

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

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Student absence line 0117 9161030

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 Start of Term 6 Early closure	25/05 04/06 13/06	School ends at 2:45pm
7			
8			
9			
10			
11	External exams	all week	
12			
13	External exams	all week	

Parents, students and staff have been eager to know the results of the consultation on changes to the school day. Thank you to everyone who responded, every response was considered and I would like to note how constructive the responses were. The final decision has been agreed and the letter detailing the changes can be found on our website. <https://bit.ly/2KzmLX9>

I'm pleased to say that our first week of the exam season has run smoothly, with a particular success being the second year of students taking external examinations in the Sports Hall, which has resulted in far less disruption to classes than in previous years and exemplary behaviour from students. There has also been an improvement in Year 11 school uniform and I thank parents for supporting the message that uniform rules still apply, with shirt and tie being worn under the leaver hoodies and school trousers or skirts at all times. Mobile phones should be turned off and placed in school bags along with smart watches.

We have lots to look forward to as we enter out last week of term 5 including the Year 13 Celebration Assembly.

I would also like to share with you the following message from Andrea Arlidge CEO:

WMAT Teaching School Success!

I am delighted to share the news that we have been successful in our bid to be designated as a Teaching School. This means we will receive extra funding from the government to provide continuing professional and leadership training and to take a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the teaching profession. The bid was focused around Wellsway School, which has been designated as a National Support School, but also referenced Saltford Primary School and St John's Primary School. Our Teaching School Alliance will work in partnership with Three Ways School and the Palladian Academy Trust in Bath and is called the Great Western Teaching School Alliance, named after the railway that connects Bath, Keynsham and Bristol. Many thanks to all colleagues who supported and contributed to the bid.

Andrea Arlidge, CEO

Traffic Disruption on the Ring Road & 432 Bus

Due to unpredictable traffic conditions the 432 school bus has arrived late to school on a number of occasions this week.

For students in Year 11 this can cause additional stress and worry when they have an exam scheduled for the morning session that starts at 8.45am. I can assure you that if a student is late for an exam due to the bus they will be in no way disadvantaged in the GCSE exam and they will get the full examination time. However you may wish to organise alternative transport for your son/daughter on specific exam days to alleviate any possible worry and stress caused by the uncertainty of travelling on the bus.

If you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mr Woodville, Principal

Parent/Carer Evening

Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening

Our parent/carers evening is taking place on Thursday 14th 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.

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

Please note appointments will become available on Insight from Friday 25th May at 4.00pm and will close on Monday 11th 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

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

Sixth Form News



Max Henry and Jacob Dent took part in the Ten Tors event at the weekend with their 6 man Downend Scouts group, walking 45 miles on Dartmoor. They came 3rd out of 15 teams in their route and 9th out of the 151 teams walking.

They started at 7am on Saturday walking non-stop till a mile from the 3rd from last Tor at 10.10pm Saturday night (the furthest they are allowed to walk in one day) then started again at 5.30am Sunday morning to be at their first check point to register for 6am (earliest they can leave from that point) arriving at the finish line at 10.06.

The Team did an amazing job & all families are really proud of them.

Mr Bray

Sport Wellsway

B&NES District Athletics Championships

On Thursday 10th May Wellsway attended the B&NES District Athletics Championships at Bath University. Over 40 students competed in the event with a number of students achieving excellent results and with all students competing to their best, which we are extremely proud of. A notable achievement included the Minor Girls (year 7) team finishing as runners-up. In the year 7 competition, Molly Tavakoli finished joint first in the high jump and Steph Ruddle finished 2nd in the 100m. In the year 8/9 competition, Amy Nicholls won the 1500m, Tom Parker came 2nd in the Long Jump, Tom Gravelling came 2nd in the Javelin, and Aidan Oscroft came 3rd in the Triple Jump and 4th in the 1500m. In the year 10/11 competition, Nathan Longhurst finished 4th in High Jump.

A great afternoon and competition for all students. Well done!! **Mr Evans**



I am sure you have heard about how successful last weekend's practice expedition was. From my perspective, it can hardly have gone any better, and I was delighted to receive 1st class

support from Nic Livingstone Meg Wild & Charlotte Bentley, & Sophie Francis.

57 students successfully completed a 14 km Mendips trek on Saturday, camped and cooked for themselves on Saturday evening, and did another 10 km trek on Sunday.

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 We are here to help you get the most you can for your child. **Mrs Rogers**



WMAT Careers, current opportunities Support Staff

Support

[Saltford Clerical Assistant](#)

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

[SBL School Meals Supervisory Assistant](#)

[Wellsway Library & Literacy coordinator](#)

[Wellsway Trading Sports Centre Team Member](#)



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
Ms Kinchella

Community News

Keynsham Rotary's Annual Plant Fair will be taking place at the Fear Institute on May 19th. 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.