

The Ammonite

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

Message from the Principal

Dear parent/ carer

Mental Health Awareness Week

It is Mental Health Awareness Week and the official theme is loneliness.

In a world that is constantly online it is ironic that it has never been more common to feel a sense of human disconnect. Therefore, this week we have been reminding staff and students to check-in with your loved ones, be kind and offer a smile to a stranger. In addition, remember, you are never alone.

On Thursday in addition to the assemblies our Heads of House have delivered on Mental Health Awareness and loneliness, all year groups had an assembly from PC Nicolaou on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Online Safety. Staff also attended training on Monday, led by Catherine Harris from CAMHS. The session looked at strategies to support students with managing anxiety.

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This week's Ammonite includes lots more and together with our students of the week and four students ,who I was delighted to present an additional award to for their personal endeavour and resilience demonstrated in the recent athletics event, as mentioned in last week's Ammonite.

Congratulations to our Silver Award DoE students on their success last weekend on Dartmoor undertaking their Qualifying Expedition. Thank you to the parents who have passed on their thanks, I have taken this apt quote that highlights the importance of this award: *"It has challenged them very much out of their comfort zone, building resilience and skills that I'm sure will take them into their adult life. Thank you for the ongoing support, patience and commitment to DoFE at Wellsway."* Good luck to our Bronze students who start their Practice Expedition this weekend on The Mendips.

Finally, the very best of luck to our Year 11 and 13 students ahead of the start of next week's examinations, you have this and we believe in you; you have come so far and coped with so much. We are sure you will be rewarded for your patience and perseverance.

Many thanks to you, our community for your ongoing support to our school and students - *Futura Aedificamus, building futures...together: Aspiration, Opportunity, Collaboration and Respect.*

Best wishes

Rob Pearsall

Principal & Executive Head of School



Issue : 1031—Friday 13th May 2022

Key dates

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May

DoFE Bronze Practice Expedition

Monday 16th May –Friday 24th June

External exams

Friday 20th—Sunday 22nd May

DoFE Gold Practice Expedition

Student Attendance

Attendance—A reminder that when sending emails regarding student attendance, please send them to our enquiries email inbox - enquiries@wellswayschool.com with the subject FAO Attendance Improvement Officer Ms Louise Fox or email direct to Ms Fox lfox@wellswayschool.com. Please do not email direct to Miss Lucy Fox - lfox@wellswayschool.com who is one of our science teachers. We realise that this is an easy mistake to make and thank you in advance for your support with this request. Mr Ive.



Y8 Girls' Football

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Well done girls!

Heidi, Millie, Lily, Emmie,
Freya Daisy, Maggie, Amelie
& Bex





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- Dylan W and **RHN / Elis B** – great speaking recordings in Languages

Year 8 – Evie B – Effort in English

Year 9 - Zhaniya T – Effort in Hums

Year 10 — Lloyd D – prefect promotion

Year 11— Finley N and **Sam B** – excellent presentation to Year 10 about prefects

Year 12— John B - for excellent work ethic and exemplary attitude to learning

Year 13 - Tim S-H - for excellence in Psychology



Principal's Personal Achievement Award

Ewan S, Oskar & Maggie (& Molly) were recently commended for taking part in the Avon School Hall Athletics Competition in Bristol Grammar School





Ten Tors

Y12 Gus Henry completed the Ten Tors Challenge at the weekend, the 60th year of this Army led event on Dartmoor with support from the Royal Navy and RAF. The Ten Tors Challenge is attempted by 2,400 teenagers in 400 teams of six. The teams navigate routes of 35, 45 or 55 miles (depending on age) over the Northern half of Dartmoor, visiting ten nominated tors / check points in under two days. Teams must be self-sufficient, carrying all that they need to complete their route and stay out overnight safely.

Gus took on the 45 mile route alongside 103 teams with 96 successfully finishing at Okehamp-ton Camp. On the first day they rose early and hiked through 7 tors to Peat Cot, covering 34 miles. By the time they'd finished they'd covered a staggering 52 miles and received a well-earned medal & pasty from the army at the finish line! Well done Gus!



Youth Undone

You may recall our school bands recently performed in Salford to a very appreciative crowd but they also raised an amazing £295 for Off The Record and have been awarded the Principal's Personal Achievement Award for their endeavours. Here are some action shots brilliantly captured by Jake of the Sixth Form group Youth Undone.



Futura Music Event

The rehearsals have begun! We are delighted that 85 students have signed up to be involved in this project and we had our first rehearsal this week. We've already made some superb progress and look forward to rehearsals next week. There will be a rehearsal after school 3.15pm-4.15pm every Thursday in M31. We will also run two informal rehearsals for those who can't make it, or just want to rehearse more on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes in M03. It's not too late to join us if students haven't signed up, or forgot to attend, just turn up to a rehearsal which suits you.



We are delighted that yet more students are choosing to take the plunge and learn an instrument! Click on the following link which enables you to find out information and sign up via BANES Music Hub. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BANESMSAutumnLessonApplication2021> (Ignore the fact it says Autumn Term - it corrects itself once you click on it!)



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

D of E bronze practice expedition, Mendips.

Best of luck to all 109 year 9 bronze participants who will be trekking for 2 days over the Mendips this weekend and camping overnight on Saturday.

Don't forget that everything except your roll mat must be inside your rucksack, remember your maps and route cards for both days, and make sure you get dropped off at the correct end of the route, at the drop off time given to you.

Route A teams - near Charterhouse

Route B teams - Crook Peak car park

I hope you all have a fantastic and successful weekend (and above all ensure that the staff get a good night's sleep!)

Mr Sage & Ms Denning



Silver

Last weekend, 31 year 10 students successfully completed their 3-day silver award qualifying expedition on Dartmoor, travelling over 30 miles on difficult terrain, sometimes across wild country, which required good navigation skills. All 6 teams performed consistently well, & showed excellent camp craft skills at the campsite, especially on the first night, where the facilities were a field, 2 portaloos and 3 containers of water! Each participant was a credit to themselves, their teams, the school and their families. Congratulations silvers! Only 2 years to wait for the gold award expedition!





Year 7 friendly monsters rotation 4

Dear Parents/Carers and students,

We hope you have had a good week. Here we see our rotation 4 textiles students' friendly monster designs. Another brilliant display of creative work from Year 7. We had some lovely lessons designing and making our monsters and it is always wonderful to see the students excitedly take their work home to show off.

A huge well done to Year 7 rotation 4 textiles students! We are really proud of you.

Miss R Davies





Industrial Revolution History Project

Over the past few weeks, Year 8 have been considering the enquiry question 'Who was the greatest inventor of the Industrial Revolution?'. To do this they have been studying the transport revolution, industrial production changes and their social impacts. This has culminated in our students working in groups to pitch the inventor that they feel has been the most significant. The efforts have been outstanding and we have seen documentaries, presentations, models and even a rap! In the picture you can see an amazing industrial sewer system, the SS Great Britain and the Clifton Suspension Bridge to highlight just some of their amazing work. Well done to Faithful Oduaro, Amelie Stapleton and Alba Cozzubbo-Denning on these fantastic models and to the rest of Year 8 who have displayed a high level of work throughout the unit.

Mrs Innes



CSE, CCE & Online Safety Assemblies

On Thursday this week we were lucky enough to have Andri Nicolau, who is Avon and Somerset's Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation Prevention Officer in Wellsway leading assemblies for all students in years 7-10.

The assembly educated students on the dangers and risks that are prevalent in today's society and how students should limit and manage their exposure to them. The assemblies were extremely informative and all students and staff left the assemblies knowing something new!

It was great to see so many parents join myself and Andri for the Student Well-being Parent / Carer information evening last night also, which was another great session!

Mr Slve



Rewards

This year we are excited to launch a new way to reward students. In previous years, students that have received the most house points across the year have had an afternoon of fun on the field. This year we would like to invite the top 50 students in years 7-10 to celebrate their success on an off-site trip. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Please encourage your children to get as many house points as possible in the last two weeks of this term, before we add up the house points totals!

Miss H Davies

Head of Stanton House



Live Well B&NES: information for all

A web-based resource providing information, signposting and support to residents in Bath & North East Somerset has launched.

[Live Well B&NES](#) provides a wealth of useful information, signposting and resources for families, including Ofsted registered childcare, children and young people with additional needs (our SEND Local Offer) and adults needing care or support to live independently.

Information, services and groups are regularly added to Live Well B&NES. If you work with, support, provide services or run groups for children and young people or for adults needing care or support (such as older people, adults with physical disabilities and/or sensory impairments, people living with mental ill health), and haven't already registered - make sure you're included! It's free and takes less than five minutes to [register](#).

Find out more:

<https://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk/>
www.facebook.com/livewellbathnes
www.instagram.com/Youth_Info_Bathnes

Keynsham Music Festival

Futura Learning Partnership has been offered an Open Mic Night for any budding musicians on Wednesday June 29th at Temple Canteen which is just off the High Street in Keynsham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm and will give students the chance to perform in front of a friendly, supportive audience. If you would like to take part in this, please complete the following form

<https://forms.office.com/r/hAU7FTdifu>

stating your name and what you'd like to play. Soloists and bands are very welcome. If you play in a band, please nominate one person to fill this form in!

We will have full tech support, and a digital keyboard for those who would like to play piano.

We want everyone who signs up to have a chance to perform but may have to ask for an audition video if we have too many people for one night!

Year 9 vaccination session Monday 4th July (Mrs Dursley)

The School Aged Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 4 July to give the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY) vaccinations to boys and girls in year 9 only. You will have been sent all information and e-consents via Insight so a prompt return is appreciated. Please note the e-consent link closes at **midnight on Monday 27 June**

Wellsway School is unable to answer any queries about the vaccinations so should you need support in completing the consent or have queries relating to this programme please contact the School Immunisation Service on VCL.immunisations@nhs.net or phone 0300 247 0082 and an adviser will be able to assist you.

Community Governor Opportunity

Wellsway Academy Governance Committee is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join an effective cohesive team of people to hold the school to account, to shape the vision of the school and to set the strategic direction.

Although governors are volunteers, excellent support and development opportunities are provided through a full programme of training, both face to

face and online, to suit individual needs. There are also opportunities to work alongside experienced governors and to take on a responsibility for an area of the school improvement plan. We don't expect you to be an expert in education and welcome governors from all walks of life to bring different perspectives and views. You just need to be committed to supporting our school community and the educational outcomes of our students.

We are however particularly interested in hearing from anyone with an interest, skills, experience or understanding in any of the following areas:

1. Local community/business links
2. Experience of data analysis.

If you are interested in the role, please contact the Clerk to the Governors by email: clerktogovernors@wellswayschool.com



Challenge Programme:

We have another Challenge Programme Event coming up next week for KS3 pupils: Latin for Beginners.

It is open to all pupils in Yr7-9, just turn up.

Challenge Programme Event: **LATIN FOR BEGINNERS**

Come and learn a bit of Latin with Miss Fitzharris and find out why it's not really a dead language

Tuesday 17th May
3:05-4:00pm Lansdown Hall

All KS3 welcome.
Just turn up!



'My Relationships in PSHE'

During this term, students in years 7 to 10 will be exploring the theme of 'My relationships' in PSHE.

Session content for week commencing 16th May:

- Year 7: Discernment and authenticity
- Year 8: Control in relationships
- Year 9: Pornography
- Year 10: Pornography

Ms Jones

Teacher of Languages

PSHE Subject Lead

'For stress awareness week, we held tutor time sessions about online stress and exam stress. The sessions were about helping students to recognise when they are stressed and strategies to help them. See below for some tutor time discussion slides.'



ONLINE STRESS

FOMO: THINK, PAIR, SHARE



1. How would you describe FOMO?
2. How would you define stress?
3. Do you think that FOMO is regularly experienced by young people? What might be the reasons they experience it?
4. What advice would you give a friend who was experiencing stress all the time because of FOMO?



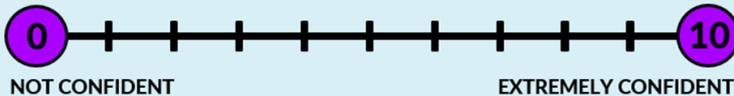
EXAM STRESS

SELF ASSESSMENT



How confident are you about:

- A. Knowing how to spot when you're stressed?
- B. Thinking of ways to relax and de-stress?
- C. Revising for exams?
- D. Knowing what you want or need to achieve in your exams?
- E. Having a revision plan that will work for you?
- F. Knowing where to get help and advice about revising?



EXAM STRESS

EXAM BUDDY



Tips and advice database



EXAM STRESS

PLENARY: I CAN



- If someone I know is stressing about planning their revision, I can...
- If I see someone who needs to take a break from revising and relax, I can...
- When someone I know needs to get help with their revision planning, I can...
- If my friend gets stressed in the middle of an exam, I would advise them to...



Year 13 art/textiles

A huge well done to our amazing Year 13 art/textiles students who have now completed their final pieces ready for the moderator's visit.

Hannah P made the beautiful fairy-tale blue and white ball gown

Grace B made the purple decay corset and skirt

Chiana B made the blue Victorian dress complete with shawl

Kathryn W made the green drop dress with open sleeves

We could not be prouder of the students. They have worked really hard, and the results speak for themselves!

Miss Davies and Mrs Wilton



Congratulations to Year 11 Art Students

This term year 11 have been busy completing larger final pieces to conclude their coursework projects. They have worked incredibly hard and as you can see the work speaks for itself. It has been a pleasure to see all students projects develop and flourish. Very well done year 11 and best of luck for the exam season ahead.

Miss Wilton







Year 11 Football – B&NES Final v Norton Hill

On Thursday 12th May, the year 11 football team competed in the B&NES Final against Norton Hill. It was Norton Hill who scored first, but a quick reply from Isaac Stevens-Wong equalised the score. Soon after Wellsway were awarded a penalty after piling on the pressure, but unfortunately could not convert it. Only minutes later Norton Hill were awarded a penalty of their own to restore a 2-1 lead. The second half was highly competitive, with both teams going close to scoring, but neither team unable to add to the score. Final Score Norton Hill 2 – 1 Wellsway.

Well done to all the students who have taken part in the year 11 football team this year. You should all be really proud of what you have achieved this year!

Mr Evans

Dylan John – Somerset Under 18 Champion (Golf)

Congratulations to Dylan who recently won the Somerset County under 18 Golf Championships, which also means he qualifies for the National finals to represent Somerset. Well done on your success Dylan and good luck for the National finals! We look forward to hearing how you get on.

Mr Evans





Extra-curricular PE programme

WE have lots of exciting sports and activities going on over Terms 5 and 6. To take part in them, simply bring your PE kit and join in! The time table has been shared through insight and is also available on the website.

Mr Evans

Sport extra-curricular programme for lunchtime 2021-2022

Term 5 and 6

	Sports Hall	Astroturf	Activity Studio
Monday		Football – Rota (Duty staff)	Year 10 and 11 GCSE Dance (Miss Randall)
Tuesday		Football – Rota (Duty staff)	Year 8 and 9 Sports Ambassador Glastonbury (Mrs Burston)
Wednesday	Sports Leaders – Year 10 (Miss O'Malley)	Football – Rota (Duty staff)	
Thursday		Football – Rota (Duty staff)	KS3 Dance (Miss Randall)
Friday		Football – Rota (Duty staff)	

Sport extra-curricular programme for afterschool 2021-2022

Term 5 and 6

	Sports Hall / Courts	Fitness Suite * / Field
Monday		
Tuesday		Year 7 – 11 Rounders (Mrs Burston, Miss O'Malley, Miss Barron) Year 9 and 10 Cricket (Mr Ive and Mr Knowles) Year 7 to 11 Tennis (Mr Barter)
Wednesday		Year 7 and 8 Cricket (Mr Barter and Mr Evans)
Thursday		Year 7-11 Athletics (Miss O'Malley, Miss Barron, Miss Randall, Mr Evans, Mr Barter)
Friday		Year 10 and 11 Dance (Activity Studio) (Miss Randall)



Futura Community Business Partnership Scheme

Do you want to promote your business to every parent/guardian and staff member within our 13 schools?

Do you want to promote your business to the wider community, through 12 month Astro/3G pitchside banner advertising at our very busy sports centres, Wellsway Sports Centre in Keynsham and SBL Sports Centre in Oldland Common?

With the launch of our exciting new Futura Community Business Partnership Scheme, this is just two ways that you can promote your business, as well as establishing a working relationship with Futura Learning Partnership. We are committed to working and developing partnerships with our local community and businesses, helping them to become part of our school community. In turn, we can then reinvest back into the trust to develop the student's learning experience and overall enrichment opportunities.

With packages to suit all needs and budgets with a varying degree of rewards for your commitment, we can help promote you and your business through our many different channels. In addition to this your business will have access to the talent pool of learners for work experience, internships and placements if you wanted to engage with our schools in this way.

If you are the type of business that as a school we may need your services, then as a Futura Business Partner your company details are added to all our schools and sports centre's internal contact book for future reference.

You will also have access to our logo so you can share with your customers that your company is supporting your community and the next generation.

This is just a few of the benefits of becoming a Futura Business Partner, so if you would like to find out more please contact me, Jodie Deason on 0117 916 1035 or email jdeason@futuralearning.co.uk. I would love to talk to you and tell you more about this great new opportunity.



The first of our banners have now gone up at Wellsway Sports Centre



Spring into shape this May

20% off
all Gym + Class memberships

Offer ends 31st May 22

USE CODE **SPRING20**

WELLSWAY SPORTS | SBL SPORTS

Applies to 1, 3 or 6 month memberships
Includes use of both sport centre's gyms + all classes

Join online at www.sportwellsway.com or www.sblsports.co.uk
If you have any questions call on 0117 916 1034 or 0117 456 5910

Jubilee Celebrations and Open Evening

Butterflies haven are holding a celebration for the Queens Jubilee and an open evening for any young person with Autism and their family

Monday 23rd May, 19.00 St Francis' Church, Keynsham

Butterflies Haven



Supporting families affected by Autism



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Wellsway School Careers Hub -

Drop in to ask a question, enquire about anything 'careers' OR

Email – careers@wellswayschool.com



Parent/Carer Information

NCS (National Citizen Service) Summer '22 experience

Parent & Guardian Information Evening final virtual parents evening hosted on Google Meet 25th May 6:30-7:30pm. Simply click [HERE](#) to register for the event.

Parents/Carers – Could you help at the Year 10 Careers Event ?

The Careers team are looking for a wide range of speakers and interviewers for our Year 10 careers event on the 15th July (11am – 1.30pm)

Could you speak with small groups of students about your work

Could you answer questions about your job/career ?

Could you provide a practice interview on the day for individual students ?

For further information or to offer any support or suggestions please email amillard@wellswayschool.com, thank you.

Students

General Information & Events

Interested in the NHS ? Sign up to the NHS Information site; <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/we-are-the-nhs/registration?career=nursing>

Check out careers in the NHS; <https://www.youtube.com/c/HealthCareers>

Stuck for careers inspiration ? Create a Me Map - <https://icould.com/stories/creating-a-me-map/>

Why choose History as a subject ? - <https://icould.com/stories/why-choose-history-careers/>

Accountancy briefing session with Babington and Grant Thornton - Thursday 26 May 2022, 11.00 am - 12.00 pm register for the event [here](#).

Are you looking to be an Architect ? - <https://investin.org/blogs/news/architect-day-in-the-life>

For students in Yr11 or Yr12: Virtual Insight into University Experience visit <https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university>

Access Creative - [Access Creative taster days](#) - 13th of August, for our 'New For 22' courses that start in September this year! <https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/acc-new-for-22/>

The Highest Paid Jobs You Can Do Without a Degree - <https://www.futurelearn.com/info/blog/highest-paid-jobs-without-degree>

Work Experience Opportunities

Virtual work experience for 16 - 18s (Air Sector). Series of workshops / talks from leading technologists at **BAE Systems**. -<https://www.baesystems.com/en/our-company/education/engineering-taster-week/air-sector>

University of Bristol – Earth science week - [link](#)

Speakers for Schools are offering a great range of online experiences of the work place; <https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/work-experience/>

BT are offering a wide range of Work Experience opportunities; [link](#)

Summer Career Experiences – [link](#)

Virtual Work experience with a wide range of employers – [link](#)

INVESTIN

Summer 'career experiences' – [link](#) **Medicine Summer Experiences - In hospitals and clinics in London | For Ages 12-18 - [link](#) ** There is a cost to these opportunities

Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteering opportunities in Keynsham –

<https://www.keynshammencap.org.uk/volunteer/>

<https://keynsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/>

<https://doit.life/volunteering-opportunity/md/118643>



Post 18/HE

HSBC Degree Apprenticeships - <https://www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates/student-opportunities/uk-apprenticeship>

Explore a range of different subject spotlights and compare university profiles all in one place - [link](#)

For students in Yr12: Residential Insight into University Experience. Dates, cost, requirements, content of each course and the application form, visit <https://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university>

Deloitte (Finance) apprenticeship events - <https://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/careers/articles/student-events.html>

Pembroke College (Cambridge) have a series of Year 12 Natural Sciences taster sessions coming up: <https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12natsci>

Career Pilot

Careerpilot



Career pilot is a fantastic resource! Students can sign up to link with the school, and can find out information about the range of options and opportunities.

Use this link www.careerpilot.org.uk, or scan the QRcode.