

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

THE AMMONITE

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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	Early Closure / last day of term	Tues 23rd July	1.25pm
	Whole School Celebration Assembly	Tues 23 rd July	12.00 – 1.00pm
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10			
11	GCSE Results Day	Thursday 22 nd Aug	10.00am - Mendip Hall
Sixth Form	Year 13 A Level Results Day	Thursday 15 th Aug	9.30am - Sixth Form Common Room
	Year 12 Results	Thursday 15 th Aug	From 10.45am

As we are fast approaching the end of the academic year, it is natural to look back and reflect on what has happened within the school year. There have been so many main events that have been huge successes and I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and look forward to celebrating some of the year's highlights in our end of year celebration assembly next Tuesday.

As I mentioned in last week's Ammonite, Wednesday was an important day for Wellsway as the Great Western Teaching School Alliance (GWTSa) was officially launched – the event was hosted at Three Ways in Bath, a member of the GWTSa, and saw a range of presentations about how the Teaching School Alliance will work and benefit school improvement. It was especially pleasing for me that so many of the Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs) who presented are from Wellsway School – we now have ten SLEs within the school who are working both within Wellsway and across our family of schools. To find out more about the GWTSa, please do have a look at the website:

<https://greatwesterntsa.org.uk/about/>

Sadly it's also a time to say farewell to teaching staff who will be leaving us; many having secured promotions to leadership positions thanks to the professional development opportunities provided as part of the Wellsway Multi-Academy Trust. I feel it is important to note how pleased we are to have such a low staff turnover. I'm sure you will join me in thanking those leaving for their dedication over the years and wishing them all the very best with their futures. I can assure you that our new recruits will keep up the exceptional standards we have at Wellsway. All our new teaching staff attended their Induction day in June and we welcome them from when we return in September.

Myself and all the staff at Wellsway School wish you all a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September. Please note that Years 7 and 12 return to school on Wednesday 4th September and the rest of the school on Thursday 5th September.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

Empty your locker!

It is essential that every locker is emptied and the padlock removed before term ends at 1.25pm on Tuesday. Where this is not done, padlocks will be cut off and the contents disposed of due us needing to move some lockers to other areas of the school. For anyone who has signed up for 5 years, we will allocate you a new locker in September. If you wish to apply for a one year locker lease, please make payment online before the start of the new school year.

Science Speaks Final

This week Wellsway students have taken part in WMAT Science Speaks Championships hosted at Wellsway School. Daniela, Lucy and Ruby presented a 3 minute speech on creatures of the ocean but unfortunately the girls were runners up against a radiation presentation by a young lady from Sir Bernard Lovell School. Well done ladies.

Miss Williams



Help to beat Holiday Hunger

Here are details of various ways you can contribute to, or access support this holiday:

Can you help? Zest Catering are working with Feeding Bristol and FareShare South West to help feed 44,000 vulnerable children over the summer holiday. Zest have committed to providing 13,000 of these meals from the kitchen at SBL Academy. Volunteers are needed every day from 24th July until 30th August, 8am – 1pm. This is a community initiative and so please share with friends and family - anyone who you think may like to get involved. Tasks include packing up lunch bags, sticking on labels and making sandwiches to name a few and gives a real opportunity to have fun with others at the same time as making a difference. Please click on the link here [Zest Active Ate](#) to find out more and indicate when you are able to help.

We would also like to alert you to support from Keynsham Foodbank which has food available during the summer holiday. It offers families with school aged children and young people a 'lunch bag' by way of a letter which the family can present at one of our Foodbanks. The offer is available for each school aged child or young person in the family and designed, in some small way to support the family's budget when school meals are not available. The Foodbank always asks that the offer is accepted as a gesture of kindness from our community. Letters will be sent by email, you do not need to print the letter as they are happy for it to be shown from a phone. If you have not received this letter, or would appreciate a printed letter, please contact me at school by phone or email: frogers@wellswayschool.com in confidence (by 10am on Tuesday) and I will be happy to help.

As many of you already know, whilst you are shopping at Tesco Keynsham one piece of fresh fruit is available per child.

On a Tuesday throughout school holidays, Temple Street Canteen (Café) in Keynsham offer a free child's lunch. Below is a link to the event to the Temple Street Canteen Facebook page. The sentence below is taken from Temple Canteen leaflet: 'Parents just need to ask for a free kids meal at the counter, no questions asked, no other purchase necessary. Thanks to a generous donation from Keynsham Lions they are also able to offer free meals to parents or guardians too if requested.' https://www.facebook.com/events/2308359412710764/?event_time_id=2308359416044097?ti=ia

Community Action Week - Stanton

All this week Stanton House have been working incredibly hard to raise money for Community Action Week. Fundraising activities included strawberry lace eating competitions, lunch time cinema screenings, penalty shootouts, selling sweet treats and sponsored silences. Most notably, two students managed to raise over £40 each for their sponsored silences. The total amount raised will be calculated next week and donations will be given to the chosen charity Bath Welcomes Refugees.



Also this term, as part of our "kindness" community action theme, the house have put together some really thoughtful "kindness wall" display boards. Students worked together to write messages and quotes to create these amazing displays encouraging kindness. The displays have been judged by Mr Woodville, Mrs Lodge and Mrs Dursley and the results will be announced to students on Tuesday.

Miss Pitman



Multi Sports Days

Wellsway Sports Centre will be hosting multi sport activity days on every Thursday of the summer holidays! For children aged 5-12 years old, the days will run 8.30am-4pm and will involve lots of fun and games to keep your little ones active and engaged. Contact scenquiries@wellswaymat.com for more details and to book! £15 per day.

Summer Passport

Wellsway Sports Centre will be offering a 'Summer Passport' for July and August, just £30 for access to the gym and exercise classes! Contact scenquiries@wellswaymat.com for more information.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Officer and Ambassador Elections 2019- 20

After applications, interviews and hustings it finally came down to the staff and students to vote on who they felt should lead the sixth form student teams. The results are as follows.

Head Students	Ella Taviner Josh Haines
Deputy Head Students	Megan Sullivan Adam Selman
Chairperson	James Spincer
Community Action and Events	Rachel May
Publications Officer	Molly Grierson
Performing and Visual Arts Officer	Tom Brown
Sport Officer	Sam Parsons
STEM Officer	Nathan Coltart
Events and Enrichment	Ellie Jupp

Congratulations to everyone who put themselves forward, we have over 30 students who will be working together to help lead and develop our sixth form next year.

Sixth Form in September

If you are still looking to apply for a place in September or have any questions about Sixth Form please email sixthform@wellswayschool.com

All applicants will have already received an email going through the enrolment process (which starts on GCSE results day, and is done online) – if you have any questions please contact Mrs Turner at sixthform@wellswayschool.com

UCAS reminder

On results day, you should receive an email from UCAS overnight, confirming whether you have been accepted onto your course. Please note that they will not give you grades.

Should you need or wish to access [Clearing](#), you will be able to come to Student Support from 8am. Please note that whilst we and parents/careers can support you, universities will only deal with students.

You may also wish to go through [Adjustment](#), where you have done better than expected and may wish to change your university choice. You will be able to do this after results are picked up.

Visits

Y9 Wimbledon Trip – 10th July

On Wednesday 10th July, 10 year 9 pupils, with the company of Mr Bye and Miss O'Malley, had the privilege of attending Wimbledon with tickets for court number one.

Pupils arrived with play started on the outside courts, and with plenty of time to enjoy the sights and sounds of the All England club. Pupils then settled into their seats on court number one for R Bautista Agut V A Pella followed by Rafa Nadal V Sam Querrey and one set of senior invitational doubles with some fantastic tennis points played. A great, but long, day enjoyed by all with memories that will last forever.



Lauren, Poppy, Amy, Tom, Joe, Matt, Austin, Ben & Dan enjoying their day at Wimbledon.

Y7 Paris Trip

Early on Saturday morning, nearly 50 intrepid year 7 students set off for their trip to Paris. Many had never travelled through the channel tunnel and were surprised that the coach was driven onto the train.

We had an action packed four days, travelling back overnight on Tuesday evening. Students were able to practise their French in the market in Brie Comte Robert; experience the history of many of France's rulers at the palace in Fontainebleau; taste traditional French food (some tried a snail); visit Paris by boat and then coach and wander around the Sacré Coeur and Montmartre before a final day at Eurodisney. Evenings were spent roaming the grounds of our accommodation, swimming in the pool, singing around a campfire and competing in the mini Olympics. I do hope that this will be a memorable visit for all, for all the right reasons.

Mrs Wharf

Results Day

A Level/GCSE/vocational Results Days

We are really looking forward to meeting up again and celebrating your successes with you in the summer.

A Level Results - Thursday 15th August

Year 13 students will be able to pick up their results in the Common Room at 9.30am. Help for students needing or wishing to use the university clearing or adjustment processes will be available from 8.00am in Student Support.

Year 12 students can pick up results from 10.45am.

A Level Results will be available on Insight from Friday 16th August 2019

GCSE Results - Thursday 22nd August

Year 11 students will be able to pick up their results in Mendip Hall at 10.00am. **Enrolment** for Sixth Form can be done either in person there and then, or online – please look out for an email in your school account that morning, or contact us at sixthform@wellswayschool.com if you have any questions. If you wish to change your subject options you will be able to come in and talk to us between 12.00-1.00pm the same day, or the following morning from 9.30am-11.00am. Help will also be available online the following week.

GCSE Results will be available on Insight from Friday 23rd August 2019

For both Results Days

If students wish someone (even their parents) to collect results for them, they must provide a signed letter explaining that they give permission for that person to collect their results. The person collecting their results will need to have some official proof of photo identity with them (for example a driving license).

Careers advisers and teacher support will also be on hand to help on both results days.

Careers



CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION

'Careers Hub' - Sixth form corridor next to M32

Open to ALL STUDENTS

Monday – Thursday 8.45 – 3.00



Either pop in OR Email; amillard@wellswayschool.com

Wednesday Lunchtime Pop-Ups (1.30 – 2.00)

Starting again in term 1 – are there any employers or career options you would be eager to meet ?

Any thoughts or ideas please email them to me amillard@wellswayschool.com

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Looking to study Dentistry ?** – University of East London are holding a 2 day taster course for year 10 – 13 students, August 3rd – 4th There is a cost of £99 for both days www.londonschoolofdentistry.co.uk
- **Save the Day !! RUH Evening Careers Event – Tuesday 1st October**, booking is not yet open, further information on the RUH website at the start of September.

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>