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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	Years 10 to 13 – GCSE/A Level Practical Information Evening (For all GCSE/A Level PE Students)	25/09	5.00pm – 6.00pm Mendip Hall
	Open Evening for prospective Year 7 - 2019	27/09	6.00pm – 8.00pm
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It was a pleasure to meet so many parents last night at our Year 7 and 12 Meet the Tutor evening and to see our Year 10 House Leaders enjoying their roles as representatives of Wellsway School. It's a testament to the work of our pastoral teams that the parents and students I spoke to have had such a positive experience with transition to secondary school and sixth form, which can be a nervous time for students and parents alike. Seeing parents being guided around the school site by their children reminded me what a unique opportunity this is for parents to get a real sense of the school environment and to picture their children in their tutor rooms and classes. It was also good to provide the chance for questions to be answered early on as confidence and success at school is made so much more possible when students feel settled.

Many of you will be aware that we have spent a lot of time reviewing the experience students have at break and lunch and I'm pleased to say that staff and students alike have noticed vast improvements this year. The shorter lunch is proving successful and the new machine for students to check their account balance is helping to reduce the time students queue for, as is the new mobile Street Food Cart providing an extra service point next to Lansdown Tennis Courts.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

Music and Drama News

Grease

We will publish the rehearsal dates for the following week each week. **Please note that we have cancelled the chorus rehearsal on Tuesday 18th September.**

Monday 17th September
After school 3.15 – 5pm – Dancers, Drama Studio.

Tuesday 18th September
Lunchtime – Those Magic Changes, Doodie, T-Birds, Pink Ladies, M3.
After school 3.15-5pm – Summer Nights, T-Birds and Pink Ladies, Mendip Hall.
After school 3.15-5pm – Open Band rehearsals – invites on Insight, M3.

Wednesday 19th September
After school – 3.15-5pm Those Magic Changes and Summer Nights (singing and acting) Doodie, T-Birds, Pink Ladies, Mendip Hall
After school – 3.15pm-4.30pm Chorus including dancer and cheerleaders, We Go Together.

Ms McLean and Miss Davies

Green Team

If you are interested in joining Wellsway's well-established practical environment & conservation club, why not come along to a trial meeting on Wednesday 26th September 2018? We meet in the school garden (at the far end of Mendip courts) from 3.15 – 5.00 pm. We will be doing some pond dipping, looking at the different habitats in the garden and doing some clearing up. You can get changed into suitable clothing or remain in your school uniform (at your own risk!). Everyone is welcome – especially new (and old) members.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Calling all year 9 students (and year 10 students wishing to progress to Silver award). You will all be contacted via Insight about enrolling for 2018-19. There will be information about the D of E scheme and an enrolment form which will need to be completed for Bronze and Silver award. Year 9 will have a special assembly to launch D of E Bronze award. This will be followed by a parent / carer evening at school on Tuesday 2nd October 2018.

If you are interested, read all the information carefully and discuss it with your parents / carers.

Mr Sage

Cycling to Wellsway School

With parents and carers' assistance, we aim to ensure that our students' cycling is as safe as possible on busy roads and are constantly reviewing how our systems can be refined to put your child's safety first.

Recently, an increasing number of students have been ignoring the school's cycling code of conduct and cycling on school site, on the pavements and causing some distress to parents of our family schools Chandag Infants and Juniors. Most worryingly, their actions pose a risk to themselves not to mention damaging the school's reputation as a respectful and considerate part of the local community – which I'm sure parents will agree cannot be tolerated or ignored.

The school gates are closed to traffic from 3.05pm until 3.20pm to allow pedestrians to leave the site safely. In the interests of safety, the school has decided that from Monday the bike shelter will remain locked until the vehicular gate is opened in order to allow pedestrians to leave the site safely.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents of our cycling code of conduct:

Wellsway School Cycling Code

1. Cyclists must wear safety helmets at all times when cycling.
2. Be courteous to other road users.
3. Always ride in single file.
4. Never carry anyone on your cycle.
5. Never carry items hanging from your handlebars.
6. Cyclists must dismount at the entrances to the school site and must not cycle on the school premises or across the school field.
7. Once you have locked your cycle, do not return to the cycle shelter until you collect it at the end of the school day (the cycles are under CCTV surveillance).
8. Bring with you your cycle permit when cycling to school so that you can show it to staff on duty.
9. On leaving the school, students must not mount until they are on the correct side of the road, facing the direction in which they intend to ride.
10. Do not cycle on the pavement unless there is a marked cycle lane.

Mr Woodville Principal

Open Evening

Our annual open evening is being held on Thursday 27th September from 6.00pm-8.00pm. This is a great opportunity for prospective parents/carers and students to tour the school and visit each curriculum area. If your child is helping at this event as either a guide or a subject helper they will be sent home with a letter next week. Can you please ensure the reply slip is returned to student support no later than Friday 21st September. Many Thanks



Year 7 Locker Allocation

All Year 7 students who have purchased a locker will be assigned a time, date and location for allocation of lockers, which will take place at specified time slots across Tuesday to Friday next week. Students will be notified of the scheduled slot via tutors and parents via Insight. Please ensure your child brings a suitable padlock.

Years 8-11 Locker Allocation

Students in Years 8-11 who do not already have a locker but wish to purchase one for this academic year should contact Mrs Rogers for further details. Any students who wish to continue using a locker from last year should have already provided proof of payment.

Mrs Rogers

Visits

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Please remember to make payment and return the consent form for this visit no later than 9.00am on Monday, 17th September. The letter sent earlier this week indicates on which day your child's class will be going. The visit will contribute to students' understanding of urban environments and fulfils exam board requirements. Students will visit various venues around Bristol. Thank you to the many parents/carers who have already responded.

Mrs Rogers

Year 10 English Literature - A Christmas Carol

We have already had a great response for this Year 10 theatre visit. Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to attend a theatre performance of 'A Christmas Carol' at The Bristol Old Vic. They will experience an enchanting new adaptation of Charles Dickens' timeless tale, told in true Bristol Old Vic style. Students will be required to answer a question on A Christmas Carol in their Literature examination and seeing the story performed on stage will support their understanding of the text, its themes and some of its socio-historical context.

We have organised for the whole year group to attend this performance and feel that it is in your son/daughter's best interest to attend. This promises to be an exciting event and one that will enhance your son/daughter's ability to answer with confidence in the GCSE examination. In order to secure the tickets, responses should be received no later than 9.00am on Monday 15th October.

Ms Brooks

Year 7 Team Building Visit

Ahead of the visit to Wild Place on Monday 24th September, please remember that students need to be in school at 7.50am and are expected back at approximately 5.30pm. Wear warm clothing suitable for being outdoors all day and bring a packed lunch; this will be provided for students entitled to free school meals.

There will be five different activities that students will experience during the day. There are still a few students for whom we have not received a consent form or payment. Please return this to school as a priority to ensure your child does not miss out. If you have any queries regarding this visit or about Year 7 please do not hesitate to contact me at rbrownlie@wellswayschool.com

Miss Brownlie

PTA News

Please consider signing up to Easyfundraising.org.uk by clicking on this link. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> This helps to raise much needed funds for school when you shop online. There are thousands of shops willing to make a donation to us if you buy from them. For example, Expedia may donate around £30 for a family holiday! There is no charge to you at all and it's easy to use. Thank you to the 61 supporters who have signed up and helped to raise £167 so far this year

Sport Wellsway

Under 14 Rugby v Oldfield

On Wednesday 12th September the year 9 rugby team played the first game of the new season at home against Oldfield. Oldfield had a number of players drop out on the day, but 19 players turned up for Wellsway and a number of whom showed great sportsmanship and volunteered to play for the away side. It was a very competitive game with Oldfield leading at half time 7 - 12, with Cole Bateman scoring the Wellsway try converted by Ollie Lamb.

The second half saw Wellsway gel as a team and work to their systems. Tries from Nathan Hancock (3), Ollie Lamb, Luke Coggins and Corey Seward and conversions from Ollie Lamb (5) saw Wellsway run out 47-12 leaders. Man of the match: Max Tantram.

It was a great start to the new season for the year 9 team and they look forward to their next game against St Gregory's (away) next Wednesday.

Mr Evans

Careers News

CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION

News Flash !!

The Wellsway Careers Centre is now the 'Careers Hub'

Still based in the sixth form corridor next to Room M32

Open to ALL STUDENTS

Monday – Thursday 8.45 – 3.00

Drop in to make an appointment, pick up information, ask a question OR

Email; amillard@wellswayschool.com

This year we're aiming to hold weekly careers focussed events with employers at the Careers Hub – watch this space for further information and dates !



UPCOMING EVENTS

Interested in Engineering & Technology ? Future Bright are holding a Careers Fair, Friday 21st September, 12pm – 5pm
www.EqualEngineers.com

NHS North Bristol – Careers Open Evening, Monday 12th November 5.30 – 8pm. For further information 0117 414240 or email workexperience@nbt.nhs.uk

For further information on any of these events just drop in to the Careers Hub.

Looking for careers inspiration – www.careerpilot.org.uk OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

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Plan your study & work Your choices at 14, 16 and 18, routes to different qualifications and job sectors. Career tools to help you decide.

Mrs Millard

Staff Vacancies

WMAT Catering Assistant (Casual)

Chandag Infants Breakfast Club Café Assistant

For more information please go to <https://www.wellswaymat.com/careers>