

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	End of Term 3 Inset Day (6/7)	Thursday 14 th Feb Friday 15 th Feb	3.05pm
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8			
9	Vaccinations Parent/Carer Evening Pathways Evening	Tuesday 22 nd Jan Thurs 24 th Jan Thurs 31 st Jan	4.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown 6.00pm Mendip & Lansdown Hall
10			
11	Parent/Carer Evening Support for Success Evening	Thurs 17 th Jan Weds 13 th Feb	4.00pm Lansdown 6.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown Hall

I hope families had a good break and had time to recharge for the new year. Monday's INSET was used to prepare for the next couple of terms, to look at how the work of each member of staff contributes to our whole school priorities and to refresh learning environments in classrooms. It was timely, then, for some of our new display materials to be installed around the school site, which we have been working on behind the scenes for the last few months. I hope that when parents next visit the school they will agree with me that our foyers and main halls now have a more welcoming feel and better represent our core values and aim of developing confident, respectful and successful young people. The displays that have been installed in Lansdown and Mendip will be followed by some more subject specific displays in corridors over the next month or so and I hope students appreciate the investment in this area.

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our school events this week – the senior leadership team ran sixth form interviews on Thursday evening and we were all extremely impressed with the Year 11 students' approach to their applications and choices for post 16 study at Wellsway. As well as talking through subject choices and combinations and their appropriateness for students' future plans, many of us had discussions about the exciting opportunities offered by Wellsway sixth form, such as the chance to complete an independent research project through the EPQ; being part of the Competitive Courses Group; completing community action projects or benefitting from university level input through guest lectures in some subjects. It was also good to welcome many parents of Year 7 students to our Inclusion Information Evening and to have so many of the Inclusion Team on hand to speak to parents and answer queries.

Matthew Woodville
Principal



New display in Lansdown Hall



New display in Lansdown

News

Year 9 Vaccinations

The Schools Immunisation Team will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 22 January to give the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccine (DTP) to all year 9 students. This year, the team are sending consent forms to parents/carers electronically so please check your email over the next few days and follow the link. A prompt response would be appreciated. If you do not have access to email or have any queries please contact the team direct on 01225 838270

Mrs Dursley



Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening – 17th January

Please note that Insight will close on Monday 14th January at 9.00am therefore you will no longer be able to make appointments after this time. All students will be sent home with an appointment list either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. If you should have any queries please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening – 24th January

Insight is now open and you are able to make appointments via Insight until Monday 21st January at 9.00am. Please may we remind you that appointments can only be made using the parental account and not the student account therefore should you need a reminder of your username or have any queries please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Year 9 - Pathways / Choosing options for Year 10

All Year 9 students should now have received their Pathway letter. This letter included the recommended pathway for 2019-2021. We also sent a link to our pathways booklet which has now been uploaded onto our website and recommend you look through this prior to our Pathways Evening being held on the 31st January 2019. If you have any queries please contact enquiries@wellswayschool.com

Sixth Form News

Publications Team Newsletter

So much has been happening here in Sixth Form, so to help keep you up to date our lovely Sixth Form Publications Team have produced their second newsletter of the year, published on the website [here](#) (under *What have we been up to?*) Thank you to Jess, Joe and all those who helped contribute!

Sixth Form Applications for Year 12

Thank you very much for coming to see us last night we hope you found the 1-1 meetings to discuss your options and ambitions.

Students and parents/carers can still apply for September 2019 by contacting their tutor with subject choices directly.

Mr Bray

SMSC and British Values

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The first VoteTopic of 2019 is "Will you add bugs to your diet in 2019?". During the SMSC session this week we have been looking into how insect-eating is expected to become ever more popular in 2019 and whether students can get over the 'ick' factor in light of the environmental arguments. Students will explore the countries where bugs are already a staple part of the diet and challenge themselves to see if they could convince their friends to buy a bug burger. Voting, as always, will be on Monday.

This week we have also introduced to students our theme for Community Action this term - respect and valuing people. This links in well with our focus for Community Action Week, raising awareness and fundraising for LGBT History Month, which start 1st February (more information can be found at www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk). The Community Action Week this term will be led by Compton House, starting Monday 11th February. Further details of the chosen charity, fundraising activities and events will be communicated to students and parents in the next few weeks.

Sports

Badminton For All

Wellsway Sports Centre are running 2 badminton sessions after school every Monday – there is something for everyone! Coached by professional coach Steve Hulbert.

3.15pm - 4.00pm

For those in Years 7-11, this session will help improve your technique and tactics, especially if you are studying GCSE PE

4.00pm -4.45pm

Family Badminton, a chance for all the family to be involved! Any age and ability welcome, and play as a team.

Both sessions are £3 per person, or £4 to attend both.

Email scenquiries@wellswaymat.com for more details!



BANES Competition

On Tuesday 8th January, the Year 7 and 8 sports hall athletics teams took part in the B&NES competition. All students competed really well through the afternoon, with a number of students receiving letters inviting them to take part in the AVON schools championships next month. All teams did well, with the year 8 boys' team finishing third in their competition.

Mr Evans

Music and Drama

New Rock Club

We are delighted to announce a new Rock Club, starting on Wednesday 16th January at 1.40pm – 2.00pm in M3, run by our guitar tutor, Matt Fowles. Any musician who already plays guitar, bass, drums or sings is welcome to come along. The group will be learning to play a piece together in preparation for our Open Mic night in April. It's a great way for musicians to meet like-minded people. Students are welcome to bring their lunch and eat it before the rehearsal.



Rehearsal Schedule wc: 14th January

Monday 14th Jan - 3.15pm - 6.30pm - Everyone, Run through Act 1 and 2.

Tuesday 15th Jan - 3.15pm – 5.00pm - Main Cast and Dancers (Look At Me I'm Sandra Dee, Moonin', There are Worse Things I Can Do)

Wednesday 16th Jan - 3.15pm – 5.00pm - Everyone. Confirmation after Monday's rehearsal.

Sunday 20th Jan 10.00am -4.00pm – Main cast and band

Help Needed

Can you sew? - We need you! We are currently in the process of making skirts for Grease. If any parents or students, who know how to use a sewing machine, would like to join us on Sunday 20th Jan please contact Miss Davies on hdavies@wellswayschool.com We'd be very grateful of any help you can offer – or if you'd rather take some material home!

Help on the night - We need parents to help on refreshments each night of the show (Tuesday 5th Feb-Friday 8th February). Due to the nature of the work you would be unable to watch the show on the night that you help. Please contact Ms McLean on imclean@wellswayschool.com if you'd be able to give up one evening to support the show.

Tickets – Tickets will be on sale shortly. Cast will be informed as soon as they go online.

Ms McLean and Miss Davies

Careers



CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION

'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

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

DATE	EMPLOYER	VENUE	Suggested year groups
16.01.19	Institution of Civil Engineers – Civil Engineering, what does the role involve, what is the training.	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Yr 9 - 13
23.01.19	To be confirmed	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Yr 7 - 11
30.01.19	Deloitte - audit, consulting, financial advisory, risk management, tax, and related services	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Yr 9 - 13



If you are interested in any of the employer sessions please email 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 OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Interested in Astronomy ?** – Bath Royal Literacy & Science Institution (BRLSI) are running Astronomy workshops. For further information learning@brlsi.org.uk
- **City of Bristol College Open Day** – Saturday 19th January 10am – 1pm
- **Bath College Open Day** – (Somervale campus) Saturday 26th January 10am – 1pm
- **Interested in Law? Burges Salmon** are holding a **Year 10/11 information day** for their Higher apprenticeship roles – Tuesday 19th February 2019 (10.30am - 3pm) Places are limited so book early! Corporate.resp@burges-salmon.com
- **Bath College Pre-apprenticeship workshops and taster sessions running throughout the February half term** – Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February, 9.30 – 1.30pm For further information <https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/event/experience-bath-college-week>
- **Industrial Cadets – Girls between 15 – 16** who are interested in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) subjects. Local universities are running hands-on and activities courses straight after GCSE's to provide inspiration and support your applications to University. For further information www.etrust.org.uk/inspirecourse

Staff Vacancies

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