

# The Ammonite

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

## Message from the Principal



Dear parents and carers

### Sunshine and showers

This week's edition is again packed with sporting success and we are so proud of all our students, both those who played and those who are training hard each week. The commitment is extraordinary and our students have a fantastic can do attitude, it's been impressing us all year.

Special mention goes to our Year 7 Netball team, well done on reaching the Avon County final and to our girls who saw success in the BANES Under 13s 7-aside football tournament, they are to be congratulated on being runners up and their fantastic display.

More footballing success, despite the very wet weather on Wednesday evening, our teams were in action against Beechen Cliff with wins for the Year 11s and 12s Well done again to our Year 11 team on their Somerset Cup Quarter final win last week against Churchill.

There's some wonderful work in this week's edition from our Year 10 Textiles students and from Year 8 Art as part of the "telling stories project", they have been very creative and producing some inspiring pieces. In fact, we have had success at telling stories in the sixth form as well, this time with Year 12 English Literature students, congratulations go to them on successfully having their work published in the national young writers' competition.

We also had time for a Business masterclass, delivered by David Halton, former Vice chancellor of the University of Wales, our students are really grateful for his time and insight.

There are many more stories of success on the sports field in this edition for our Year 7 hockey and football teams as well as our Under 13 cricketers. Last but not least, our students of the week have all demonstrated resilience and endeavour.

Finally, as we move into this weekend and the days grow nearer to the two year anniversary of the first national lockdown in 2020, I'm sure you will be reflecting like we are on the journey we have all been on.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Wellsway School, it's wonderful to see so many activities taking place again and our young people being able to benefit from the full range of educational activities in school.

Best wishes

Rob Pearsall  
Principal & Executive Head of School  
Wellsway School and IKB Academy

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## Key dates

**Tuesday 22nd–24th, 28th & 30th March**  
Y11 Food Tech Exams

**Friday 25th–27th March**  
Silver DofE Expedition to Exmoor

**Monday 28th March**  
Dance Umbrella

**Thursday 31st March**  
Y12&13 Parent/Carer Evening

## Student Attendance

**Attendance**—A reminder that when sending emails regarding student attendance, please send them to our enquiries email inbox - [enquiries@wellswayschool.com](mailto:enquiries@wellswayschool.com) with the subject FAO Attendance Improvement Officer Ms Louise Fox or email direct to Ms Fox [lofox@wellswayschool.com](mailto:lofox@wellswayschool.com). Please do not email direct to Miss Lucy Fox - [lfox@wellswayschool.com](mailto:lfox@wellswayschool.com) who is one of our science teachers.

We realise that this is an easy mistake to make and thanks in advance for your support with this request. Mr Ive.



# Principal's Student of the Week

All our winners have demonstrated Endeavour, Resilience and Empathy; Wellsway School students striving to be confident, respectful and ultimately successful learners. Simply "Being the best versions of themselves".

At Wellsway School, we have something we try and instil into students: it is okay to fail if you do not give up. It is important to see the journey and remember that you simply haven't got there yet! This week's nominees have all demonstrated that mindset and trait.

Congratulations go to our winners:

- Year 7 Oliver F – kindness to others
- Year 8 Zak G – improvement in English
- Year 9 AJ C – taking part in a national rowing competition
- Year 10 Morgan H – engagement with guitar lessons
- Year 11 Brooke M – above and beyond in maths
- Year 12 Finn H - Excellent participation in tutor time discussions
- Year 13 Joe T - Excellent performance in the school musical



Following on from the first event last week where Y7-9 pupils were invited to take part in a mock trial (see across), pupils signed up to the Challenge Programme will be invited to an activity session titled "How to be Successful" where they will learn about metacognition and work on improving their learning skills.

## KS3 Challenge Programme Subject Session

**YOU are invited to take part in our mock trial and decide if someone is guilty or not guilty!!**

You could be:

Judge, Barrister, jury, witness, defendant, court reporter, court clerk or court artist.



**Open to: All KS3 students**  
**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Time: 3:15-4:15**  
**Location: Lansdown Hall**  
**Just turn up!**



Developing confident, respectful and successful young people





## Year 10 Textiles

We have shown some amazing mini clothes from Year 10 Textiles students over the past few weeks. We promised to showcase our final mini outfit, which is a mini dress. Amelie B is our first student to complete her dress and it looks wonderful!

A huge well done to Amelie and all Year 10 textiles students.

Miss Davies



## Keynsham Now: standing firm with Ukraine

*Connie Seymour, a member of Keynsham Now youth town council, has been moved by the unfolding events in Ukraine to pen this article and poem for The Week In.*

As are many, members of KeynshamNow are dismayed by the ruthless acts of the Russian government causing unjust tragedy to Ukraine alongside threats to liberal democracy.

As fellow Europeans, we direct a compassionate message to the citizens of Ukraine: we support you. We wish you peace, safety and courage to continue to battle for your nation and its democracy that would collapse upon Russia's undesired success. As a youth town council, we stand firm with the young people of Ukraine.

While Russia's failure is in our greatest interest, we must remember this is an act of the Russian government, not the Russian people, and discrimination shall not exist or be tolerated. Only those behind the devastation shall deserve blame.

From the very heart of Keynsham Now, Slava Ukraini.

*As your skies are lit with burning flames,  
I lay and pray your sovereignty remains,  
Even with the hunger of a blood-thirsty beast,  
The streets of your country shall not be seized.*

*I wish you peace while you fight the inhumane,  
With Molotov cocktails consisting of butane,  
the umbrella over your heads is now martial law,  
as you watch your homes be shredded raw.*

*Huddled in shelters and inoperable metro stations,  
Awaiting your heroic soldiers to protect your foundations,  
With your children delivering haunting cries,  
I can only imagine the fear in their eyes.*

*Dear Putin and your bloody hands,  
That have stained the peace of all our lands,  
Success will never fall in favour of such disgrace,  
Dig your own grave as karma you will face.*

## Student's Published Art and Poem

One of our Y12 Language students at Wellsway/IKB has recently been published in 'The Week in East Bristol and North Somerset' for an amazing article and poem on the conflict in Ukraine.

Congratulations Connie.

## Insight Update

We are aware that some users have had difficulties accessing Insight remotely over the last fortnight but that we believe this is now resolved. If any users find that they cannot access it now, please email [insight@wellswayschool.com](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com) to let us know.



## Student's Art Work



### Year 8

Year 8 have produced some fantastic work this rotation as part of their 'Telling Stories' project in Art. Here are just a few of some very inventive character designs inspired by Tim Burton, along with some very refined pen work. Well done Year 8.





## Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 Netball team travelled to Redland Green School on Wednesday to play in the semi- final of the Avon Schools County Cup. The girls were nervous but made an excellent start, with fabulous shooting by our captain Molly to go ahead 7-1 after the 1st quarter. Redland Green fought back strongly and our defenders, Darcy, Isla, Eva and Jaz needed to battle hard, fighting for every interception. The score was 12-6 at half time but the team knew they couldn't take their foot off the accelerator.

The second half was a much more physical affair, with end to end action. It was far more difficult for our shooters, Molly, Gracie and Sophie but I was proud of how they kept their cool under pressure. The final score was a win to Wellsway 13-9, with player of the match going to Molly. The girls were delighted to reach the Avon County Final where they will face Bristol Free School. Well done to the whole squad. Mrs Burston.

## 'Healthy Me' in PSHE

During this term, students in years 7 to 10 will be exploring the theme of 'Healthy Me' in PSHE. Year 11 will be exploring the theme of 'Relationships' in PSHE.

Session content for week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March:

Year 7: Substances

Year 8: Substances

Year 9: Substance use

Year 10: Prescribed drugs

Year 11: Power balance in relationships

## Year 12 English Literature

We're very proud of our Y12 English Literature students who entered the national Young Writers competition with their gothic pieces and have successfully had their work published! The judges said: Having all your students' work chosen is something to be proud of, it doesn't happen every day!

I was impressed with their writing and it's clear that you've really inspired them, it was such a privilege to read them and every piece will make a fantastic addition to Twisted Tales – Tales of Villainy!





# Supporting your teenager with exams and assessments

Online  
Tuesday 29th March 2022  
7pm – 8.30pm

[Click here to register for your place](#)

Julie Turner and Debbie Spens, from The Charlie Waller Trust, will discuss practical strategies for parents /carers to help young people manage stress and anxiety around exams and assessments.

A one-hour online session, with the opportunity of half an hour of questions and answers at the end.



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## Extra Curriculum Clubs

Another great turn out to both our extra-curricular clubs that are running this term! If you missed out on coming this week you are still more than welcome to still join.

Our Musical Theatre group runs on a Tuesday afterschool in M31 (3.15-4.15) and next week we will be re-capping the routine to 'The Nicest Kids in Town' from Hairspray, as well as learning 'You will be found' from Dear Evan Hansen and a new routine to 'Six'.

Have a listen to the songs in preparation if you can! We also have our KS3 drama club on a Wednesday afterschool in M31 (3.15-4.15) where we are looking at a range of scripts, we can't wait to see you there!

**Lost property** - the following un-named items will be disposed of by the end of next week if not claimed:

Selection of water bottles

Black and blue basketball

White football

Black Empire bag with boys PE kit inside

Black Adidas bag with PE kit inside and black Nike Air trainers size 3

Boy PE top 38/40in

Karakal tennis racket (Blue/black)

Slazenger tennis racket (Red/black)

Black Adidas trainers size 4

Black Adidas trainers size 5

Stanton ties x4

Newton tie x1

Burnett tie x1



## Business Masterclass

The optional business masterclass delivered by David Halton (former Vice Chancellor of the University of Wales) to some of our KS4 business students after school on 10<sup>th</sup> March was very well received.

Students appreciated the real life examples expressed with clarity and detail.





## Somerset FA Cup - Quarter Final

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March played against Churchill in this tense fixture. Wellsway proved that they have the potential to win this competition with a convincing victory.

Playing up the slope they created a 3-1 advantage by half time with goals from Joel M, Keegan M and Alex H.

Wellsway dominated possession and physically they were the superior team. Early goals in the second half from Joel M and Alex H put Wellsway in to a 5-1 lead. Late goals from Churchill made it 5-3 and led to a tense finish.

Wellsway deservedly held out for the victory.



## BANES Under-13s 7-side Football Tournament

Our Under 13s Girls Football team performed brilliantly this week, finishing as runners-up in a 10 school tournament held at Keynsham Town Football club. The girls were fantastic in the group stages, only conceding a single goal over 4 games and even came through a nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out in the semi-final to reach the final.

The final itself was a really even contest which could easily have gone either way, unfortunately it was not to be for Wellsway on this occasion and the girls had to settle for runners up medals. Well done to all girls that took part, they played some fantastic football throughout the competition and should feel extremely proud of their success.



## Under 13 indoor cricket

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, the under 13 cricket team took part in the County semi-final indoor cricket competition at St Katherine's. Wellsway's first game was against Beechen Cliff and this was a highly competitive game with Beechen Cliff scoring 85 for 6.

Wellsway then came in to bat and they started chasing that total really well. Unfortunately they didn't score quite enough and finished on 78 for 8.

The second game was at the hosts and Wellsway knew that they had to go all out for the win to stand a chance of qualifying for the next round. Wellsway kept St Katherine's to 71 for 6, but in chasing the score (and needing to score as many runs as possible) Wellsway scored 48 for 8. Each game was highly competitive and all the boys that played should be really proud of their performance! We are all looking forward to the cricket season in the summer already!





## Year 9 football v St Gregory's

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, the year 9 team travelled to St Gregory's following their win against Writhlington last week. The game started well for Wellsway with James Matthews opening the scoring, followed by Tom E and Aran to give Wellsway a 3-0 lead going into half time. The second half saw Joss score a penalty, before the home team scored a goal of their own. Tom E finished the scoring with his second of the game to give Wellsway a 5-1 victory. The whole team played really well and should look forward to their next game next week. Man of the match: Rhys J.



## Year 7 Football v St Gregory's

Wellsway Yr 7 footballers dominated St Greg's from the first minute with an assured performance which saw them emerge comfortable 6-1 winners. Jack B excelled throughout, controlling the midfield, tackling with determination and passing with vision and intelligence. Equally impressive were Anton S, Freddie R and Seb in defence, all of whom gave nothing away whilst contributing to many attacks. With Alfie B impregnable in goal, and everyone contributing, it was only a matter of time before Wellsway opened the scoring through Yoskar, who's strong running caused problems all afternoon, ran on to Freddie's pass to score with ease. Shortly afterwards, Jack rose in the box to head home Harry T's pinpoint corner.

The story in the second half was similar; substitutions didn't blunt Wellsway's attacking edge and George H coolly converted Jack's square ball to make it 3-0. Ben C joined the party with a lob over the keeper from another pass from Freddie, Logan then scored a lovely 5<sup>th</sup> from Ben's unselfish pass and Billy finished things off with a crisp strike from George's assist. St Greg's battled away until the end and were rewarded with a consolation goal. Well done Year 7, a performance to be proud of.



## Year 7 Hockey

Our Year 7 Hockey Team were in action on Tuesday when they played Ralph Allen School at home. Ralph Allen School brought a team of boys and girls as all their sports clubs are mixed. Our girls rose to the challenge, making strong passes and tackles and attacking well as a unit. Alexa was excellent in goal and made several fantastic saves in the first half. There was end to end action, with many long corners awarded and the score at half time was 1-1, with a goal from Molly. In the second half we had the lions share of the play, with a great second goal from Belle. Final score was a win to Wellsway 2-1. Players of the game- Starsky and Alexa. Well done to all those involved. Mrs Burston.



All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



# YUBO



Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.



## FLIMSY AGE GATES

Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content reported spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This flaw, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a Sunday Times investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

## LIVESTREAM RISKS

Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they could also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.



## ON AIR

## BULLYING POTENTIAL

Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

## EXTENSIVE ACCESS

Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which – in the case of young people – represents a clear risk.

## 'GATEWAY' EFFECT

Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes'; left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DISCOURAGE USE

We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 Sunday Times expose and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.

### STAY AWARE

It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app: prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

### DISCUSS IN ADVANCE

If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app before they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.

### ALTER THE SETTINGS

After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



LOCATIONS



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#WakeUpWednesday



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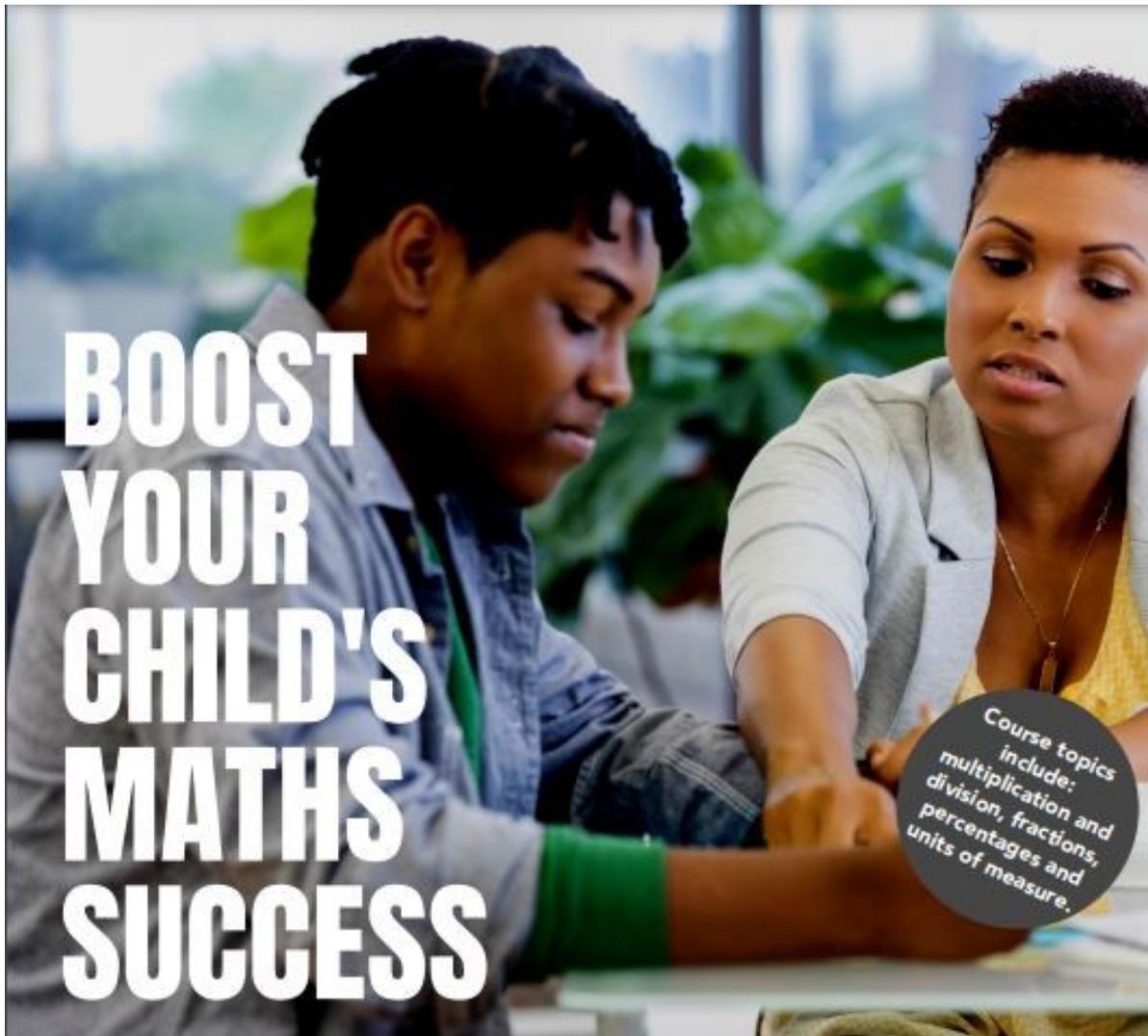
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## FREE Adult Maths Course

Futura Learning Partnership has teamed up with SGS College to offer a FREE 8 week maths course. The courses will be held at Wellsway Sports Centre and SBL Sports Centre on Tuesday evenings, starting 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The maths course is open to anyone aged 19+ and will not only help you increase in confidence when using maths every day, but also help you to help your child! If you are interested in signing up, or would like some additional information, please email [adultmaths@sgscol.ac.uk](mailto:adultmaths@sgscol.ac.uk).



# BOOST YOUR CHILD'S MATHS SUCCESS

Course topics include:  
multiplication and division, fractions, percentages and units of measure.

**Do you need a maths refresher to help your child with their homework? We can help!**

SGS College are working in collaboration with Futura Learning Partnership to offer a FREE Maths course help parents improve and refresh their own maths skills so they can effectively support their child/children at home.

Our FREE Maths course will help you brush up on your skills and boost your confidence over 8 weekly sessions.

Starts week commencing 21st March  
17:30 - 19:30 for 8 weeks  
Refreshments provided  
Email: [adultmaths@sgscol.ac.uk](mailto:adultmaths@sgscol.ac.uk)  
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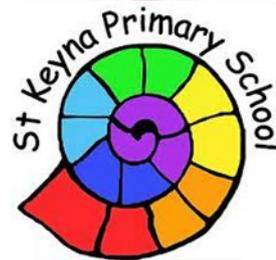
Join us for the Keynsham Museum through time!

Please join us at **Wellsway School** to celebrate the work of keen historians from **Saltford, St Keyna's, St John's and Chandag School** where you can learn about Keynsham during the Roman, Medieval, Early Modern and Modern period.

**When?**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**16:00-17:00**





# STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL



**PAY  
AND  
PLAY**

**Astro Pitch  
from 3.15pm**



- Visit Sports Centre after school
- Or call 0117 916 1034
- Check if the pitch is available
- If yes then pay by card
- £3.50 per student for 55mins

**You can only play, if you have checked on the day**



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