

# THE AMMONITE

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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	End of Term 5	25/05	
7			
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11	External exams begin		
12			
13	External exams begin		

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday sunshine, may it continue as we enter the last two weeks of Term 5. This is a really important time for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they begin to sit their summer exams next week. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best, in what has been a difficult time for our Year 13s in particular recently.

Year 11 have impressed me with their attitude this week and for maintaining our uniform standards - the leaver hoodies were issued yesterday and students are allowed to wear these in place of school blazers, but all other uniform remains the same.

A highlight of my week was when a member of the public took time to contact the school to say he drives through Keynsham every morning and is always impressed with the behaviour of our students when letting them cross the road and that they are always polite and say thank you. He asked that we share this with parents/carers and students. It's always great to receive such positive news and to reinforce our key value of respect.

**Mr Woodville, Principal**

### Immunisations

The second HPV vaccinations will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May in the morning for year 8 girls and a DTP/Men ACWY mop up for selected year 9s.

If you have any specific requests concerning these immunisations please contact the School Nursing office on 01225 831666 Mon - Friday during school hours.

On the day please ensure your child eats breakfast and girls wear a short sleeved t-shirt or vest top under their school shirt to maintain their dignity whilst receiving the immunisation.

**Mrs Dursley**

### Parent/Carer Evening

#### Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening

Our parent/carers evening is taking place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 4.30pm-7.30pm. For many of you this will be the first chance you have had to meet with your child's class teachers. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and for you to ask any questions you may have, as we approach the end of their first year at Wellsway. All students are expected to attend with you.

These evenings are always a huge success and takes place in and around the Lansdown Building. All appointments are made by yourself via your **Insight** account therefore if you are unsure of your login details please contact us at [insight@wellswayschool.com](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com)

Each appointment is a 5 minute slot and Insight will generate a 5 minute gap in between each appointment.

**Please note appointments will become available on Insight from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm and will close on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am therefore please do not attempt to book before this date as the parent evening will not be showing on your Insight account.**

Nearer the time we will send a further reminder via email along with a user guide of 'How to Book' your appointments. In the meantime please ensure you are familiar with your Username and Password.

**Mrs Pells**

## Careers Update & Information



The Careers Centre is open to all 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](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)

**Mrs Millard**

There are no new events or activities this week but the Careerpilot website is a fantastic place for students and parents/carers to start looking for careers inspiration, further information and ideas!

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

**Mrs Millard**

## Music News

The Music Department is delighted to receive a Bronze Award from the Incorporated Society of Musicians in recognition for the numbers of students we have taking GCSE Music. We have over 10% studying Music at KS4 which is significantly over the national average.

A reminder that our Samba Band returns in Terms 5 and 6 and takes place on Monday 1.30 in M3. Everyone welcome and no experience necessary.

**Instrumental lessons:** If you would like your child to learn an instrument or have singing lessons in September, and doesn't currently learn in school, do contact BANES Music Hub on [Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK) requesting further information. All lessons take place during the school day and instruments can be borrowed from school. Learning an instrument can be a transformative experience and our teachers are highly experienced musicians. If your child is PP they are entitled to free music lessons, please feel free to contact Ms McLean [imclean@wellswayschool.com](mailto:imclean@wellswayschool.com) is you would like to discuss this further.

Thank you to those who have requested free tickets for the Bath Symphony Concert on May 25<sup>th</sup>. You will receive further information regarding the event via email next week. **Ms McLean**



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

We have a range of after school clubs for all ages to get involved in, with qualified and experienced coaches to help all abilities:

#### Monday 3.45-4.45pm

Badminton for years 7-11, and then Family Badminton 4.45-5.45pm

#### Monday 3.45-4.45pm

Girls Hockey for years 7-11

#### Friday 3.00-4.00pm

Boys Hockey for years 7-11

#### Friday 4.00-5.00pm

Primary Hockey for years 3-6

£3 PAYG or £20 for a block of 10 sessions!

Pop into the Sports Centre to pick up an information leaflet. For more information please contact

[kinchella@wellswaymat.com](mailto:kinchella@wellswaymat.com)

**Ms Kinchella**

## Free School Meals

### Free School Meals – New Criteria

The eligibility criteria for Free School Meals has recently changed. A letter has been sent to the parents/carers of every student to explain the changes and how they may affect you.

As stated in the letter, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at school, [frogers@wellswayschool.com](mailto:frogers@wellswayschool.com) We are here to help you get the most you can for your child. **Mrs Rogers**



### WMAT Careers, current opportunities Support Staff

[Saltford Clerical Assistant](#)

[Saltford Teaching Assistant \(x2\)](#)

[SBL School Meals Supervisory Assistant](#)

[Wellsway Literacy & Library Co-ordinator](#)

[Wellsway Trading Sports Centre Team Member](#)



### Successful Application!

**Please start collecting your Green Waitrose Tokens**

Each month our local Keynsham Waitrose branch donates £1000 shared between 3 good causes.

As you will be aware the PTA submitted an application to Waitrose in hope of receiving a Community Matters donation to help fund our Small World Project.

We are pleased to announce that our application has been successful and we will have a token box in Keynsham Waitrose for the month of May.

### What do you need to do?

At the checkout you'll be given a green token and on the way out, you'll see three Community Matters boxes, one for each of that months chosen causes. We simply need you to place your tokens in the box for Chandag Infant School. Please tell your friends and family as the more tokens we get, the bigger share of the donation we will receive.

## Community News

**Keynsham Rotary's Annual Plant Fair** will be taking place at the Fear Institute on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 8.30 a.m. Free entry. Plants at competitive prices, books, coffee, tea and cake will be available with proceeds going to the Bristol Heart Institute and other Rotary charities.