

# The Ammonite

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

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## Message from the Principal

Happy New Year - Futura Aedificamus

I hope everyone enjoyed the festive season and the opportunity to spend time with friends and family. We return to the Spring Term full of hope for the future, but again find ourselves dealing with the demands of COVID.



We're incredibly proud of the huge effort which the whole community has made this week; our students have been outstanding in their attitude and behaviour, showing maturity and resilience and following the updated guidance without fuss and with respect for others. As we are now in this next phase of Plan B, we are mindful of our duty to keep everyone safe. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via email, with your child's tutor, Learning Mentor or Head of House in the first instance, if you have any concerns or questions.

Our priorities continue to be:

- Provide the very best educational experience possible, in an environment that has familiar routines and is safe.
- Students' physical and emotional well-being.
- Students to continue to have the highest aspirations and expectations of themselves.

As we continue to work as hard as we can with all members of the school and wider community, *this term will be one of collaboration: working together towards shared goals and shared success; being 'stronger together'.*

It is our firm belief that our students are capable of extraordinary things – they just need the right environment to flourish in. We want educational excellence for every child and believe that this is achieved when a school has a strong culture and a great curriculum.

## Key dates

Monday 10th January 2022

Extra Curricular Clubs Start

Thursday 13th January

Year 11 Remote Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th January

Year 9 Remote Parents' Evening

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Year 9 Pathways Evening

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Year 11 Supporting for Success Evening

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> — Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February

School Production—Disco Inferno

## Year 13

Good luck to our Year 13 students undertaking their internal exams next week.

## Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 13 January

We are looking forward to Y11 Parents' Evening next week and wanted to congratulate all the Year 11's who are currently taking part in interviews for our Sixth Form. They've been incredibly positive and we are delighted so many of our students have firmly committed to staying on at Wellsway or IKB Sixth Forms as part of Futura Sixth.



We will continue to focus on excellence for both our culture and curriculum, so that it allows all young people to succeed both now and in the future. The aim of Wellsway School is simple: to ensure our young people develop into “confident, respectful and successful young people.”

By continuing to work with all our school community and providing opportunities for additional support wherever this is needed, both educationally and emotionally, our students will flourish.

Thank you to all for your continuous support, commitment and friendship to Wellsway School, we recognise and value your understanding with implementing new routines at the start of term.

## Lateral Flow Testing

It's been another huge logistical challenge and a fantastic team effort by our school staff and whole community.

Pictured below are some of the amazing team of testers who have supported our students this week.

They have all been incredibly impressed by our student's maturity and resilience undertaking this process in addition to home testing.



Finally...

### Year 11 and 13 - “This is the Beginning of Anything You Want”

You will be aware that, at the moment, our students in Year 11 and 13 are hard at work towards this summer's examinations. It's a stressful time for all, but staff, students, parents and carers are to be congratulated on their determination and support of each other – a real joint collaboration.

I wanted in this week's Ammonite to celebrate this collective undertaking and thank parents and carers for the part they are playing in supporting our young people.

It is clear from their conduct and endeavour that Wellsway has another extremely talented cohort of students. Well done all!

Hard work, resilience and restless excellence “to be the best you can be”.

Best wishes,

**Rob Pearsall**

**Principal & Executive Head of School**

**Wellsway School and IKB Academy**



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's needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many 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 SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console: so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](http://PlayStation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.



**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday



## Pay As You Go Hire for Wellsway Students



**PAY AS YOU GO**  
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 book & play, if you have checked on the day**

**WARNING : Not guaranteed to be available**  
**Do not miss your ride home**



Did you know that students at Wellsway School can hire the facilities at Wellsway Sports Centre from 3.15pm, Monday to Friday. So they can have a kick about with friends, get some extra hockey practice in or challenge their friends to a game of badminton etc. the choice is theirs.

This is only if the space or pitch is available and not being used by the PE department for fixtures or after school clubs. Students need to check on the day at the Sports Centre either by popping down after school or you can call ahead on 0117 916 1034 on the day.

If the student is checking for themselves after school, we need them to make sure they don't miss their ride home if it then isn't available. We don't want anyone missing their bus!!

If it is available, they can hire the Astro Pitch for Football or Hockey and in the hall, they can hire a Basketball Hoop, Netball Net or Badminton Court.

They will need to pay by card and bring their own equipment with them.

If they are using the Astro Pitch, they need to wear the correct footwear as they do for school use anyway. No school shoes allowed.

The cost to hire is for 55 minutes either per student or per hoop or court. So they can share the cost with friends if hiring a court.

Astro Hire £3.50 per student

Basketball Hoop £8.50 per hoop

Netball Net £8.50 per Net

Badminton Court £9.50 per Court

Please note: The facilities are for hire in the evenings from 6pm to the general public and on weekends. So, if you have a bored child on the weekend, then you can bring them up to burn off some energy or why not have a family game of Badminton or Basketball.

For more details on opening general public opening times please visit [www.sportwellsway.com](http://www.sportwellsway.com) or call 0117 916 1034



## Year 11 Virtual Parent/Carer Evening



The Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening will be taking place virtually on Thursday 13th January 2022 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 close for bookings at 9am on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

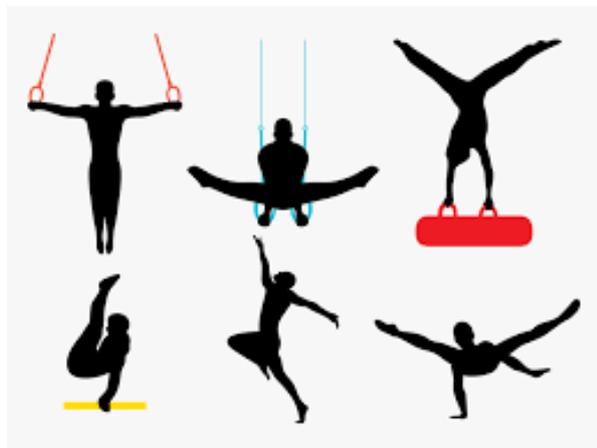
Mrs Waldock

## Sporting Success



A massive congratulations to Chase V on his selection for the England Junior Gymnastics Squad for 2022, following his outstanding performance in the National trials. Well done Chase, everyone at Wells-way School is incredibly proud of what you have achieved!

Miss O'Malley



## Year 9 Virtual Parent/Carer Evening



The Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening will be taking place virtually on Thursday 20th January 2022 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.

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### Extra-curricular Clubs - PE

All clubs start from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. There are exams in the sports hall that week, but hopefully we will be able to continue to run all clubs where possible. Please see lunchtime and after school timetables below.

## Sport extra-curricular programme for lunchtime 2021-2022

### Term 3

	Sports Hall	Astroturf	Activity Studio
<b>Monday</b>	Badminton Examined PE (year 10, 11, 12, 13) (Miss Barron)	Open Astro (Duty staff)	Year 7 Dance Club (Miss Randall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Badminton – All years (Mr Comber)	Open Astro (Duty staff)	Year 7 Transition Glastonbury (Mrs Burston)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sports Leaders – Year 10 (Miss O'Malley)	Open Astro (Duty staff)	
<b>Thursday</b>	Futsal – Year 11 (Mr Comber)	Open Astro (Duty staff)	Year 8 and 9 Dance (Miss Randall)
<b>Friday</b>	Indoor Cricket – Year 7-10 (Miss Barron and Mr Evans)	Open Astro (Duty staff)	

## Sport extra-curricular programme for afterschool 2021-2022

### Term 3

	Sports Hall / Courts	Astroturf / Netball courts	Fitness Suite * / Field
<b>Monday</b>			
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 7 Hockey Mrs Burston  KS3 Basketball Mr Comber		Year 7 – 9 Football (Field) (SKN/SIV)
<b>Wednesday</b>	KS4/5 Basketball Mr Evans		
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 8 and 9 Hockey Miss O'Malley	Year 10 – 13 Netball Miss Barron	Gymnastics – All years (Glastonbury) Miss Randall Year 10 - 13 Football (Field) (REV)
<b>Friday</b>			Year 10 and 11 Dance (Activity Studio) Miss Randall Year 11 VCERT Revision (L12) Mr Comber



## School Production— Everybody Going Strong!

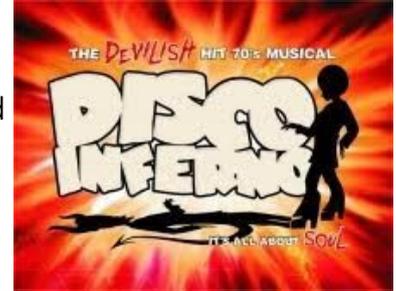
Rehearsals for Disco Inferno have already begun with an exciting session on Thursday after school with the leads singing through their songs with the band who have been practising hard over the holidays. Rehearsals for next week are as follows:

**Sunday 9th Jan** - All leads, disco divas and dancers 10am - 4pm. Band from 1.30pm-4pm.

**Tuesday 11th Jan** - Everyone, no band. 3.15pm - 4.30pm

**Wednesday 12th Jan** - Leads - you will be told if you're needed at the end of Sunday's rehearsal. Assume you will be required! Band required. 3.15pm - 5pm.

A reminder that all other extra-curricular activities in Music are suspended until Term 4 in order for us to focus on the musical.



**DA BEATS**  
**NEW YEAR PARTY**  
in collaboration with  
**Community at 67**  
**VENUE:** 67, Queens Road, Keynsham, BS31 2NW  
**Free Entry**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January '22**  
**7.30pm – 11.00pm**  
**School Years 7 – 11**  
**CHILL OUT ZONE**  
**1 x Drink, 1 x Crisps & 1 x Choc Bar Each Free!**  
Signing In OR NHS Test & Trace QR Code  
Scanning Required To Gain Entry  
**First Come, First Served**