

The Ammonite

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

Message from the Principal

Jubilee

Suddenly we are at the end of this term, and this edition is once again a celebration of our wonderful young people and the collaboration that takes place within our community. Young, confident, successful citizens of the future, making the most of every opportunity.

It has been a story of resilience this week on many fronts, but in particular, I wish to congratulate Year 11 on theirs; they have simply been awesome through the first two weeks of the main period of examinations. I have no doubt both they and Year 13 will be rewarded for their sheer determination and hard work, it is tough but they are not giving up. What more can you ask of yourself.

Within this edition, you will find many articles of this community and individual determination to both contribute and better ourselves.

Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh students, staff and parents/carers who supported them towards last weekend's gruelling 4 day expedition can be no better example, our very own version of 'Who dares wins', on the Brecon Beacons last weekend.

We are also incredibly proud of our students taking opportunities to lead and show the character of who they are. I can again think of no better example than our 40 Sports Ambassadors from Years 8 and 9 who helped set up and run a sports day for Chandag Junior School. Fantastic collaboration and support within our Futura learning community. Students might be leaving us soon, but we have a transition and rich legacy for the future.

Finally, ahead of next week's Jubilee there is an article below of our plans around "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

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
Wellsway School and IKB Academy



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Key dates

Monday 6th June

First day of Term 6

Thursday 9th June

Parent/Carer Information Evening-student wellbeing

Thursday 16th June

Y7 virtual Parent/Carer Evening 4-7pm

Friday 17th June & Monday 11th July

Inset Days



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.





Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

At Wellsway School, we will be playing our part by inviting every child to have the opportunity to plant a tree when we take receipt of 1200 saplings from the Woodland Trust. Trees will be planted on a Saturday in November as part of a celebration day with opportunity to write in our book of memories or hopes for the future. The date will be confirmed once we have a confirmed delivery date. Please complete this brief form to register an expression of interest for your child to attend with a supportive adult. <https://forms.office.com/r/pbT5VrPv2z>

We know that for many families this may be something that multi-generations will wish to support.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, *The Queen's Green Canopy* will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.



Challenge Programme: AQA Higher Project Qualification

KS4 pupils were invited at the start of the year to do the AQA Higher Project Qualification. It involved 30 hours of extra lessons after school and 30 hours of additional independent work. Pupils learn skills such as research skills, organising skills, critical thinking skills, report writing and presentation skills and apply them to a research project of their choice. 15 pupils started and 12 pupils have successfully completed their work which was submitted on 15/05/2022.

The projects vary from "What makes a book a classic?" to "What is the future of cryptocurrency?" I was so impressed with the effort and perseverance they have all put in. Some of the reports were university standard and the presentations showed how much they had become experts in their subject area

Year 9 pupils who are interested in taking the Higher Project Qualification in Year 10 should come to L22 on Wednesday 15th June at 3:05 - 4:04pm to find out more and see the Yr10 pupils giving their presentations.

Please email nhambidge@wellswayschool.com if you are interested in attending.



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- Ben B – effort in English and supporting others

Year 8 – Sophie W – always having a smile on her face

Year 9 - Ella M – Effort in French

Year 10 — Summer L – Helping staff to find a vulnerable peer

Year 12— Katie P - excellent work ethic and attitude around the sixth form

Year 13 - Charlotte W - fantastic exam preparation



Principal's Personal Achievement Award

Awarded to KS4 students for their amazing efforts with **AQA Higher Project Qualification**





Hay fever

Now that the hay fever season is upon us I have seen an upturn in students reporting to the medical room with hay fever symptoms. If your child suffers from this please ensure that they have taken the appropriate antihistamine medication before school

Keeping Hydrated

With the summer weather approaching and students being active on the field at lunchtime, I am noticing an upturn in students coming to the medical room requesting drinks of water. We will not supply water in Student Support unless a student has a specific medical need.

Please ensure your child carries a water bottle in order to keep hydrated throughout the day. There are working water fountains around the school site where they can top up or have a drink.

Mrs Dusrley

Parent / Carer Student Well-Being Information Evening

On Monday evening you will have received an invite letter to Wellsway's Student Well - Being Parent/Carer Information Evening, that is taking place on Thursday 9th June, 6 - 7.30pm, in Lansdown Hall.

I am pleased to announce that we have 3 outside speakers delivering sessions on how parent/carers can support their children on the following topics:

- Vaping and Substance Misuse
- Mental Health and Self - Harm
- Online Safety

Please complete the MS Form on the invite letter if you intend on joining us, I hope to see lots of you there for this great opportunity!

Mr Ive.

Year 7 Virtual Parent/Carer Evening

The Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening will be taking place virtually on Thursday 16th June via SchoolCloud Parents Evenings, which we have successfully used recently for other parent evenings throughout the Trust. This application allows users to book appointments online and conduct appointments remotely via video communication.

Full instructions on using this application and how to log in will be sent to parents in due course, and we will open for booking from 4pm on Friday 27th May.



PSHE topics for next week

During next term, students in years 7 to 10 will be exploring the theme of 'Changing me' and 'Careers' in PSHE.

Session content for week commencing 6th June:

- Year 7: Introduction to careers
- Year 8: Introduction to careers
- Year 9: Introduction to careers
- Year 10: Introduction to careers



Under 15's Tennis v Clifton College

Tennis fixtures returned to Mendip Courts for the first time in three years last Thursday, as 8 students from Wellsway School competed in a tennis fixture against Clifton College.

Our under 15 girls were represented by Hollie B, Holly S, Grace M and Mindy F. This was their first experience of competitive tennis, and they came up against four experienced tennis players from Clifton College.

All four students enjoyed the experience and have showed interest in attending the schools' extracurricular tennis club on a Tuesday, despite falling to defeat against their opposition. Jonny T, Joseph S, Jos R and Kieran S, made up the under 15 boys, and were involved in 6 very competitive games of tennis.

This included wins for Jonny T and Joseph S in the doubles format, and a win for Jos R in singles competition.

It was a great return to tennis at Wellsway School, and all 8 students represented the school fantastically.



Bath and North East Somerset District Athletics 2022 – Bath University

On Monday 23rd May, 43 Wellsway students competed in the BANES District Athletics Competition held at Bath University.

The students across Years 7 – 10 and 12, competed against students in other local schools in a variety of track and field events.

Every student competed in at least two events on the day giving their best efforts and doing brilliantly for the school. There were some notable performances on the day including Ewan S winning both the 100m and 800m Minor Boys events.

Owen G was successful in coming first in the Junior Boys Discus and Javelin events, which included a personal best javelin throw. Amy N won the Senior Girls 1500m, whilst Holly S took the top podium spot in the Junior Girls 800m.

If any other students would like to have the chance to try all of these athletics events and more, then they can attend the extra-curricular athletics club that will continue to run on a Thursday afterschool through term 6.

Minor Boys Relay Team. Ewan S, Barney B, Adam N, Elijah B,
Placed 1st

Minor Girls Relay Team. Rose C, Mea M, Jody P, Molly L,
Placed 2nd





Year 7&8 Rounders against Oldfield

Our Year 7 and 8 Rounders teams were in action on Tuesday against Oldfield School. It was their first competitive game of the year, and the girls were very excited to test out their skills.

The Year 7 B team, captained by Belle Maggs, batted brilliantly scoring 6 rounders in the first innings. They were solid in the field, with three fantastic catches from Sienna B, and won the game 6-4. Player of the match - Sophie H. The Year 7 A team, captained by Niamh M, also put in a strong batting performance, with Ruby B top scoring with 3 rounders. Jody P bowled accurately and consistently, and Ria L and Lexie K were excellent on the bases. The final score was a win to Wellsway 6½ to 3 ½. Player of the game - Ruby B.

Finally, the Year 8 team, captained by Daisy H, worked extremely well as a team, communicating well in the field and batting strongly. It was a closely fought game, but the final score was a win to Wellsway, 17-11. Players of the match - Ava G for batting and Lydia B for fielding. Well done to everyone who played.

Mrs Burston.



Year 9

The Year 9's played a brilliant match against Oldfield with all students enjoying their first match of the year.

Their batting was exceptional with a number of students scoring rounders' and in both innings their fielding was outstanding as managed to get all of the opposition out. The final score was 22- 10.5 to Wellsway!

A special well done to Martha for player of the match and Lily T for catch of the game.

Year 10

The Year 10's really enjoyed their first match against Oldfield and brought lots of enthusiasm and positivity to the field. Their batting was outstanding with students consistently scoring rounders', they fielded very well as a team, getting the opposition out with brilliant catching skills. Final score 14.5-11 to Wellsway.

A special well done to Izzy N for player of the match and Mindy F for catch of the game.

U13 Girls Tennis

On Thursday we welcomed Clifton College for an U13 girls tennis fixture as part of the ageon tennis league.

Representing Wellsway, we had Chloe and Sophie from Y7 and Rebekah and Holly from Y8. In extremely windy conditions, the girls played 6 sets for both a singles and doubles match. Despite their best efforts and some very good rallies, Clifton came away with the win.

Well done girls, good luck for the rest of the league!!



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

**Wellsway School Careers Hub –
Drop in to ask a question, enquire
about anything 'careers' OR**

Email – careers@wellswayschool.com

[Careers Update: 25th May 2022](#)



Sports Ambassadors volunteer to Chandag Junior Sports Day

On Tuesday 40 Sports Ambassadors from Years 8 and 9 helped set up and run a sports day for Chandag Junior School.

They worked with Chandag staff to run a carousel of activities where the children competed in their house teams. I was so proud to watch our students as they worked alongside the primary children, encouraging them to do their best and supporting them when necessary. The staff were extremely positive about our Sports Ambassadors and commented that they were great role models for their children.

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered.

Mrs Burston.

GCSE French

Wellsway students really got in the spirit before their GCSE French exam.



Year 9 Art Work

Well done to Year 9 who have made some beautiful Animal masks.

They have made these from Cardboard, newspaper, and mod roc; and are inspired by the two Artist we have been studying: Martyna Z and Alex L.

Lovely work this rotation Year 9- keep up the good work!



New Trips – How to Apply

All invitations for new trips are being sent via Insight, so do keep an eye on your emails (don't forget to monitor your Junk Mail 'just in case'!) For every child consent must be given via SCOPay, this is within the online payments available on the website: <https://www.scopay.com/wellsway>

We do not want any student to miss out as a result of a missed deadline, please do make sure that you carefully read the information sent to you. Due to the volume of opportunities and level of planning required, sadly there will be no flexibility to accept any applications after the given deadline. Remember to make sure you can access your SCO account now and if not, request a Link Code via finance@futuralearning.co.uk so that you are prepared. Thank you for your support.

Year 8 London Science Museum

Year 8 students are being given the fantastic opportunity to attend The London Science Museum and experience 'A beautiful Planet' at their Ronson iMAX theatre. Students will be taken over two days as follows: Thursday 7th July - classes 8Me/Sc, 8ML/Sc, 8MS/Sc, 8MW/Sc) and on Friday 8th July - classes 8LE/Sc, 8LL/Sc, 8LS/Sc, 8LW/Sc.

Strict deadline for sign up: 9.00am, Monday 13th June.



Year 9 The Big Bang

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 9 students the fantastic opportunity to attend The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair at the NEC Birmingham on Friday 24th June. The Big Bang is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. It is an award-winning combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals. Strict deadline for sign up: 9.00am, Monday 13th June.



Year 10 The Victoria & Albert Museum

Year 10 Design, Art & Technology students GCSE students are invited to visit the Victoria & Albert Museum in London on Wednesday 13th July. The Victoria and Albert Museum includes a rich display of art and artefacts from different continents and time-periods that will inspire students' coursework projects as well as give them a wider understanding and appreciation of the subject they have chosen. Strict deadline for sign up: 9.00am, Monday 13th June.



Year 11 Bowling

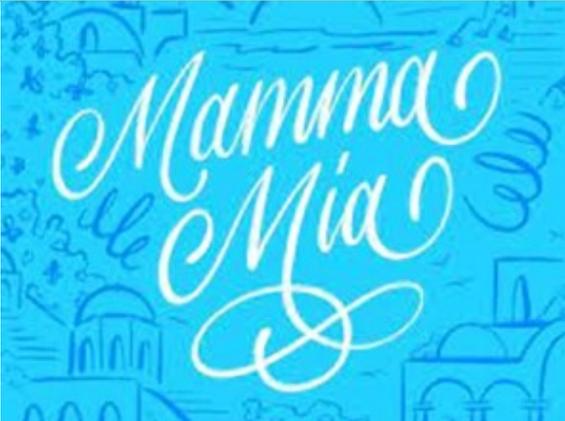
As part of the final day celebrations for Year 11 students, students are invited to a trip to Hollywood Bowl on Friday 24th June. Further details will be shared via Insight.





Year 12 Weymouth Town & Chesil Beach

Year 12 Geography students are strongly encouraged to sign up for this fieldwork opportunity where they will collect data in Weymouth and on Chesil Beach. Strict deadline for sign up: 9.00am, Monday 13th June.



Years 7&8 Mamma Mia

Final arrangements for these trips have now been sent to each student who paid for this trip back in December.

Mrs Fiona Rogers

Educational Visits Co-ordinator

Run for Peace in Ukraine

On Wednesday 8th June we are holding a charity run at Wellsway School to show our support to those affected by the war in Ukraine.

The run will take place on the athletics track after school from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. The event is being organised by our Year 10 Sports Leaders and will be supported by our team of Sports Ambassadors in Year 8 and 9.

Please feel free to dress in the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

If you would like to take part please see a member of staff from the PE department to sign up. Sports Leaders and Sports Ambassadors do not need to sign up.

You don't have to be an amazing runner to take participate, you could run as part of a team, walk or even do it three-legged with a friend! We hope to see as many of you there as possible on the 8th. If you would like to donate please do so through the just giving link below. Mrs Burston and Miss O'Malley.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wellswayrun>

Y9 speakers

Year 9 have made some fabulous acoustic speakers as part of their Product design rotation in technology. It was fabulous to see everyone having fun cutting their speaker shapes out and sanding them till they were perfectly smooth. I look forward to testing them all. Well done to our fabulous year 9 class. Miss Wright



Year 8 Textile

We are so proud of the year 8 Textile group this rotation as they have made fantastic designs for their night lights. They have all sewn a white cotton cube, added their own design, and completed their night lights by soldering LED lights. Each student has done such an excellent job creating beautiful unique designs.

Well done Year 8.



KS3 Drama Club

Well done to all students involved in our KS3 drama club showcase which took place this week! We were so impressed with the quality of the performances, and it was great to see the excitement at getting to perform to an audience. Students have been working really hard this term on a variety of scripts and it was lovely to see their hard work and commitment pay off.

Musical Theatre Club

We've had so much fun running our Musical Theatre club this term and it's been great to see students enjoying themselves as they learn new songs and routines each week! Musical Theatre club is open to students of all year groups and is on a Tuesday 3.15-4 in Mendip Hall please come along next term if you are interested!



Gold practice expedition completed!

Last week our 2 gold teams successfully completed their gruelling 4 day expedition across the entire 80 km length of the Brecon Beacons. They endured wind, rain and very poor visibility on the Black Mountain (the SAS get lost up there!), difficult wild country walking, wild camping in remote forests and heavy rain on the last afternoon. They were completely self-sufficient, carrying all their food and using water from streams.

In spite of the challenges, they remained cheerful and positive throughout, and were elated if exhausted at the end.

Congratulations Lauren, Kitty, Darcey, Arthur, Joe (you need new boots!), Jay, Austin & George. You are a credit to yourselves and the school! Just the qualifying expedition on Dartmoor to go now!

Huge thanks to Amanda Denning (& dogs Brian & Daisy) & to former KOAC trainers for ensuring a successful outcome.

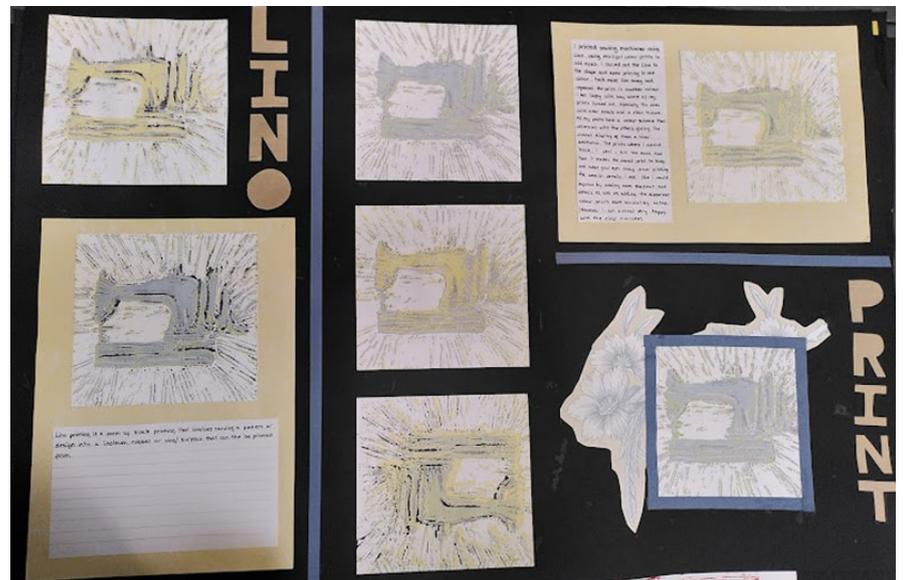


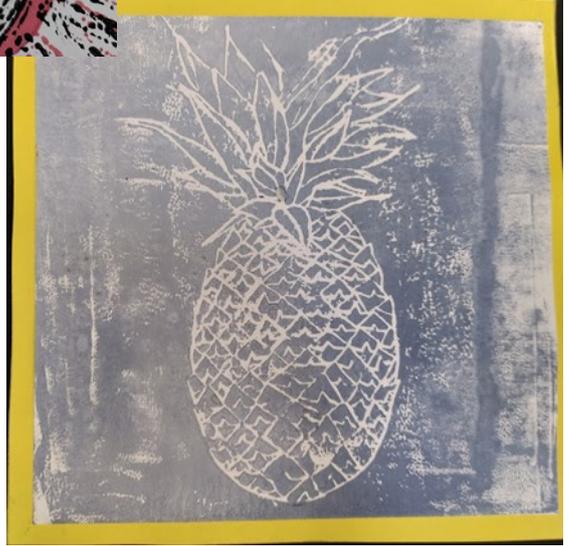


Art News

This term Y10 have been busy producing a series of reductive Lino Prints. The process includes carving out Lino to produce a stamp motif which can then be duplicated. They have all produced some fantastic outcomes which will go towards their personal coursework projects. Well done everyone and have a lovely break

Miss Wilton







Gymnastics Transition Sessions Y4/5 - St. John's Primary School

Last Tuesday, myself and Miss Randall took a team of student ambassadors to St. John's primary school to run an afterschool Gymnastics event for Y4 and Y5 students. The aim of this session was to develop student's skills in Gym, whilst familiarising themselves with some of the staff and students at Wellsway school. They played a series of games to test their knowledge of different shapes in Gymnastics and practice their rolls. They then learnt how to perform new skills, such as walk-overs and challenge themselves with the progressions on the vaults. Thank you to Delal, Eva, Summer and Mia for your help in supporting the children through the different activities and progressions and Miss Randall for leading the session!

Freya from St. Johns said that she 'loved trying a handspring over the vault.'
Mia and Amber from St. Johns 'loved learning how to perform a front-walkover'
Neo from St. Johns said he 'couldn't wait to practice some of the skills in his parkour'
Honey from St. Johns said that she found the session 'amazing.' Miss Barron





Year 7 Cricket v Somervale

On Tuesday 24th May, the year 7 cricket team travelled to Somervale for their first game of the season. Wellsway opened the batting and scored a very impressive 129 for 5, with Ewan Sparey, Rhys Maybe and Oscar Coulam all retiring for scoring 20+ runs each. Somervale then came into bat and Wellsway managed to get them all out for a total of 26. A very strong start to the season.



(Photo shows: Luke, Joe, Yoskar, Ezra, Ben, Barnaby, Rhys, Ewan, Oscar).

Sporting success.

I am very aware that we have a high number of students competing in a range of sports to a high level. I would like us to keep a record of this and be able to celebrate student successes. If your son/daughter is competing at a County/National or other form of high level sporting activity, please email me (revans@wellswayschool.com) with all the information about their sporting successes/level of achievement. It would be great to have initial replies by Friday 17th June, but any follow up or new emails after this date would be great too.

Mr Evans



An Afternoon of Dance

On Thursday 26th May Wellsway school had their annual afternoon of dance, where 96 students from year 7 through to year 11 performed. There was a whole variety of styles and themes from within the show, demonstrating the broad array of talent here at Wellsway School.

It was brilliant to see our year 10 students take on a leadership role and choreograph routines for our younger students, a special mention must go to Carys Gregory, Sofia Hirons, and Evelyn Smith for the dedication, time, and effort you put into supporting our KS3 students.

A huge well done to Delal (year 7) for performing a brilliant lyrical solo, a massive achievement for a year 7 student, demonstrating such confidence and professionalism.

