

# Devizes Dispatch



## Mr. Cave's weekly message:

One of the early highlights of our year has been the opening of our D6 Café, "Brew & Bite". A project 3 years in the making finally comes to fruition, so we want to thank everyone involved in making this happen. We had a visitor from a top-performing private school last week and they couldn't believe how brilliant our Sixth Form facilities are. From our main study area with collaborative working spaces & IT provision, to this loft space with social areas and freshly brewed coffee, life in our Sixth Form is wonderful, and that's before we talk about the amazing cohort of students who create the culture

of learning and togetherness, the pastoral team who provide such excellent advice and support and the teaching quality on offer at both this site and our Sixth Form partners at Melksham Oak. For students in our local area, we can honestly say they're blessed by such a great Post 16 set up, right on their doorstep

## Safeguarding message re online access

As part of our commitment to supporting our students online, we have attached an up-to-date guide regarding apps that parents need to be aware of. We have also included a guide to emojis that young people use that may have several meanings.

We always promote the importance of families knowing what their children are accessing online. We have been notified of a You Tuber called Clavicular who posts disturbing and inappropriate content. This is just one example of 'creators' who post content that young people should not access.

Please do continue to monitor your child's online activities and do let us know if we can help with any specific issues.



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## Devizes School Science Fair 2026

We are excited to be running the science fair for a second year as part of British Science Week. This year, all students, Years 7 to 13, are welcome to participate by undertaking a science project, either by themselves or with friends.

The project can be an experiment to answer a question, a problem and solution or a research project. It can be on any area of science that interests your child. Questions could be something like 'Can I make a paper circuit?', 'What should we trust machines to do for us?' or 'Can I build a hover craft?'. They could even link it to this year's British Science Week theme - 'What's your question?'.

If your child is interested, please encourage them to fill in the Microsoft form published on Satchel one ASAP or to come and find Mr Holdroyd, Head of chemistry.

## The Wiltshire Wellbeing Survey

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Survey will be completed by students in Years 8,10 and 12. Please see the attached information sheet. If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from completing this survey- please let Mrs Fraser know by Tuesday 20th January on [kfraser@devizes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:kfraser@devizes.wilts.sch.uk)

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Fraser.

## Dates for the diary

January 22<sup>nd</sup>- Year 11 Supporting Success Evening 6pm-7pm main hall  
February 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 12 Online Parents evening  
February 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 Online Parents evening