

# Devizes Dispatch



## Mr. Cave's weekly message:



Competition has been the theme of the last few days at Devizes School as students have got involved in various challenges and opportunities. Recently we've seen success in the Maths Challenge by Ben in Year 11 and students Nell, Billie & Gloria recognised in the Devizes Eisteddfod. Footballers in Years 7 and 11 played in the North Wilts Finals this week, with Year 7 winning the trophy on their first attempt, and then there's been the House challenges. Last week the reflex

challenge was back and won by Avebury. This week in House Assemblies we've held our very own version of 'Deal or No Deal', with students playing a risky game for points that could go some way in deciding the ultimate competition.

Competition is one of many ways we can enjoy time in school, be that a personal commitment to keep improving on your own performances, or a desire to be near the top of the tree for effort, achievement or a particular skill. We're always keen to celebrate students in as many ways as possible, and are so proud of some of these recent achievements too.

## Uniform Survey

Thank you for all parents who have taken the time to complete our survey on our school uniform. The survey is open until the end of term and we're very keen to get as many voices involved as possible- we wouldn't want a silent majority to be unhappy with any decisions we made because they had missed their opportunity. The current expectations are once again attached to this week's dispatch email, and you can complete the survey here- [Devizes School Uniform- Parent/Carer Consultation](#)

## Interhouse Sport (23rd - 27th March)

Next week we will be holding x1 lesson of interhouse competition, below will be the dates / sports and kit requirements:

Monday = Y9 = Basketball and Benchball (trainers)

Tuesday = Y7 (Boys and Girls) = Football (boots and shin pads)

Thursday = Y10 = Futsal / Volleyball / Benchball (trainers)

Thursday = Y11 = Futsal / Volleyball / Benchball (trainers)

Friday = Y9 = Basketball and Benchball (trainers)

Friday = Y8 = The current sports they would usually have (normal kit for their activities)

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## Meningitis awareness

You will be aware that the outbreak of Meningitis in South East England has been well-documented in the national press. For awareness only, we want to point you to the fact that Meningococcal disease causes meningitis and/or septicaemia (blood poisoning) and can be very severe. If you are under 25 years of age and have not yet had the MenACWY vaccine, please ask your GP practice about this. It protects against 4 main forms of meningococcal disease but not all.

Make sure you know the main signs and symptoms of Meningitis and septicaemia and how to get help or advice if you or one of your friends feels very unwell, especially if you are getting worse.

Further information on meningococcal disease is available from:

The NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>

The Meningitis Research Foundation: [www.meningitis.org](http://www.meningitis.org) 0808 800 3344 (24 hours)  
Meningitis Now: [www.meningitisnow.org](http://www.meningitisnow.org) 0808 80 10 388 (9am – 8pm)



## Wiltshire Football Finals

Year 7 secured a fantastic 3-0 victory in the North Wiltshire Football Finals.

Goals were scored by Will W, Hendrix C and Freddie T, with an excellent clean sheet kept by Joey B in goal.

Well done to the whole team on a well-deserved win

## Easter Fayre TODAY !

Devizes School Easter Fayre is taking place today in the Main Hall from 4pm to 7pm. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and enjoy the event. We have a variety of stalls, including crafts, face painting, a tombola, and many more activities.



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## National Cross Country

Elsie B ran at the National Cross country in Liverpool on Saturday, with 400 runners in each race Elsie competed really well finishing 284th overall. This is a huge event to be a part of and Elsie should be recognised for all her hard work to achieve this in her final year of Sixth form.



## Devizes Eisteddfod Creative Arts Competition

We had another really successful year at the Devizes Eisteddfod, and the English Department would like to offer massive congratulations to our 3 winners of their creative writing classes:

Nell D-H: Winner of KS3 Poetry

Billie-Joe J: Winner of KS5 Poetry

Gloria R: Winner of KS5 Short Story



Nell, Billie and Gloria, along with their families, attended a Presentation Evening in Devizes Town Hall last night, where they were celebrated and awarded their trophies. The judges were incredibly complimentary about their writing talent and creativity. We are incredibly proud of them!

We also had two runners up in the KS3 Poetry and Story categories, who were commended by the judges:

Wilfred D-H (poetry) and Indie W (short story).

A record number of Devizes School students entered the competition this year, and we are extremely proud of all of their excellent work. All results can be found on the Devizes Eisteddfod website:

<https://www.devizes-eisteddfod.org.uk/arts-view-results/>

## Dates for the Diary

23<sup>rd</sup> March- 6pm Year 8 Parents Evening Appointments available to book

27<sup>th</sup> March- Last day of term

27<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm Year 10 Parents Evening Appointments available to book

13<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> day of term

19<sup>th</sup> April – Year 8 Online Parents Evening

24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 9 Vaccinations

30<sup>th</sup> April – Year 10 Online Parents Evening