

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 <sup>th</sup> Feb Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.05pm
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8	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown Hall
9	Vaccinations Parent/Carer Evening Pathways Evening	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	4.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown 6.00pm Mendip & Lansdown Hall
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11	Support for Success Evening	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown Hall

This was an important week for students in Year 11 and 13 and I'd like to congratulate students across both year groups for their focus and commitment. Year 13 have been sitting internal examinations that will provide crucial feedback and guidance to support them in their summer exams. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our Year 11 Parent and Carers' evening last night and to hear the conversations that were taking place across subjects providing advice to students – and I look forward to welcoming Year 11 parents back on the 13<sup>th</sup> February to our Year 11 Supporting for Success evening, where we will be giving top tips for preparing children for their upcoming exams.

Students have responded well to the revised behaviour policy that was launched at the start of the term and I'd like to take this opportunity to praise the students for this and to thank parents for the positive feedback we have received about these developments. Attending this week's house assemblies that considered self-image confirmed how respectful our students can be and I was particularly impressed by how calmly students entered the assemblies and how well they listened and responded to the message being delivered.

**Matthew Woodville**  
Principal

## News

### **General Data Protection Regulations**

You may be aware of the General Data Protection Regulations. To ensure we are meeting the new requirements, we need your consent to take and use photos of your child. Today, your child will bring home a consent form for you to complete, please return this form to your child's form tutor, no later than **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. We value using photos of students so we would appreciate you taking the time to give consent. The consent form is also available on our website or by clicking this link, [GDPR Consent Form](#)  
**Mr Woodville, Principal**

### **Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Insight will close for bookings on Monday morning at 9.00am. All students will be sent home with their appointment list early next week. Should you have any queries please email [insight@wellswayschool.com](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com)

### **Year 9 - Pathways / Choosing options for Year 10 – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. If you have any queries please contact [enquiries@wellswayschool.com](mailto:enquiries@wellswayschool.com)

### **Year 11 – Supporting for Success Evening – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Please look out for a letter coming home next week re our Supporting for Success Evening. This is an interactive presentation for parents/carers of Year 11 offering advice and guidance in supporting your daughter/son through the process of preparing for the end of year examination season.

### **Year 8 – Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

You will be notified when Insight will be open and available for you to make your appointments. All appointments can only be made using the parental login only, therefore if you need a reminder of your username please email [insight@wellswayschool.com](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com)

### Year 9 DTP vaccination

You will have received an email from the Wiltshire Schools Immunisation Team regarding the DTP vaccination for students in year 9 on Tuesday 22 January. Please follow the link sent to you to read the information and consent form. If you do not have access to an electronic device or have a query please phone the Immunisation Team direct on 01225 838270. On the day please ensure your child has eaten breakfast and girls are wearing a t-shirt or vest top underneath their school shirt.

**Mrs Dursley**

### A Trip to the Vic

A miracle at Christmas - or just after! On the 8th January, the whole of Year 10 boarded several coaches to see a production of A Christmas Carol at The Old Vic in Bristol. The trip was a real success and the students were fantastic; a credit to Wellsway School! The show was filled with music, singing and even magic! All of the students had something to say about the show... 'The novella was written to inspire a sense of responsibility for the poor... Dickens was a philanthropist who set out to enlighten his readers about the plight of the needy..' (Josaphine Papuca). 'It was a delight to see a small cast of 10 bring the story to life' (Mary Bray), 'The set was extremely versatile' (Daisy Cullimore) but the show didn't really 'show the true horrors of Victorian society' (Mali Ford) 'It created a magical atmosphere and was much better than any of the films (Anna Roethenbaugh). Although The Bristol Old Vic's production did deviate from Dickens' novella at points, all of the students engaged with the production and has something to say about it! Well done, Year 10.

**The English Department**

## 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 over this last week or so. 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.

### Careers programme

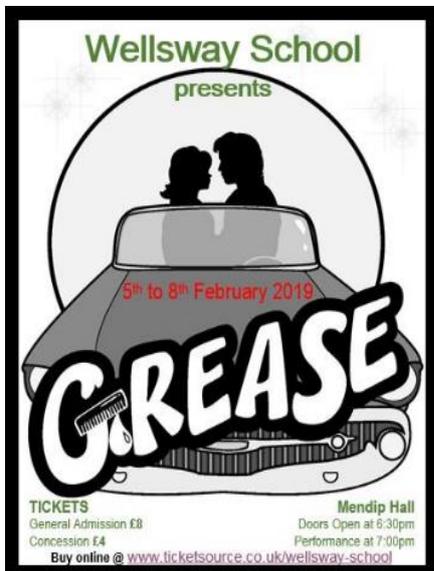
We have recently been targeting Year 9 and Year 11 students for regular, independent careers advice and guidance to ensure that they are well informed about their options next year. If you would like further information about the A Level and Level 3 vocational subjects available in Wellsway Sixth Form please remember that you can find information about individual course content, examination structure and possible pathways [here](#). The Key Stage 4 Study Pathways Booklet can be found [here](#).

If you are looking for some extra information about our careers programme, or for explanations of different qualifications, please have a look at the Careers section of our [website here](#).

## Music and Drama

### 'GREASE' Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### Ticket sales go Live today !



Ticket sales go live from 4.00pm today  
General Admission £8.00 and Concession £4.00

Tickets can be purchased from Ticketsource ONLY by clicking on the following link

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellsway-school>

#### Production Rehearsals

Well done to all involved in rehearsals for Grease. We're making great progress and look forward to showing you the final result. Our sincere thanks to parents and carer who continue to be so supportive.

## Rehearsal Schedule wc: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January** - Main Cast and band required from 10.00am-4.00pm  
Dancers, Chorus Captains and Teen Angels please arrive and be ready to rehearse for 1.30pm-4.00pm.
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - 3.15pm-6.30pm - Everyone, run through
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** - Cheerleaders, chorus, dancers, (no main cast)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** - Everyone until 5.00pm.

### Rock Band

We're delighted that our new Rock Band got off to a flying start. We need any vocalists and still have room for more guitarists, bass guitarists or drummers. Come along on Wednesday from 1.30 onwards. The rehearsal will start at 1.40pm. The first piece is Blink 182's All The Small Things.

### A-Level Music

A-Level music attended an excellent workshop based on The Marriage of Figaro by Opera Tessitura, followed by a performance of the whole opera. A fabulous experience to see a live performance. There are further live music performances planned this year which will be open to other years.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> Jan please contact Miss Davies on [hdavies@wellswayschool.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> Feb-Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)

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

DATE	EMPLOYER	VENUE	Suggested year groups
23.01.19	<b>Snapdragon Nursery</b> If you're looking at working with young children come along and find out about the job. Apprenticeships, training	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Yr 7 - 11
30.01.19	<b>Deloitte</b> - audit, consulting, financial advisory, risk management, tax, and related services	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Yr 9 - 13
06.02.19	<b>To be confirmed</b>		
13.02.19	<b>On-Site</b> – working within Construction, apprenticeships, training	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm	Yr 7 - 13

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>

**UPCOMING EVENTS –**

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- **Bath College Open Day** – (Somervale campus) Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Corporate.resp@burges-salmon.com)
  - **Bath College Pre-apprenticeship workshops and taster sessions running throughout the February half term** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.etrust.org.uk/inspirecourse)

## Staff Vacancies

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