

Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:

One thing we are very committed to both at Devizes School and as a part of the White Horse Federation is in helping students achieve more than perhaps they thought possible, particularly for those who 'carry the most' in life. Across our school we have students who face many challenges at a young stage in life, whether that be acting as a young carer for a parent at home, managing physical or mental health challenges that have a daily impact on their ability to learn, knowing

that for the people at home the cost of living brings difficulty, or some other individual situation that is difficult to manage. Supporting vulnerable students is important- providing psychologically safe environments that they feel supported in, academic support to help them catch up and keep up with their peers, therapeutic interventions that can help them overcome various hurdles to success, and financial aid so that they are not deprived of opportunities that others would benefit from. All of this is designed to help them achieve the same aims as their peers in school- great outcomes, opportunity & choice for their future.

Last week the government produced information that directly compared the work of schools in delivering strong outcomes last summer, for students who may be disadvantaged through circumstance. We're delighted to share that we have fared incredibly well in this area- performances that place us in the very top schools in Wiltshire in terms of attainment and progress. In fact, the Department for Education even reached out to us to ask if we could share strategies and initiatives that we think have made a big difference in achieving these outcomes, as an example for other schools to follow. Whilst we're rightly proud of this achievement, more importantly we're delighted for those young people- that the ones who carry the most in life can be supported in achieving success both now and in the future.



Quiz Night

Devizes School will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday 6th February. Tickets available now via ParentPay, maximum 6 per team. All proceeds will go towards the Year 11 Prom Night.



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Y7 County Cup Quarter Final vs Ridgeway

A blustery Tuesday afternoon saw Year 7 take on Ridgeway in the County Cup.

Selecting to battle against the elements in the first half, saw a slightly unsettled performance from the team resulting in chances at both ends. Ridgeway were awarded a penalty and calmly slotted it home in the bottom right hand corner (0-1). Keeper, Joey B deciding to take last ditch defending into his own hands as a sweeper keeper and wiping out their striker but redeemed himself with a quality save. Isaac H, Digby H, Max N, Hendrix C and Freddie T all linking up well down the left hand side.

The team talk was simple, follow the game plan of using the wind in the second half, test their keeper out and move the ball around quicker.

Isaac H steps up for a freekick (25 yards out) and hits it just under the bar (1-1). Ridgeway respond well with a counter-attack only for Joey B to send a long kick over the defences heads and for Hendrix C to latch on before sliding the ball into the bottom right (2-1). Joey B repeating his earlier actions, but this time gaining a yellow card (again, redeeming himself by controlling the flow and pace of the game - calming his defence).

Year 7 move into the County Cup Semi-Final.

M.o.M given to Max N for his hold up play and bringing the midfield into the attack, creating a number of chances for the team.

Team: Joey B, Isaac H, Reggie H, Digby H, Oskar B, Freddie T, Hendrix C, Solomon JM, Max N, Rhys B, Will W, Ethan B and Henry W.

Dates for the Diary

28th January – Battlefields Trip Meeting 2026

6th February – Year 8 vaccinations- Please check emails for consent link

6th February – Quiz Night – 7pm – 10pm Tickets available via Parent Pay

12th February – Year 12 Online parents evening

26th February – Year 9 Online parents evening