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Dates for the Diary

Parent, Carer and Student 'Need to Know' Dates			
Year	Activity	Date	Start Time and Venue
For All Year Groups	INSET DAY – School Closed Term 4 begins (Week 1 lessons) Early Closure	09/02 19/02 15/03	Finish at 2:45pm
7			
8	Parents' Evening	08/03	4:30pm – 7:30pm
9			
10			
11			
12			
13	Supporting for success evening	21/02	6.30 – 8pm Lansdown Hall

Update on the 432 Bus Service

Following a meeting between representatives from the Management of the South Gloucestershire Bus Company, three parents whose children use the 432, Mrs Gibbs from IKB Academy and myself, I am delighted to inform you that the company have agreed to continue to run the 432 Bus Route serving Longwell Green, North Common, Oldland Common and Willsbridge to and from Wellsway School and IKB Academy.

All parties worked together in partnership to save the service from the planned termination - a testament to all parties. I would particularly like to thank both the Bus Company for giving our students (your children) this opportunity and all the very proactive and supportive parents involved in bringing about this resolution.

Both schools have agreed to devise a joint Code of Conduct. We will be working, as quickly as possible, to share this Code of Conduct with you which will need to be signed by parents/carers and students who wish to use the 432 bus service, even if for occasional use. On receipt the schools will issue a permit which identifies the student with a parental contact number. They will be required to show this permit when boarding the bus. Should there be any anti-social behaviour, the permit will be revoked, so that the schools can take appropriate action.

If students witness anti-social behaviour on the bus, or feel intimidated by the behaviour of other students using the bus in anyway, then they should raise their concern through the normal channels within the respective school as they would with any other experience of poor behaviour in school. We shall be reinforcing messages of respect and appropriate behaviour in assemblies to promote our key value of respect and to encourage safe travel on the bus.

The 432 bus will have a regular driver, Javier, who wants to have a fresh start after recent events. He wants to drive his bus without any risk to the students' safety. He really cares about the students getting to and from school safely. A simple and friendly "hello" on boarding, and a "thank you" as the students alight would go a huge way in building a positive relationship between the students and the driver. All parties agreed that we must look forward.

The threat of termination remains very real. I cannot stress enough that if further criminal damage occurs then the continuation of the service may be lost, for good. Whilst this historic damage is most likely the act of an individual student and your child may not be involved, I urge you to make your children aware that egging on others, laughing along with anti-social behaviour or provoking others to act can encourage and even incite such unacceptable behaviour. If there is a collective response from students against anti-social behaviour, confirming that these acts are not funny or acceptable then those committing them will be less likely to act in this way.

I thank you all for your cooperation and continued support in reinforcing this message at home.

Uniform Supplier

Following the sudden closure of Sportscene in Keynsham during term 6 of 2017, the stock of school uniform was sold to Initially Yours, who helpfully ensured that there was no lapse in the supply of Wellsway School Uniform between that point and today. The school has recently met with a number of providers of school uniform. Following this process the school has agreed that from 1st March Scholar's <http://scholars-uk.com/> will be the sole provider of Wellsway School's uniform. They will be offering an online system later in the month but parents will be able to order by telephone and mail order if unable to visit the Bath shop. Scholar's will also be offering a number of try and buy events during Term 6 for students. I must take this opportunity to thank everyone at Initially Yours for all their help and assistance. The school uniform remains otherwise unchanged.

End of Term 3

It seems incredible to think that we have reached halfway through the school year. Although this term has been relatively short we have seen much in the way extra-curricular activity, especially drama and sport. Learning has continued at a rapid pace with students preparing for examinations benefitting from a wide range of additional sessions and specially led preparation tests.

There is much planned also for term four but, for now I would like to wish everyone in our school community an enjoyable half term break. In particular, please join me in wishing our staff and students well as they venture off today for our annual ski trip.

We return on Monday 19th February which is a week 1. | **Mr Woodville**

Exam Information

Exam timetables

Individual exam timetables are now visible on students' and parents' Insight accounts for all students in KS4 and KS5 taking public exams this summer. Please be aware that the duration shown is the default exam length, this will be updated for students entitled to extra time before the final exam timetables are printed and issued to students in mid-April.

Some students have more than one exam scheduled at the same time (for example GCSE PE and Drama on 18th May). Alternate start times for these 'clash exams' will be identified and communicated to students before the final timetables are printed.

Mrs Waldock

Parent / Carer Evenings

Year 8 – 8th March

Insight will open on Monday 19th Feb at 6.00pm for you to make appointments

Year 12 & Year 13 – 22nd March

Insight will open on Monday 5th March at 6.00pm for you to make appointments.

Mrs Pells

PSHE News

CPR training

This term, as part of the PSHE programme, Wellsway School has had a focus on healthy living. The students will have discussed issues around this

topic during tutor and also in assemblies.

A real highlight of the term has been the CPR training that all of Year 8 have received by the Heart Starters charity this week. There was a real buzz after the training and a sense from students that they had learned a valuable life lesson. If you would like to continue the conversation about healthy living at home, there is lots of useful information available via the NHS -Live Well site and also through the Move GB initiative.

Miss McNamara

Music News



Extra-curricular activities in Music will resume after half term. **Ms McLean**
The Careers Centre is open to all

Careers Update & Information



Wellsway School students on Mon - Thurs, 8.45am - 3.30pm. Please just drop in or you can email me with any queries or to book an appointment: amillard@wellswayschool.com

Mrs Millard

Trips and Visits

Year 12 and 13 Berlin Visit 2018 Information Evening

A reminder that an information evening for students and parents/carers will take place in C05 on Tuesday 20th February, 6.00-6.30pm.

Please ensure you bring your passport and EHIC with you to be checked by staff; we will not keep these documents after the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ski trip 2019

As we say 'Bon Voyage' to students departing for the ski trip, we are pleased to update you regarding 'Ski 2019'. In the first week of Term 4, we will be launching this ever-popular trip to students currently in Year 9. For those who may be interested, the deposit will be £100. **Mrs Rogers**

Sport Wellsway



U19 Regional Netball Final



On Saturday 27th January Wellsway's U19 netball team attended the Regional Netball Final in Bournemouth after qualifying from the County round earlier this year.

Wellsway won the majority of their matches very convincingly, displaying excellent netball and really showing everything we had to offer.

Our first match was against Clayesmore, Wellsway were off to a brilliant start winning 11-4. In the second match against Cheltenham Ladies College the team secured another win, 11-5. The third match against South Wiltshire Girls School displayed another win for Wellsway, 9-5. In the fourth match against Turo College Wellsway secured another win, 9-5.

There were two very tough games for the Netball team to finish, the team unfortunately losing to Richard Huish school 5-15 and Exeter College 8-10, who were the School who went on to win the tournament. Good performances, but two very good opposition. The girls played exceptionally well.

These results meant that they just missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals by 1 point, they finished 5th in the tournament. Wellsway were one of only two state schools to have qualified for this tournament.

I would like to say a huge well done to all of the students who participated in the Regional Netball Final; Millie Stanford (captain), Freya Money, Erin Hanratty, Lucie Harrison, Kim Knight, Gemma Knight, Sophie Haskins and Sophie Martin. As well as the girls who represented Wellsway in the County round, which allowed us to qualify for the Regional finals but unfortunately could not make it on Saturday; Amy Dixon and Lucy Brown.

This is the fifth year in a row that Wellsway have reached these finals and 4 of the team have played in this event for 5 years in a row, which is a huge achievement. Well done to; Millie Stanford, Freya Money, Georgia Hennessy and Lucy Harrison for this amazing achievement.

Congratulations for all of your sporting successes since you have been at Wellsway.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents / careers of these students who gave up their time to

support these students this Saturday at the Regional Final. **Miss Randall**

Year 9 Football – Wellsway v Bridgwater College

Wellsway School year 9 football team sailed into the quarter finals of the Somerset County cup with a convincing 5-0 win over Bridgwater College. Playing on a lovely 3G surface down in Bridgwater, Wellsway established their passing game early on and quickly took control of the match.

The ability to attack with freedom and assured passing, whilst staying organised and strong in defence demonstrated what progress this young team have made over the last two years.

Wellsway scored at regular intervals throughout the game to ensure Bridgwater never had the chance to make a comeback. Goals came from Seb Palmer - Houlden (2), Dan Simpson - Jarman (25 yard screamer), Billy Brock and Jamul Uddin. The nature of the victory impressed an opposition parent who happened to be a Bristol Rovers scout who will hopefully be coming to watch a few more of their fixtures after half term. Well done boys! **Mr Ive.**

Under 14 Basketball

Earlier this week Wellsway School Sports centre played host to an under 14 B&NES basketball tournament that included Writhlington, Norton Hill and Somervale schools.

With a strong squad of 12 students from years 8/9 Wellsway defied their lack of basketball match play experience to win the tournament with 3 victories out of 3. Wellsway's success was built of organised and tight defence, whilst showing patience and accuracy in attack.

Wellsway worked brilliantly as a team as substitutes were rotated round at regular intervals to keep all players fresh and on top form. The final scores were as follows WW 11 - 5 NH, WW 14 - 6 SV and WW 14 - 8 Writh, the results were a result of great commitment from the boys who have been training since October half term for the tournament.

Wellsway will now face the winners from the other half of the B&NES tournament after half term. Congratulations to Louis Aiudi - Player, Jay Boyce, Jack Brown, Dewi John, Aidan Ocroft, Joe Tantram, Jack Alexander, Jasper Davies, Nathan

Hancock, Josiah McKayle, Tom Graveling and Tom Dixon. Congratulations! **Mr Ive.**



On Tuesday 27th February, The Royal High School in Bath are holding a 'Your Daughter Event'. The event will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.

The talk will be delivered by C.J. Simister, best-selling author of 'The Bright Stuff' and 'How to Teach Thinking and Learning Skills' and will deliver practical Future-Smart[®] techniques parents can use to help their daughters to develop the intellectual qualities needed to thrive and succeed.

If you are interested and would like to book your free place please email r.putton@rhsb.gdst.net **Mrs Pells**

Fundraising



Please support your Friends of Wellsway PTA by signing up with Easyfundraising.org

There is lots of free money out there available to the school; but we can only get it with your help!

You may remember last month we asked you to consider signing up with Easyfundraising.org so that every time you shop online, your retailer can send us a donation. We have already raised £18.79 - all the more remarkable because we only have 8 parent supporters who have signed up to this. Imagine if we had 80 supporters – after a year we could raise close to £2000. This is money that would be put to good use supporting our children and improving their school experience. So please help us! All you need to do is:

1. Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wellswayschool/> and join as a supporter.
2. Search for your online retailer on the Easyfundraising.org site and click on the retailer's link provided.

3. Do your shop as normal and after you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever.

Thank you, and please encourage family and friends to sign up too.

Friends of Wellsway PTA



Wellsway School – Lunch Food Serving Pod

Tesco Bags of Help Scheme

Wellsway School PTA are pleased to announce that the application for the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme has been successful and the project was been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during January and February 2018. We are delighted confirm that we have secured £2000; thank you for helping us achieve this and for your continued support for our school. **Friends of Wellsway PTA**

