

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
7			
8	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 7 th March	4.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown Hall
9	Pathways Evening	Thurs 31 st Jan	6.00pm Mendip & Lansdown Hall
10			
11	Supporting for Success Evening	Weds 13 th Feb	6.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown Hall

Year 9 Parent/ Carer Evening last night was a really positive evening, and it was good to have the opportunity to talk to so many parents and students about how the year is going so far and about the Pathways Evening next week. I know a couple of students missed Mr Cooper's assembly on Pathways last week – please be assured that they will be able to get all the information they need by attending the Pathways Evening next week on Thursday 31st January.

Thank you to every parent who has completed questionnaire(s) at Parent/ Carer Evenings, we look at the results and comments from these surveys at senior leadership team meetings and use them to inform our planning and development work. It was a pleasure to read one parents' comment from the Year 11 Parent/ Carer Evening that "teachers are passionate and interested in the welfare of their students" and to be told last night how one Year 9 student has grown in confidence since their time with us at Wellsway thanks to the opportunities provided. Hearing how our core values of 'developing confident, respectful and successful young people' are coming through in this manner is such a boost for staff, so thank you.

Hopefully students from Years 7-11 will come home and tell parents about today's PSHE assembly detailing the lockdown procedure Wellsway School would initiate in the unlikely event of a serious incident. Please can I urge parents to take the time to read this letter carefully as it provides really important information about what would happen and what to do as parents. Please click on this link to view letter [Lockdown Letter Jan 19](#)

The students should be commended on their conduct during these assemblies – they impressed all the senior staff delivering the assemblies with their engagement and with how seriously they took the session. I hope that parents feel reassured by knowing this procedure is in place as this new alarm is a positive investment for the school to ensure student safety.

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 25th 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 - Pathways / Choosing options for Year 10 – Thursday 31st 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 31st January 2019. If you have any queries please contact enquiries@wellswayschool.com

Year 11 – Supporting for Success Evening – Wednesday 13th 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 7th 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, therefore if you need a reminder of your username please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Green Team RSPB schools birdwatch

The Green Team took part in the annual RSPB birdwatch around school this week, recording 18 bird species as part of this important national survey to monitor the health of the environment. What made it extra special was that the team was filmed by the BBC, and should be screened on BBC Points West on Monday 28th January, at 6.30 pm.

Mr Sage

Sixth Form News

Challenge Cup

Thank to our lovely Officer Team for taking the latest round of the challenge cup on Monday, a lovely mindfulness based session involving all of year 12 and 13.

Remember you can keep up to date with term 1 and term 2 events through the Publications Team newsletters, published on the website [here](#) (under *What have we been up to?*)

Sixth Form Applications for Year 12

A quick reminder that students and parents/carers can still apply for September 2019 by contacting their tutor with subject choices directly.

We are now following up arranging extra advice and guidance where applicants have requested to follow the 1 – 1 interviews, and will be back in touch with all applicants again shortly.

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 on our website [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](#), and at the foot of this newsletter for imminent and upcoming opportunities.

Sport

Hockey Camps at Wellsway Sports Centre

We have teamed up with Go Crea8 Hockey who will be delivering 2 days within the February half term for hockey players of all abilities! The camps will be held on Wellsway Sports Centre hockey pitch, and will run on the Tuesday and Wednesday (subject to uptake). To register your interest, please [click here](#)! Early drop off is also available. Take a look at www.gocrea8.co.uk to see the type of thing you can expect.



Football Camps at SBL Sports Centre

Soccer Shooters will be in SBL Sports Centre on the 20th and 21st February, offering football and other activities to children aged 5-12 years old. The camps are led by qualified and experienced coaches James and Jake, and will keep your young ones happy, active, and safe! [Click here](#) for more info and how to book your place!

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

Careers

Wednesday lunch-time

Employer 'pop-up' sessions

1.30 – 2pm

Careers Hub

Careers – Visiting employer opportunities Term 3

We are arranging for some high quality employers to speak to you about possible future careers paths.

If you are interested in attending any of the sessions below, please email Mrs Millard - amillard@wellswayschool.com - to book your place.

	Employer/Guest Speaker	Career Roles	Suggested Year Groups	Venue
23.01.19	Snapdragon Nursery	Working with young children, apprenticeships, training.	7 – 11	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm
30.01.19	Deloitte	Global professionals within accountancy, finance, auditing & tax.	9 – 13	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm
06.02.19	Medical Professional	Looking at the medical profession specifically as a doctor and surgeon.	9 – 13	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm
13.02.19	Local construction training provider	Roles within construction, apprenticeships, training.	7 - 11	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Bath College Open Day** – (Somervale campus) Saturday 26th January 10am – 1pm
- **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>
- **NHS – RUH Careers Open Evening** – Everything NHS, not necessarily medical, (Doctors, Admin, Nurses, Hospitality, Engineers, IT . . .) Wednesday 6th March, 5pm – 7.30pm Oasis Centre (E6), RUH. For year 10 and above. To book a place email; ruh-tr.schoolsandcolleges@nhs.net

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

Staff Vacancies

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