

# The Ammonite

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

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

The momentum of the term is now evident both in and out of the classroom. This week started with Year 7 visiting The Wild Place on Monday as part of a team building activity. The students are to be commended on how well they worked together throughout the day, as well as their resilience.



On Tuesday, we welcomed Year 6 parents to our Open Morning, our visitors commented on the calm and purposeful atmosphere, which they saw in the 'live' lessons, and they were pleased to be able to chat with staff and students. Thank you to our wonderful Year 8 and Year 11 Prefects who acted as tour guides, we received so many comments about their confidence and the pride they have in their school.

Wednesday saw the first of two days of visits to Bristol by Year 11 GCSE Geography students who were surveying developments across the city for their case studies. Their behaviour and conduct was a credit to the school.

After school, there has been a hive of activity with literally hundreds of students from Year 7 through to Year 13 taking part in our clubs and activities. You will find some of this week's match reports below and a celebration of our early sporting success, now we have had the first full week of fixtures for Rugby, Hockey and Netball.

Last night we welcomed visitors to IKB as part of the Futura Sixth programme of Open Evenings, next week we will host an evening at Wellsway. Please do come along and find out about the broad range of offers at Wellsway and IKB.

I do hope that you enjoy reading this week's Ammonite, as we celebrate our students striving to be the best they can be and one who has been flying solo and taking his dreams to new heights.

Best wishes  
Rob Pearsall

**Principal & Executive Head of School**  
**Wellsway School and IKB Academy**

## Key dates

**Thursday 6th October**

Sixth Form Open Evening 6-8pm

**Thursday 13th October**

Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Evening  
6-7pm

**Friday 21st October**

End of Term 1

**Monday 31st October**

Term 2 starts

## 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

[lfox@wellswayschool.com](mailto:lfox@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 thank you 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 mind-set and trait.

### **Congratulations go to our winners:**

**Year 7-** Ben N– outstanding politeness at Open Evening

**Year 8** – Ella P – helping so enthusiastically with PE Open Evening

**Year 9** - Charlie B – Great start to Geography and overall politeness

**Year 10** — Kaya T – excellent attitude to learning

**Year 11** – Luke B – Great start to PE this year

**Year 12**— Kaelin B – excellent start to WW and getting stuck in to History

**Year 13** – Ben S & Fleur H - positive support of the Sixth Form



### **U16 Hockey vs St. Gregory's**

Last Tuesday we travelled to St. Greg's for the first U16 Hockey match of the year with a mixed team of Y11 students. The squad were quick to warm up and took to the pitch under captaincy of Matthew. They had a very strong first quarter and managed to keep the ball in the Wellsway attacking end for the majority. We had a couple of short corners with great injects from Mindy, and despite some good attempts from Dexter, Benny and Fin the score remained at 0-0.

The second quarter saw Sophie and Michael rotate on, and we had our first goal of the game from Mark. Isaac, making his Hockey GK debut, also had his first bit of action and made some brilliant saves as St. Greg's tried to scramble to draw back a goal. Strong clearances from Jean, Johnny and Toby saw the ball back in the Wellsway attacking end and we ended the second half 1-0 up. Going into the third quarter we were hungry for more goals. Fin worked his way past numerous defenders to hit the ball into the back of the goal to secure his first, and after an infringement in the D he stepped up and scored a great goal from a penalty flick. In the final quarter St. Greg's were determined not to let another goal in and had a very strong defence, however, Michael and Jack were quick to track down players to regain possession and Fin made some brilliant intercepts from hit outs. Benny was set on scoring from the start of the match and got his goal in the last quarter to end the game 4-0. Wellsway played brilliantly as a team, creating many opportunities and playing the ball around.



Player of the match was awarded to Mindy. Well done Wellsway!! Senior Hockey training continues on Tuesdays after school with more matches coming up!



## Year 7 Netball Team

The Year 7 Netball teams played their first two games of the season this week. The first game was against Oldfield School and the players, who play for a number of different clubs outside school, quickly jelled together, passing the ball smoothly from defence to attack. The shooters, Bethan, Eva, Nia and Ellie were excellent and hardly missed.

The final score was a win to Wellsway 23-8 with players of the game being awarded to Hana and Ella.

The second game, against Chew Valley, again saw the players working hard as a team, making great interceptions, and passing with speed and accuracy. The final score was a win to Wellsway 15-3 with players of the game being awarded to Eva and Maya. Well done to everyone involved. Next week our game is against Somervale school, and I look forward to seeing those players who have not yet had the chance to represent their school, getting the chance to do so. Finally, a huge thank you to Ella M, Elena H and Georgie C who did an amazing job of running the Year 7 Netball practice last night.

Mrs Burston



## Code Club is for Everyone

**Code Club**

- Apply your coding skills in more interesting contexts.
- Get better at programming by trying a range of different problems.
- Meet with other people interested in programming.

You after one week of code club

If you're interested:  
Come to M19 on Wednesday Lunchtime,  
bring your lunch!

KEEP CALM AND CODE ON

JS

Mr F.Ward



## Open Evening Promotion

We warmly invite Year 11 Students and their parents/carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 6th October, between 18.00 - 20.00.

On the evening students will be able to see the enhanced range of subjects and enrichment opportunities on offer at Wells-way school and learn how we work as a collaborative Sixth Form 'Futura Sixth' to be a truly comprehensive sixth form.

Students will have the opportunity to speak with staff; attend a presentation from school leaders; speak with sixth form students and discover more about our wide range of courses and experiences that support students throughout Post-16 and on to their next step.

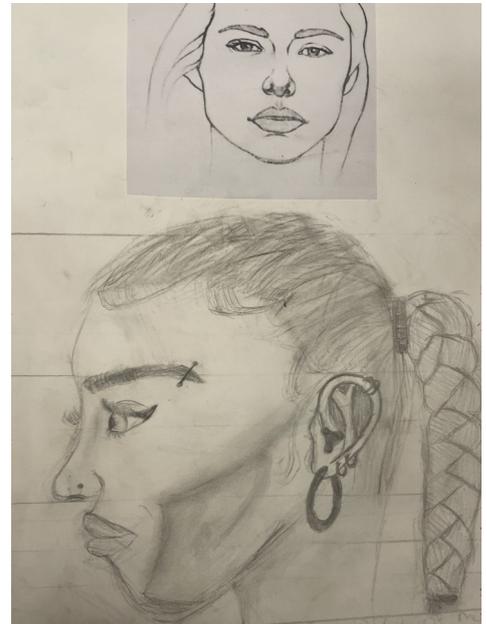
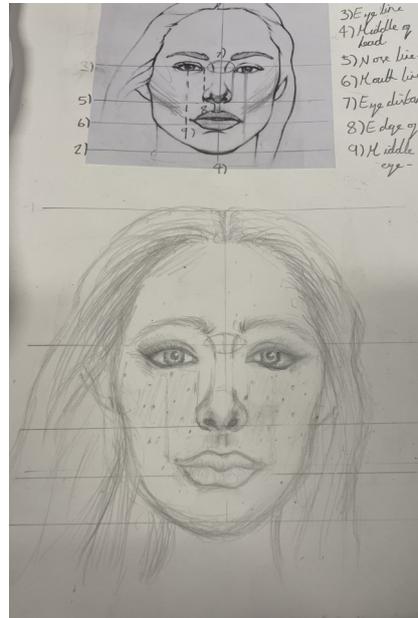
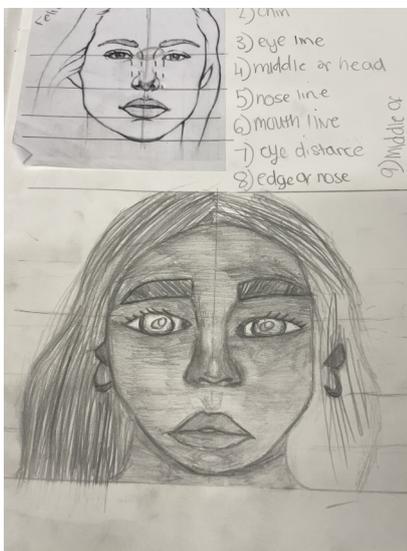


## Year 8 Art

Well done to Year 8 for completing some wonderful pencil drawn portraits in Art.

Year 8 have been looking at accurate proportions and using construction lines and shapes for the face in Art.

There are some excellent portraits with great tonal shading and detail as shown from this lovely 'work in progress' portraits in Miss Lloyd's class 8L.



**"New Lunch club?** Wellsway school used to have a lunch time Christian Union that was enjoyed by a number of students in the past. We would like to revive something similar to provide a safe space for students to explore faith of all kinds and the big questions in life or to have support or for a moment of quiet and/or prayer in their busy day. Have your say here now : <https://forms.office.com/r/7dhnsiPa2P> (or by 30/10/2022). Thank you! Pip Lovell, Trust Chaplain"



## Year 11 Rugby v Oldfield



On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 11 Rugby team played their first game of the season against Oldfield. It didn't take Wellsway long to get into the game, with Ollie W scoring within the first minute of the game, with the conversation added by Jake A. Soon after Milo M scored a try, again converted by Jake. A well worked team try saw Raph C score in the corner, after numerous phases of play. Before half time, further tries were scored by Ben S and Lloyd D, with Jake adding two more conversions. The second half saw tries added from Fin E, Sam J, Zach B and Charlie C, with two more conversions from Jake A.

A very strong performance from all involved and we look forward to their next game against Chew Valley next Wednesday (away).

Man of the match: Jake A.

## Year 9 Rugby v Oldfield

The Year 9 Rugby team opened their season with a home game against Oldfield on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Wellsway opened the scoring fairly quickly, with a try from Ethan C, converted by Dylan T. Soon after, Tom G scored his first of the game, to extend Wellsway's lead, before Oldfield scored a try of their own.

Wellsway responded in an excellent manner and Sam B scored his first try, again converted by Dylan T, which was quickly followed by a try from Louie S. Wellsway took a 24-5 lead into half time and they never looked back. Second half tries from Tom G (x2), Kobi C, Dylan T and second from Sam B who caught an excellent cross field kick from Dylan extend the lead for a 49-5 victory.



All the team played well and the man of the match went to Tom G.

Next game: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October v Chew Valley (away).

## Fixtures next week:

Next week we have more fixtures to look forward to.

On Monday, we have two year 8 girls Football teams taking part in a tournament at Somervale after school. On Tuesday, we host Chew Valley for years 7, 8 and 10 in Rugby, while the year 9 and 11 teams travel to Chew Valley on the Wednesday.

Also on the Wednesday, our year 7, 8 and 9 Netball teams are home against Somervale.



## Year 9 Football Team Visit the Bristol City High Performance Centre

The year 9 football team had a very exciting afternoon on Wednesday as they were lucky enough to visit the Bristol City high performance centre and training ground. On arrival at the facility, the team were treated to a tour of the state of the art training ground including immaculate football pitches and gym. They were even lucky enough to bump into and have a chat with a number of first team players, including Bristol City number 1

Dan Bentley (pictured). Following this, the team competed in a number of small sided games against their peers on the academy football pitches. These were refereed by Bristol City scholars, who were in turn observed by a current football league referee and an ex-premier league referee.

**Mr Barter**



The competitive games helped the academy scholars to work towards their BTEC qualification that they complete alongside their football. Before Wellsway departed, the boys were lucky enough to be able to compete in some larger sided games and count on some current Under 21 internationals as their team mates! Overall it was a great afternoon for all involved and an experience that they will remember for a very long time.

**Mr Barter**





## Year 7 Rugby v Oldfield – 27/09

On Tuesday, the year 7 boys' rugby team played their first fixture for Wellsway School. This was a home fixture against Oldfield School. During a well contested and fair game, there were some excellent spells of rugby played by both teams. Wellsway eventually ran out 25-0 winners after scoring 5 excellent tries. There were some bright spells all across the pitch, and there is a lot for the team to build on going into the rest of their year 7 fixtures and beyond. For any other students who would like to play for the school team, rugby training is on a Tuesday afternoon 3:14-4:15.

**Mr Barter**



## Year 10 Rugby

On Wednesday afternoon, the year 10 rugby team took part in a rugby tournament between local schools. The boys all performed exceptionally well, showcasing an excellent display of running rugby. Their offload game was superb and was utilised effectively to break the line and score on numerous occasions. It was a brilliant display of rugby all round.

Scores:

Wellsway 35 - 0 Kingdown

Wellsway 5 - 5 John of Gaunt/ St Augustine

Wellsway 47 - 0 Norton Hill

**Mr Doherty**



## Going Solo!

Ryan in Year 10 flew solo today a week before his 15th Birthday. Having achieved a gliding scholarship at the Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club in March today he took his first solo flight which is quite an achievement at his age.

What a fantastic achievement. Well done Ryan.

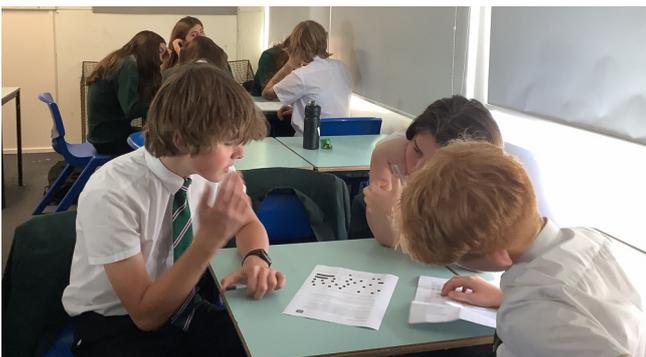


## Cake Sale

On Thursday we held a Sixth Form inter-house bake off competition with entries being sold to raise money for MacMillan Cancer. We had some wonderful entries and there was a lovely positive atmosphere in the Study Room, along with a delicious aroma!

Winners will be announced in next week's assembly and prizes will be awarded to all entrants but so far we have raised around **£320!**

**Bristol 10k**— Well done to George in Year 12 on participating in the Bristol 10k on Sunday, finishing in an astounding 38 minutes coming 132nd overall.



## Year 9 Languages Whodunnit?

On Monday 26th September around 25 year 9 students were invited to give up their time to participate in a languages whodunnit? event to celebrate European Day of Languages.

Wellsway students competed against teams from across the UK using a virtual platform. We learnt some basic modern Greek and used this and our knowledge of French to try to uncover the spy.



## Year 7 Wild Place Project Visit

On Monday, Year 7 went to the Wild Place Project for a day of team building activities to help them settle into their new year group. Students supported each other in taking a leap of faith jumping from 25 feet and riding in the giant swing. They worked together in teams for Laser Tag, Frisbee Golf, Giant Logic Puzzles, Axe Throwing and Fire Building. As well as this jam-packed schedule, they had free time to explore and see the many different animals homed at Wild Place. It was a great day out and students made us all very proud.



## Geography Trip

Year 11 geography students have been out and about in Bristol this week. They have been conducting a range of fieldwork to compare the quality of housing in Bristol. They have been completing house value surveys, environmental quality surveys and car value surveys to do this. It has been excellent to see geography in action!



## Lockers – It's not too late!

We will be running two more allocation sessions as below. Students should bring their padlock and proof of payment (they will be allowed to turn their phone on briefly to show evidence if necessary) to meet Mrs Rogers at the times below. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals are only required to bring their padlock and say "My name is on the list" when asked for the receipt. Please ensure your child is familiar with how the padlock works - this includes removing it from the packaging and setting the combination code if relevant.

Come to the session in the building you prefer to have a locker ie Lansdown or Mendip. To enable us to do this as swiftly as possible, only students who will be leasing a locker should come along at these times. If you have not paid for a locker, it is not too late! Go ahead and make payment of £10 online now. From week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October, students wishing to obtain a locker, should see Mrs Rogers direct in the office opposite L15 bringing a receipt and padlock as above.

### ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME

<b>LANSDOWN BUILDING</b> Outside the library	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October – 1.30-2.00pm
<b>MENDIP BUILDING</b> Outside M09 & M10	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October – 1.30.2.00pm



## Music News

It was lovely to have our first orchestral rehearsal after the oratorio this week and welcome new members from both Year 7 and IKB. If your child plays an orchestral instrument please encourage them to attend at 8am Wednesday - we're a friendly bunch, and will always ensure the music is the right level for each student. This term we're learning Juba Dance by Florence Price - you can have a listen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooQ6YKbPiDQ>

Singing Returns! We've had a couple of busy weeks but are excited to see the return of two new choirs next week. Our **Year 7 choir** will run in M03 on Monday lunchtimes. Any Year 7 student who enjoys singing and wants to meet like-minded people can come along. Students are welcome to bring their lunch! We also return to **whole school choir** every other Thursday, starting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. There will be one more rehearsal this term on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Rehearsals will take place in M31. Any student from Year 7-13 is welcome, no prior experience necessary, and you don't have to read music. We're going to tackle Handel's Zadok the Priest - an absolute classic! In addition to this, our regular Chamber Choir will continue to meet 8am Friday - everyone welcome. Pick which time suits you best. Students are welcome to attend more than one rehearsal a week.

**A message from Bath Philharmonic:** For the second year running, we're offering the gift of up to 4 free tickets to one of our concerts at The Bath Forum in the period 1 October 2022-31 July 2023 to every household in Bath & North East Somerset. Even if you came last season, you're welcome to enjoy another concert featuring some of the very best classical soloists.

Bath Philharmonia's first concert is next week on **Thursday 6th October** featuring internationally renowned concert pianist **Benjamin Grosvenor**, performing Mendelssohn's stormy and passionate first Piano Concerto in a playful and cheery programme that includes Beethoven's 8<sup>th</sup> Symphony.

Our concerts are designed to be as friendly and welcoming as possible and are balanced to include a concerto, a symphony (or at least a movement), works by female composers and works by living global majority composers.

Individual tickets can be booked at Bath Box Office and full details on the concerts and terms and conditions for this special offer can be found at [www.bathphil.co.uk/bathphilforfree](http://www.bathphil.co.uk/bathphilforfree)

## Best -selling and award winning author visits Wellsway

Last Friday, we were very excited to host an event, where award winning author Elle McNicoll, visited all of Year 8. Organised as part of the Bath Children's Literature Festival, Elle kindly gave up her time to speak to our students. Elle talked about her background, and her passion for better representation of neurodiversity. Elle took questions from the students about her path to becoming a successful writer, and students got the opportunity to talk with Elle personally, whilst having their books signed.

Elle's book, *A Kind of Spark*, won the Blue Peter Book Award and the Overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize, as well as Blackwell's Book of 2. It follows the story of Addie in a quest to have a memorial to the Witch Trials that took place in her home town. Through her campaign Addie must challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard. A story about friendship, courage and self-belief. Her second novel, *Show Us Who You Are*, was Blackwell's Book of the Month and one of the Bookseller's Best Books of 2021. Elle's latest book, *Like a Charm* was recently the Times Children's book of the week. During her visit Elle discussed with the students the exciting news about *A Kind of Spark*, being brought to life on our screens, following a partnership with BBC Children's and 9 Story Media. Look out for this coming on to our screens soon. Students commented how much they have been enjoying Elle's books, and how it was great to find out how writing and publishing can be a career open to anyone who is passionate about writing. If you haven't discovered Elle's books yet, all are available to borrow from the school library.





## Lego Request

This is a request for any unwanted or spare Lego pieces you might have and don't know what to do with. We would like to set up a Lego enrichment club and we will need as much Lego as possible. Please contact Joe Campbell in L15 if you have any. Thank you!

## Lost Property

Please collect any lost property by Friday 21st October, items that are not collected will be given to the PTA.



## Wellsway School Careers Hub

The Careers team are back in the Careers Hub . Please see the latest update here [Careers Update: 28th September 2022](#)

Drop in to ask a question or enquire or  
 Email – Wellsway School Careers Coordinator  
[amillard@wellswayschool.com](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)  
 Or  
 Futura Learning Partnership Careers Advisor

## Monday

What's on	Where	When	Who
Year 7 Choir	M03	Lunchtime	Everyone
Writing Club	P01	Lunchtime	Year 7 – 9
Badminton	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	Examined PE students
Open Astro	Astroturf pitch	Lunchtime	Everyone
Dance	Activity Studio	Lunchtime	Year 7
Art and Design Club (week A)	Q04	Lunchtime	Year 10-13
Green Team	School Garden	After school	Everyone

# Tuesday

What's on	Where	When	Who
Mindfulness (week B)	M13	Lunchtime	Year 12 & 13
Philosophy (week A)	M13	Lunchtime	Year 10 & 11
Book Club	Library	Lunchtime	Year 7 – 8 Week A Year 9 – 11 Week B
Indoor Cricket	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	Everyone
Open Astro	Astroturf pitch	Lunchtime	Everyone
Hockey	Astroturf pitch	After school	Year 10 – 13
Girls Football	Astroturf pitch	After school	Year 7 – 9
Rugby	Field	After school	Everyone
Maths Extra	L19	After school	Year 7 & 8
Maths Extra	L25	After school	Year 12 & 13
School Production Rehearsals	M31/M01	After school	All in school production
Saxophone Choir	M03	After School	Everyone

# Wednesday

What's on	Where	When	Who
Orchestra	M03	8.00 – 8.30am	Everyone
Politics Club	M08	Lunchtime	Year 7-11
Journal Club (week B)	IKB lecture theatre	Lunchtime	Year 12 & 13
Badminton	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	Everyone
Open Astro	Astroturf pitch	Lunchtime	Everyone
Year 7 Transition	Glastonbury	Lunchtime	Year 7
Maths Extra	L19	After school	Year 9 - 11
Netball	Sportshall / Courts	After school	Year 7
School Production Rehearsals	M31/M01	After school	All in school production
Soul and Funk Band	M03	After school	Auditioned
Dungeons & Dragons (week A)	C06	After school	Year 10 - 11
Dungeons & Dragons (week B)	C06	After school	Year 7-9
Art & Design Club (week A)	Q04	After school	Year 7 – 9



## Thursday

What's on	Where	When	Who
Sportshall Athletics	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	Year 7 and 8
Open Astro	Astroturf pitch	Lunchtime	Everyone
Dance	Activity Studio	Lunchtime	Years 7 – 9
Creative Writing	P01	Lunchtime	Everyone
Art and Design Club (week A)	Q04	Lunchtime	Year 10-13
Netball	Courts	After school	Year 8 & 9
National Schools Netball	Sports Hall	After school	U16 and U19
Maths Extra	L19	After school	Year 9 - 11
Dungeons and Dragons	C06	After school	Year 12-13
Classics and Latin	C03	After school	Everyone
Whole School Choir	M31	After school (Week A only)	Everyone

## Friday

What's on	Where	When	Who
Chamber Choir	M31	8.00 – 8.30am	Everyone
Netball National Schools	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	U14 / U16 /U19 + GCSE PE students
Open Astro	Astroturf pitch	Lunchtime	Everyone
International film	C04	Lunchtime	Everyone
Year 11 GCSE Composition Support	Q03	Lunchtime	Year 11 GCSE Music
Brass Ensemble	M03	Lunchtime	Everyone
Art and Design Club (week B)	Q04	Lunchtime	Year 10-13
Dance	Activity Studio	Afterschool	Year 10 – 13



At 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 platforms 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

# REDDIT

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or 'redditors' – can vote posts 'up' or 'down' so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

AGE RATING

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community – so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW ('not safe for work') can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

### HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

### FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

### GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

### 'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

### NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of username. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

### RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction; instead, report the comment to Reddit Support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

### AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Sources: <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/privacy-policy> | <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/terms-of-use> | <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/age-requirements> | <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/age-requirements> | <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/age-requirements>



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