing, wellbeing and AI 's benefits and disadvantages being used both now and in the future. They all presented some fun and fabulous ideas along the way and understanding their full employability skill capabilities along the way.

An absolute credit to Devizes school, well done Year 9

Term dates for 2026/2027

Term dates for 2026/2027 are available on the school's website. Alternatively, you can access them below.

[Term dates 26/27 Devizes School](#)

Dates for the Diary

5th January – TD Day

6th January – 1st day of term

8th January- Year 13 online parents evening