

A weekly newsletter for students, parents, carers, families and friends of Wellsway School

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Dates for the Diary

| Parent, Carer and Student 'Need to Know' Dates | | | |
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| Year | Activity | Date | Start Time and Venue |
| For All | Years 10 to 13 – GCSE/A Level Practical Information Evening (For all GCSE/A Level PE Students) | 25/09 | 5.00pm – 6.00pm |
| 7 | Meet the Tutor | 13/09 | 3.30pm – 5.00pm Tutor Rooms |
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| 12 | Parent/Carer Meet and Greet | 13/09 | 5.30pm – 6.30pm Mendip Hall |
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Welcome Back

The start of a new school year is always one I look forward to and I'm sure that staff, students and parents felt a similar mix of excitement and nerves as their first day approached. This year has begun particularly positively and I would like to pass on my thanks to families for their support: students have got off to a great start looking very smart by meeting our uniform expectations, being fully equipped and showing respect and a real readiness to learn. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome and congratulate our new staff who joined us this September – I know from speaking to them how impressed they have been with our students' attitudes and approach to their studies.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

Vaccinations

Year 8 HPV Vaccination for Girls Only

This week your daughter will have brought home a consent form, letter and information leaflet. Please ensure the consent form is completed and returned to Student Support AS SOON AS POSSIBLE even if you do not consent to the immunisation


Immunisations will take place on Thursday 13th September in the morning. If you have any specific requests concerning these immunisations please contact the Schools Immunisation Team on 01225 838270

On the day please ensure your daughter eats breakfast and wears a short sleeved tshirt or vest top under her school shirt to maintain her dignity whilst receiving the immunisation.

Mrs Dursley

Music and Drama News

Grease the Musical !!! There is now a rehearsal schedule for Grease which has been sent out via Insight to all cast members. If any Year 7s would like to be part of the chorus they will need to attend rehearsals every Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm – just turn up! Lead characters have rehearsals on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Rehearsals commence next week.



Grease Sponsorship – Putting on a show is an expensive business and we would very much welcome any form of sponsorship from local businesses who would like to support the Arts in Keynsham. If you, or anyone you know, might be able to help us, please pass on our details to them jmclean@wellswayschool.com

Lunchtime Extra-Curricular Music – The following groups will be taking place 1.40pm-2pm. Monday, M3 – Jazz Band; Monday Q3 – Ukuleles; Tuesday, M3 – Year 7 Choir; Thursday, M3 – Choir Open to all, Drama Studio; Friday, M3 – Folk Club. Students are welcome to bring their lunch to rehearsals! All clubs start next week – just turn up!

Rock Club – Matt Fowles, our guitar tutor, is intending to start a Rock Club. It will take place every Wednesday 3.15pm-4pm. Starting date for this club is to be confirmed.

Orchestra – Orchestra will take place on the following Thursdays 3.15-4.30pm: 04/10; 18/10; 25/10; 15/11; 22/11; 06/12; 13/12. We are an inclusive orchestra and welcome all players. If your child is in Year 7 and plays an orchestra instrument, we'd love them to join us. Please feel free to contact Ms McLean jmclean@wellswayschool.com if you would like further information.

Instrumental lessons – The majority of instrumental lessons start next week Monday 10th September. Timetables will go up by the Music Office as soon as the instrumental teachers send them. If you are a Year 7 parent who has requested instrumental or singing lessons and you have not heard from BANES Music Hub, please contact Ms McLean.

Ms McLean and Miss Davies

News

GDPR

With the recent implementation of GDPR please click on this link to see the updated version of the MAT pupil privacy notice. This has also now been uploaded onto the MAT website.

<https://www.wellswaymat.com/assets/uploads/files/statutory-information/Privacy-Notice-For-Pupils.pdf>

INSIGHT (Parent Portal) for Year 7

New year 7 parents/carers will receive their username for Insight next week.

If your year 7 child has an older sibling/s at Wellsway School they should automatically link on the same parental account. If this has not happened please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening

Letters have been sent home for our Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening which is being held on Thursday 13th September. The meetings will be held in your child's tutor room, all students are to attend with their parents/carers. Apologies for short notice but can you please ensure you respond no later than Monday morning with your preferred time.

Student Safety & Stranger Danger

Now students are back at school and in to their old routines a reminder of our advice on how to stay safe in walks to and from school. We have been informed of an unpleasant incident in Bristol to a 10 year old pupil on her way home from school. We will be reminding students of the need to contact their Head of House should they be approached or ever feel uncomfortable on their journeys to and from school. I would also welcome you reminding your child to walk in a pair or group where possible; to not walk with headphones in so that they are aware of what is going on around them; to keep to main roads where possible; and to not stop to talk to strangers.

If your child ever comes home from school and says they have been approached on their way home from school, please contact the police on 101 immediately.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the students stay safe.

Lockers

We offer students the opportunity to rent a locker to reduce the amount of kit, equipment and books students need to carry to/from school each day. A letter was given to every year 7 student earlier this week detailing how to apply for a locker. If you would like to rent a locker for your child, please make payment online and return the form (attached to the letter) to Reception. Thank you if you have already done so. Any students who used a locker last year can pay online for a further year and should hand the payment receipt in to Reception. We will update you shortly on when lockers will be allocated. In the meantime, please make sure your child has a suitable padlock ready to use.

Mrs Rogers

Sixth Form News

Year 12 Tutor-Parent/Career meet

Now that term has started we are very eager to meet all the parents/and carers of our new Year 12 students. The evening is a chance to meet the whole team and spend a bit of time getting to know your tutor.

This event will be held in Lansdown hall from 5.30 -6.30pm

Mr Bray

Visits

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Early next week, a letter will be sent to all Year 11 Geography students regarding a fieldwork opportunity on 26th/27th September. The visit will contribute to students' understanding of urban environments and fulfils exam board requirements. Students will visit various venues around Bristol; specific classes will go on each day. The letter will indicate which day for your child's class will be going.

Mrs Rogers

Year 7 Team Building

Year 7 students are looking forward to visiting Wild Place on Monday 24th September. There are still a few students for whom we have not received a consent form. Please return this to school as a priority to ensure your child does not miss out.

Mrs Rogers

PTA News

Please consider signing up to Easyfundraising.org.uk by clicking on this link. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> This helps to raise much needed funds for school when you shop online. There are thousands of shops willing to make a donation to us if you buy from them. For example, Expedia may donate around £30 for a family holiday! There is no charge to you at all and it's easy to use. Thank you to the 61 supporters who have signed up and helped to raise £167 so far this year

Sport Wellsway

Jasmine Reader - World ITF Taekwondo Championships



During the summer holiday, Jasmine Reader competed in the World ITF Taekwondo Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She performed brilliantly in the under 18s + 65kg sparring, winning a silver medal in the process. She also achieved a silver and bronze medal in junior female team sparring and patterns respectively.

The time and effort that Jasmine has dedicated to training and competing over the last two years has been incredible and she thoroughly deserves the medals she has achieved this summer! Certainly a prospect for the future!! Well done Jasmine, Wellsway School is very proud of your achievements!!

Mr Evans