

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

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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			
7			
8			
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10			
11	Internal Exams	All Week	Start on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
12	Parent/Carer Evening	29 <sup>th</sup> November	Lansdown Hall 4.00 – 7.00pm
13	Parent/Carer Evening	29 <sup>th</sup> November	Lansdown Hall 4.00 – 7.00pm

Year 11 are currently preparing for their internal exams that begin on Monday – I am pleased so many of them are making good use of the revision materials provided to them and that such high numbers are getting the maximum out of our GCSEPod subscription, with 4246 podcasts streamed by the year group so far this academic year. Doing their best in these exams is crucial to ensure teachers are able to provide the most useful feedback possible, which will inform revision plans in the coming months so I wish the year every success in these important exams.

It was a pleasure to see so many of the community at the PTA Craft Fair last Sunday – the event was a real success and the additional food and drink stalls seemed like a welcome addition. A big thank you to our PTA for the organising of the event and to those of you who supported it – the funds raised will make a real difference to the young people in our care.

I'm sure the netball team who competed in the U14 National School Netball Tournament on Thursday evening are still buzzing – Miss Randall certainly was when she came in after the team arrived back at school having won every match they played at the tournament held at Kingswood School. As District Champions, they now go on to the Regional stage of the championships and we look forward to hopefully hearing of another successful competition – fingers crossed!

**Matthew Woodville**  
Principal

## News

### SMSC and British Values

Last week, students were looking at the conditions in Yemen and how civil war there is impacting young people. They then voted to decide whether education should be a top priority in times of crisis. 43% of Wellsway students voted "Yes", that education should be a top priority and 57% voted "no" it should not be a top priority. The national average vote showed that 62% of students across the UK also felt it was not a top priority, however 38% still feel it is important.

All this week, students have been discussing the question: "Do anonymous apps make bullying worse?". Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November was #StopSpeakSupport day and it's a great time to focus young people on what they can do to stop cyberbullying as part of Anti-Bullying Week 2018. We hope that the work we've done in tutor times has encouraged discussions on anonymous apps and we are looking forward to finding out students' views in the vote on Monday.

**Miss Pitman**

### Free School Meals

Just a reminder that you can apply for free school meals by calling the B&NES Free School Meals team direct on 01225 394317. It's helpful to have your National Insurance number to hand when you phone; you probably won't need to fill in any forms. Even if your child doesn't claim the meals in school (we encourage that they do!)

the school will receive extra funding called Pupil Premium which helps us with school visits, targeted intervention, one-to-one tutoring, adapting timetables and much more. I'm always very happy to support parents and carers with this so please contact me [frogers@wellswayschool.com](mailto:frogers@wellswayschool.com) if you need any help.

**Mrs Rogers**

### Office Hours

Due to some current staffing issues, we may operate revised office hours. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

**Mrs Rogers**

### Artisan and Craft Fair 2018

This event is always well attended and a huge success and this year was no exception. It was nice to see lots of new gifts and food stall this year as people started their christmas shopping. The friends of Wellsway would like to thank everyone who helped with a special mention to Chris Westgate and Debbie Keeling who did the lion's share of the organising for the Craft Fair. Without them it wouldn't have been the huge success it was.

### Bake Off Competition

Some absolute fantastic entries this year which made judging very difficult, so congratulations and well done to all of the entrants. A huge thankyou to Mr Bye for arranging this fun event and for making it so successful.

#### **Congratulations to the winners;**

**Best Traybake** - Callum (B7 Tutor Group)

**Best Large Cake** - Josie (C10 Tutor Group)

**Best Cup Cakes** - Ruby (C6 Tutor Group)



## Sixth Form News

### Sixth Form – Applications for September 2019

A quick reminder that students are still able to apply to our Sixth Form for September next year; it is a very quick and simple process, just log in to Insight and then select - General – Options offer – and then click on the blue puzzle icon by each subject to select it. It will save automatically.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at [sixthform@wellswayschool.com](mailto:sixthform@wellswayschool.com)

### Year 12 & Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Insight is now open and available for you to make your appointments. This will close on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am. If you require any assistance with your login details please email [insight@wellswayschool.com](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com)

**Mrs Pells**

## Sport

### U16's Netball

The U16 National Netball team played in the District Round at Kingswood school on Tuesday. The round robin tournament started off brilliantly with a 13-5 win against Prior Park, as Elleze Francis, Libby Harris and Ffion Bright dominated in the centre court. The girls then had two tough matches against KES and Kingswood but battled to the end with fantastic defending from Megan Tucker, Mia Gilby and Elsa Cox. The girls then had a really close game against Ralph Allen and managed to pull away in the last few minutes to win 12-9, thanks to brilliant shooting from Grace Warren, Holly Jones, Nuala Worely and Katie Knight. The girls then had a tough game against a well drilled Royal High but Lauren Scott and Eve Day battled through to the end to score an impressive 4 goals. The tournament finished with a close game against St Greg's where the girls had an exceptional second half to nearly come back from 6 goals down to narrowly lose 6-10. A special mention to Megan Tucker who won player of the tournament for her amazing interceptions and strong rebounds. Well done to all involved.

**Miss O'Malley**



### **BANES Cross Country Championships**

On Tuesday afternoon runners from year 7 through to sixth form competed in the BANES Cross Country Championships at Kingswood School. Each runner was selected to represent Wellsway School after their success in the inner house competition. The afternoon started off extremely well as Harry Williams floated round the course finishing in 5th in the senior boys race. The year 7 girls finished 5th overall as a team after brilliant runs by Mia Buscemi, Chloe Goldson, Mindy Fay, Lily Stirling, Beth Fear and Izzy Nethercott. A special thank you goes out to Isla Goddard, Christobel Oduaro, Phoebe Postlethwaite and Lucy Harris for their outstanding effort during and after their races. The year 7 boys team all showed great determination to finish 7th overall as a team due to brilliant performances from Harly

Sandell, Will Berry, Harry Goodland, Harry Summers, Ellis Poole, Dexter Lewis, Andrew Bullock, Oliver Bell and Matthew Stapleton. Amy Nicholls then dominated the junior girls competition and lead from start to finish, her efforts helped motivate Phoebe Nethercott, Bella Sanigar, Flo Elvins, Izzy Sandrey, Jess Cornelius, Ruby Pocock and Ruby Nelmes in the junior girls to finish 6th as a team. The Junior boys that consisted of Joel McGregor, Joe Hiscox, Nathan Hancock, Sam Glass, Will Sheppard, Dan Haines, Celeb Ozuzu and Luke Matthews sped round the course to finish 8th as a team. The Elena Grant and Elleze Francis demonstrated fantastic endurance in the intermediate girls race to finish 20th and 22nd. While the intermediate boys' team made up of Patrick Elliott, Oliver Taviner, Charlie Hodges, Oli Turner, Aidan Oscrift, Lucas Bennett, Dan Garton and Nick Jones finish in 3rd place as a team. The last race of the afternoon was the senior girls where Pippa Savage highlighted her experience by crossing the line in 6th place. All of the competitors from Wellsway showed great determination to successfully complete the difficult course and performed to the best of their ability. A huge congratulations to Harry Williams, Amy Nicholls and Pippa Savage who have all progress to the next round in January.

**Miss O'Malley and Mr Ives**

### **Year 10 Girls' Hockey**

The year 10 girls Hockey team had a brilliant game against Chew Valley School on Wednesday evening. The girls played some beautiful hockey and worked well as a team to secure a 3-0 victory. Goal scorers where: Katie Gale, Freya Trenchard and Issy Boulton. A special mention to Katie Gale for being voted girl of the game for her impressive performance up front.

**Miss O'Malley & Mr Carr**

### **Year 11 Girls' Hockey**

The year 11 Girls Hockey team had a good game against a well drilled St Mary's Calne on Thursday night. The team played some extraordinary hockey at times but were unable to make the most of there chances on goal. The final score was 0-3 with Xanna Kierk (Player of the match) making some outstanding saves to keep us in the game. The players now have some key areas to work on ahead of the BANES Tournament next week.

**Miss O'Malley & Mr Carr**

## **Music & Drama**

### **Christmas Concert**

In preparation for our Christmas Concert, whole school choir will be rehearsing after school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 3.15pm-4.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Ms McLean**

The Christmas Concert takes place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm in Mendip Hall. We anticipate that tickets will be on sale from 26<sup>th</sup> November. All tickets will purchased online. The link to follow next week!

### **Learning an Instrument**

Learning an instrument: Lots of students have been asking about learning an instrument. Please complete the link below in order to request lessons <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wellsway> Instruments can be hired from the Music Hub for a very small fee each term. Please contact Ms McLean if you have any questions.

### **Soundtrap**

We are delighted to now use Soundtrap, a music sequencing package, for all our KS3 students. We hope they have been showing you what they are creating in lessons!

### **Homework in Music**

Our homework in Music will be gradually changing over the next to an online programme called Focus on Sound. The link to this website can be found on a tab on RM Unify. Students will be directed to a 'lesson' each week with lots of videos and audio tracks. In addition to this, students may also be asked to access their SoundTrap account or listen to recordings we have made on wellswaymusic Soundcloud account. For any student who does not have access to computers at home, the computer room will be accessible to all students before and after school.



### Rehearsals

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Act 2, Scene 5 T-Birds, Pink Ladies, Patty

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Whole case including chorus, dancers/cheerleaders and mains – Recap of all songs  
Miss Coles/Miss Davies

Band – Miss McLean

Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Grease is the word, T-Birds, Pink Ladies, ChaCha, Miss Lynch

## Careers



'Careers Hub' - Based in the sixth form corridor next to 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](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)

Starting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November –

**\*\* Wednesday Lunch-time Employer 'Pop-Up' sessions\*\***

Come along; meet the employer, what job roles they can offer, how do you apply, what skills & qualities do they require, ask questions.

DATE	EMPLOYER	VENUE	Suggested year groups
21.11.18	MoD – Higher Apprenticeships within the MoD	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Year 10 - 13
28.11.18	KPMG – Higher apprenticeships within Finance	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Year 10 - 13
05.12.18	Waitrose, Keynsham – work opportunities and careers within a large retail group (admin/customer services)	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Year 7 - 13
12.12.18	To Be Confirmed	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	
19.12.18	To Be Confirmed	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	

If you are interested in any of the employer sessions please email [amillard@wellswayschool.com](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)

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

Looking for careers inspiration – [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk) OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

## Staff Vacancies

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