

Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:

We knew term 4 was going to be brief but busy, and amidst mock exams, house events, speaking and practice exams, parent evenings, sports fixtures, primary school visits and close to 4,000 lessons taught, we weren't wrong!

The Easter holiday is possibly my favourite break. The lighter and warmer days, signs of Spring and Easter message give me hope for the future. I look forward to all the summer term has in store. Thinking about looking forward, whether it was Year 9s attending their GCSE Options Evening or Year 12 visiting the local careers fair, it's been great to discuss the future with our students lately. And with Years 11 & 13 using these next two weeks to build their revision habits in preparation of all that is to come, this Easter holiday could be the start of something very special indeed.

Have a wonderful Easter break, we will see everyone return on Monday April 13th.

Uniform message from Mrs Fraser

As we often mention at the end of a term, do please take a moment over the Easter holidays to check if any items of uniform require replacing so that your child is fully attired for the summer term. If significantly warm weather arrives we will inform you of any changes to our expectations. As before, tailored shorts are welcome in the summer term should a student wish to wear them. And as always, we are here to help any families struggling who are eligible for support.

Finally, thank you for your responses to our uniform survey- there is still time to share your thoughts on our school uniform before it closes on Monday April 13th and we analyse the results. The survey link is here-

[Devizes School Uniform- Parent/Carer Consultation - Fill out form.](#)

All students have been sent their own survey too, and we'd encourage as many students to complete this as possible.

Help Shape the Future of SEND Support - School Co-Design Sessions

The government has published proposals to reform the SEND system, and every local area has been asked to develop a first Local SEND Reform Plan. This initial plan is about laying the foundations for change - strengthening early support in mainstream settings, improving access to specialist advice, increasing local provision, and designing a new Experts at Hand offer that brings specialist practitioners into early years, schools and post-16 settings more regularly.

Please see the attached flyer to book your space at this Council led event to have your say as parents and carers.

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New Age Kurling County Finals



Our incredible Year 9 Sports Leaders recently organised and delivered a New Age Kurling County Final in the sports hall for both primary and secondary students.

They showed outstanding leadership, teamwork, and organisation as they supported and guided participants throughout the event, ensuring everything ran smoothly. The atmosphere was fantastic, with great sportsmanship and plenty of exciting competition on display.

It was inspiring to see students of all ages and abilities coming together, building confidence, and enjoying such a high-level and inclusive event.

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 leaders for hosting such a successful county final—you should be very proud!

#CountyFinal #SportsLeaders #StudentLeadership #Kurling #Teamwork
#ActiveSchools

Request for Drama Props

Our Drama department is looking for donations of props—any items that students can use to enhance their performances.

Examples include books, maps, torches, hats, fake food, walking sticks, certificates... and much more!

If you're having a spring clean and come across items that could enjoy a second life in our Drama department, we would greatly appreciate your donations. Please send them into school with your child.

A list of suggested prop items is attached.

For larger items, we kindly ask that you contact the school in advance to ensure we are able to accept them.

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House Championship Final Waivers required for Years 7,8,9,10 & 12

We're writing to all parents to look ahead to one of the end of year highlights- our House Championship Finale. The three houses of Avebury, Roundway & Silbury have been engaged in close competition throughout the academic year so far, and on Friday July 17th we'll crown our new House Champions.

The winning house gets an afternoon reward out on the field to celebrate their victory, and as a part of this year's activities we have the option to engage in 'Bubble Football' or 'Archery Tag'. Each of these events does come with a small element of risk to it, and whilst all necessary safety precautions will be taken by both the company who are putting on the afternoon's activities and the school to mitigate against risk, the company require anyone taking part to sign a waiver in order to get involved.

Therefore, should your child's house be crowned the winners on that day and they wish to take part in either of these events, the waiver must be completed and their names added to the list in advance. If this is something your child would be interested in enjoying on the day, please take a moment to complete either/both of the waivers via the links below.

Please be reassured that there will be plenty of other activities for them to enjoy during the afternoon too!

If you have any questions about our House Championship or the Finale itself, please send them in to Mr Richardson.

Bubble Football : <https://app.cleverwaiver.com/s/qIZf7wmt>

Archery Tag : <https://app.cleverwaiver.com/s/pQZfzwmt>

Easter Revision Sessions

A number of Easter Revision sessions will be taking place over the Easter Holidays for Students in Year 11. These are via invitation only- Please check your emails and respond to the Microsoft links confirming attendance.

Dates for the Diary

April 13th – 1st day term 5

April 16th – 8.30am School Leavers Group and single photos for Year's 11 & 13

April 16th – Year 8 Online Parents Evening

April 30th – Year 10 Online Parents Evening.