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Mr. Cave's weekly message:

And with that, the short 5th term is over. It's been a really successful time, with a fantastic work ethic amongst our students, sporting victories across multiple disciplines, trips & activities such as our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions offering brilliant opportunities for our students, and of course the focus & efforts of our Year 11 and 13 students in the first part of this exam window. I am full of pride for all the greatness that goes on in Devizes each day.

Term 6 is bigger and busier than ever before- we have our farewells to the class of 2025, and visits from both Year 5 and 6 as we look forward to their arrivals in the future; Sixth Form Orientation Day for next year's Year 12, end of year proms, Sports Day, PSHE Day, Reward trips & events for each year group and the announcement of this year's House Champions- you definitely won't want to miss a day of the term, so be an attendance hero and come back to us on June 2nd, ready to go. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and half-term break.

Kennet Area team

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected from our area to be part of the Kennet area team competing in Swindon on Saturday 14th June.

Year 7 Girls - Elizabeth P - 100m and Long jump.

Junior Boys/ Yr8&9 Oscar D - 300m. John D - 800m.

Inter Girls/Yr 10 & 11 Autumn F - Javelin and Discus. Belle B - Discus.

Senior/ Sixth form Elsie B - 3000m



Paralympian Inspires Devizes Sports Leaders

We were honoured to welcome Paralympian Louise Hunt-Skelley to Devizes School this term, where she delivered an inspirational and practical workshop to 15 of our year 9 Sports Leaders.

Louise, a former wheelchair tennis professional who has represented Great Britain at multiple Paralympic Games,

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worked closely with the group to develop their tennis skills, coaching techniques, and leadership confidence. Through a combination of practical activities and planning guidance, she supported the students in preparing to lead their own tennis sessions for Year 8 pupils.

The day was not only about improving tennis ability, but also about building the leadership and communication skills needed to coach others. Louise's personal story of resilience and elite-level achievement left a powerful impression on everyone involved.

"It was amazing to learn from someone with so much experience—and her story really motivated us to do our best," said one of the Sports Leaders.

The Year 9 leaders will soon put their learning into action, delivering their carefully planned tennis sessions to Year 8 classes—showcasing everything they've learned from this incredible experience.

A huge thank you to Louise for her time, energy, and inspiration!

Year 9 Sports Leaders Inspire Southbroom Pupils

Eight of our talented Year 9 Sports Leaders recently led an energetic and engaging indoor football session for Year 2 pupils from Southbroom Primary School on Monday the 19th May.

The session was a fantastic opportunity for our students to demonstrate their leadership, communication, and coaching skills. With enthusiasm and maturity, they delivered fun, inclusive activities that kept the younger pupils active, smiling, and involved throughout.

Staff from both schools praised the Year 9 leaders for their patience, encouragement, and professionalism. It was a proud moment for Devizes School, showcasing the positive impact of student leadership in the wider community.

Well done to all involved!



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Mid Wilts Rounders WINNERS



On the glorious afternoon of Tuesday 20th May, Miss Beck took 11 very excitable year 10 girls to their area rounders tournament at Abbeyfield School. They had been extremely well trained and coached by Mr Richardson and this shone through in their tactical, as well as skilful game play.

Our first match of 18 balls, saw us playing the eventual second placed team of Corsham School. We batted first and scored 7 rounders. With some superb fielding, particularly from Jorga O at backstop, who was woman of the match, we kept Corsham to only 4 rounders.

The second match was against our hosts, Abbeyfield School. Here Holly T dominated play with 2 excellent rounders and an incredible catch in the deep field. The score ended 7 ½ rounders to Devizes and 3 ½ to Abbeyfield

We then had a break and this gave us an opportunity to assess our final two opponents, who were playing against each other. This proved invaluable as we went into our third game against Sheldon School. Nicola J's bowling throughout the afternoon was flawless, but she was woman of this match with some particularly outstanding bowling. We kept Sheldon to just 3 rounders, whilst our left handed batters really came into their own and we scored 7 rounders.

Our final match saw us play a strong Hardenhuish team. They batted first and put the pressure on us by scoring 5 rounders. However, by now our batting was consistently good across the whole team and they all managed to make the score sheet with 8 ½ rounders scored. Belle B's fielding and batting was exceptional in this match and she was named woman of the match

Winning the tournament we were by far the strongest team, with the most wins, the most rounders scored and the least number of players out. And arguably the loudest too with our celebrations, led by Autumn F and Lexi W.



Congratulations to Autumn F, Lexi W, Belle B, Jorga O, Holly T, Iris V, Ava S, Emily B, Bonnie G, Nicola J and Ella W who now make it through to the county finals on Wednesday 9th July

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Devizes Students Take on the “I Challenge ME” Adventure



On Monday the 19th May, fifteen students from Devizes School recently took part in the exciting “I Challenge ME” event at Kingsbury Green School—an inclusive day designed to build confidence, teamwork, and resilience.

Throughout the day, students tackled a series of adventurous and hands-on activities, including problem solving, bushcraft, archery, and caving. Each challenge encouraged them to step outside their comfort zones and support one another in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment.



The students rose to the occasion with enthusiasm, overcoming fears, trying new things, and celebrating their achievements together. Staff praised the group for their positive attitudes and teamwork, and students returned feeling proud and empowered.

“I never thought I’d try caving, but I did it—and I’m so glad I did!”



The day was a fantastic opportunity for personal growth and shared success. Our very own Josh H received special recognition for his enthusiasm and resilience. Well done to everyone who took part!



Dates for the diary

2nd June – 1st day term 6

7th & 8th July – Inset days- School closed to students.

23rd July – Last day of term, 12.40pm finish.