

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			
Year	Activity	Date	Start Time and Venue
For All	End of Term	Thurs 20 th Dec	Early Closure at 1.25pm
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	Celebration/Reunion and Awards Presentation Evening for 2018 KS5 Leavers	Weds 19 th December	5.30pm / Mendip Hall

As part of our PSHE programme, we deliver assemblies focusing on the dispositions we expect of students at Wellsway School. This week's theme delivered by Mr Comber was students supporting those who may be vulnerable – whether that be students or members of the community. The phone call that came in from a member of our local community who is in her 80s couldn't be a more fitting example of how one of our students demonstrated the qualities Mr Comber was speaking of. The phone call came in to thank the Year 7 boy for helping the member of public get across the road from the doctor's surgery to her husband's car and making sure she was sitting safely – and to express how she and her husband were 'overwhelmed by the student's kindness' and expressed that this is a fantastic reflection on his parents and the students of Wellsway School. We tried to identify the student involved to thank him but have been unable to – if this was your son, please do get in touch as I would like to personally thank him for this act of kindness.

I believe a key duty of schools is to support the development of staff at all points in their careers, and this was exemplified on Tuesday at Wellsway where we welcomed seven trainee primary teachers from Bath Spa. These visitors not only visited lessons, but also supported the first of our Challenge Activity mornings, where students from Years 7-10 worked together to consider what being an independent learner really means. We also welcomed teachers from across the Wellsway Multi Academy Trust to the second session of our Leading from the Middle programme, which is another example of how being part of a trust supports staff to share best practice and learn from each other.

Alongside this, we have had a busy week with the end of the Year 11 internal exams – well done to all the students who were exemplary in their conduct – and with the Year 12 and 13 Parent/ Carer Evening last night.

All parents will have received a year group specific email regarding how we capture parents' views about what we're doing well and what else we can do to improve. Please can I ask you to take the time to read this important email and to complete the online questionnaire it links to.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch is being served on **Wednesday 19th December**. The deadline to order is on Friday 14th December.

How to order:

All students need to order a ticket for their Christmas lunch in Lansdown Lunch Hall at either breakfast club, break or lunch time by seeing a member of the kitchen staff. They will then be issued with a ticket which they will produce on the day. The cost of the lunch is £2.50 for two courses.

All monies will be collected on the day electronically therefore please ensure your online account has sufficient funds to cover the cost.



D of E - Reminder of Silver Award meeting next week

The first D of E meeting for all silver award students takes place next **Tuesday 4th December**, 3.15pm - 5.00pm in Room M19. Please make sure you can remember your eDofE login details from last year. Most of you have handed in your programme planners which I will give back to you at the meeting. If you haven't handed it in yet, make sure you bring it to the meeting! If anyone cannot make the meeting, I can arrange to be here on Thursday 6th December after school but you must let me know in advance if you want to do it then.

Mr Sage

Sixth Form News

Sixth Form – Applications for September 2019

A quick reminder for any remaining Year 11 students looking to apply to our Sixth Form to apply to Sixth Form by Friday 30th November.

Applying is a quick and simple process, just log in to Parental Insight and then select - General – Options offer – and then click on the blue puzzle icon by each subject to select it. It will save automatically.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at sixthform@wellswayschool.com

Year 13 Reunion and Awards Presentation

The Year 13 reunion event this year be held on Wednesday 19th December, with drinks and nibbles served from 5.30pm. This is a fantastic annual event where we welcome back this year's leavers for a celebration of their time here, the presentation of their very hard-earned qualification certificates and some special awards; a great way to start off the Christmas period.

Invitations have been sent.

Challenge Cup Update

Thank you to everyone who took part in this week's Chess Challenge – the results are being tallied, and the champion tutor group will announced next week.

Mr Bray

Music & Drama



Rehearsal on Sunday 2nd December !

10.00am - 12.30pm - Just dancers, main cast and band. Please arrive at 9.45am to help set up.

1.00pm – 4.00pm - Chorus, cheerleaders, dancers, main cast and band.

Please Note: Rehearsals for the following week will be decided on Sunday and put up in the PA Department.

Bath Philharmonic

Our thanks to Bath Philharmonic who have given Wellsway School GCSE and A-Level Music students, and their families, free tickets to see Nicola Benedetti perform with the orchestra tonight. A fabulous treat!

New Rock Group

We are delighted to confirm that a new Rock Group will be starting in January on Wednesday lunchtimes, run by Matt Fowles, our guitar teacher. All students welcome who already play a rock instrument. He has also requested some singers!

Tickets for the Christmas Concert will be on sale from Monday 3rd December via the following link. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellsway-school> We would advise you to purchase tickets as soon as possible as we anticipate selling out each night.

Ms McLean and Miss Davies

Sport



Winner of the Harry Gierson Trophy

Wellsway School was recently awarded as the winner of the Harry Gierson Trophy by the Forty Club at a black-tie event held at Lord's Cricket Ground, cricket's traditional global headquarters. The trophy was awarded by a panel of judges from the Club to the school who played best against them in 2018 – both in terms of the quality of cricket but also the sporting manner in which Wellsway played. Wellsway was represented at the event by Mr May, who has been in charge of the school's 1st XI since 1996, and Will Thomas, last year's 1st XI captain. We were awarded the trophy by John Barclay, President of the Forty Club, former captain of Sussex and England Cricket Manager in front of 200 members and guests. The event was a superb event in the magnificent Long Room, the most hallowed of venues in the whole of cricket. After dinner, with the trophy was awarded, Will Thomas delivered a memorable "thank you" speech on behalf of the school. Well done to Will, but also to all the boys in the team who made this award possible.

Mr May

Careers



CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION

'Careers Hub' - Based in the sixth form corridor next to M32

Open to ALL STUDENTS - Monday – Thursday 8.45 – 3.00

Drop in to make an appointment, pick up information, ask a question OR

Email; amillard@wellswayschool.com

**** Wednesday Lunch-time Employer 'Pop-Up' sessions****

Meet the employer, what job roles they can offer, how do you apply, what skills & qualities do they require, ask questions.

DATE	EMPLOYER	VENUE	Suggested year groups
05.12.18	Waitrose, Keynsham – work opportunities and careers within a large retail group (admin/customer services)	Careers Hub 1.30pm – 2.00pm	Year 7 - 13
12.12.18	BRLSI – Working within Heritage (museums, history, archaeology)	Careers Hub 1.30pm – 2.00pm	Year 7 - 13
19.12.18	To Be Confirmed	Careers Hub 1.30pm – 2.00pm	

If you are interested in any of the employer sessions please email amillard@wellswayschool.com

For further information on any of these events just drop in to the Careers Hub.

Looking for careers inspiration – www.careerpilot.org.uk OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

Staff Vacancies

For more information please go to <https://www.wellswaymat.com/careers>