

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 | | | |
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| Year | Activity | Date | Start Time and Venue |
| For All | End of Term 3 Inset Day (6/7) School Production of Grease | Thurs 14 th Feb Fri 15 th Feb Tues 5 th - Fri 8 th Feb | 3.05pm All cast out of lessons on Mon 4 th for rehearsals |
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| 8 | Parent/Carer Evening | Thursday 7 th March | 4.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown Hall |
| 9 | Pathways Evening (Postponed from 31 st Jan) New date likely to be 28.02.19 to be confirmed as soon as possible. Deadline for return of option forms extended: 4 th March. | Thursday 28 th Feb | 6.00pm Lansdown and Mendip Hall |
| 10 | | | |
| 11 | Supporting for Success Evening | Weds 13 th Feb | 6.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown Hall |

Whenever I speak to parents of Year 6 students considering where to send their child, I emphasise my belief in education being about much more than the exam results students leave school with and the importance in students getting involved with every aspect of school life. Wellsway students' commitment to their extra-curricular activities has been really notable in the last couple of weeks and I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students who regularly make the most of the opportunities open to them and to say thank you to all of the staff who give up their lunches and evenings to make these happen.

It was a highlight of my week when the Year 8 netball team came in to tell me about their excellent success in Tuesday's tournament and to see so many of our students spending their evenings and weekends practising for the school production, which I am very much looking forward to watching in its entirety next week. Seeing our Challenge Programme develop under Miss Kurton's leadership is another real success for Wellsway, with students regularly attending sessions to stretch and challenge their subject knowledge and to develop key transferable skills that will help them in all aspects of their education.

It was a difficult decision to have to postpone Pathways Evening for Year 9 students yesterday, and thank you to parents for their understanding as I know many of you may have changed plans to be able to attend with your children. We are aiming to run this evening on Thursday 28th February and will be communicating with parents about this directly – and are now just hoping we don't have another late cold snap!

With regret, weather conditions meant we had to close school today. Conditions are expected to improve this afternoon and over the weekend so we expect to open as usual on Monday. Please keep an eye on the website and Insight if you are unsure. Stay safe and wrap up warm.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

General Data Protection Regulations

As you will know, your child has recently been sent home with a General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Consent form. Thank you to all parents who have returned the forms - we have received a huge response, however we still have many forms outstanding. To ensure we are meeting the new requirements, we need your consent to take and use photos of your child. This is an important means for us to celebrate student success, so we would appreciate you taking the time to give this consent. The consent form is also available on our website or by clicking this link, [GDPR Consent Form](#) Once completed please return to your child's tutor as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.

Keeping Children Safe

As a gentle reminder and as per our website students are not permitted on the school site before 8.20am unless they are involved in a pre-arranged supervised activity



Year 11 – Supporting for Success Evening – Wednesday 13th February

Please be reminded of 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. If you haven't done so already, please return your reply slip so we have an idea of number on the evening.

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

School Production

Show week final arrives next week after weekly rehearsals since September. A reminder that all cast and chorus need to be in school at 9.45am in their costume for the opening number. The rehearsal will start at 10.00am. In order to complete a band sound check, band members should please be in Mendip Hall at 9.30am.

For the nights of the show, cast and chorus need to be in school at 5.30pm; band members 6.15pm.

Study Visits

Iceland Trip 2019

If your child is travelling on the Iceland trip, you will have been emailed this week asking you to complete an online passenger information form. This form should be completed by 9.00am on Monday 4th February. Remember, as well as medical and dietary needs, you'll need your child's passport info, European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and two emergency contacts to hand. You will need to complete the form in one sitting. We are pleased to have made some improvements to the format based on feedback received from those who have completed a similar form for the ski trip. Thanks go to the many of you have already submitted your form, thank you.

Paris Visit 2019

We will shortly be launching a visit to Paris for Year 7 students. The visit will take place 6th-10th July and we expect a deposit of £100 will be required to secure a place. As soon as details have been finalised with our tour operator we will share the information with you via Insight.

Mrs Rogers

Sport

Year 8 and Year 9 Netball- County Champions!

Both the year 8 and year 9 netball teams qualified to attend the WESPORT level 3 winter school games County final at UWE this week.

The year 8 team faced Clevedon in the semi-final round and got a comfortable win against them with a final score of 44-7, which was amazing, well done to Ellie Scott for being awarded player of the match. They then went on to face Hayesfield in the final, this was a fantastic match and the team worked exceptionally well together to secure a 22-17 win, well done to Steph Ruddle for being awarded player of the match in this round. Every member of this team played an integral role in securing these fantastic results, and I am so proud of all of you. This team have remained undefeated throughout this entire season and their efforts have certainly been rewarded with them being crowned County Champions this year.

The year 9 team also displayed some brilliant netball too. In the semi-final they faced Oasis Brislington, the team played brilliantly together and secured a 40-9 win, again another amazing score, well done to Annie King for being awarded player of the match for her amazing shooting and work in the goal third. In the final the team faced Colston Girls' School, this was a much closer game, with the team really working hard throughout the entire match. Colston Girls' School remained within one goal of the Wellsway's score throughout every quarter, the team really worked hard and played brilliantly in the final quarter to win 28-24, well done to Sophie Lowe for being awarded player of the match. This team have worked exceptionally hard this year and this has definably been rewarded with their County Champion title.

This has been a huge achievement and I am so proud of all of the girls this year, they have been a pleasure to coach and work with. Their dedication and hard work has certainly been rewarded. A massive well done!

Miss Randall

Year 10 and 11 Netball

The year 10 & 11 Wellsway Netball teams had a brilliant start to their season away at Chew Valley School. The Year 10 team, captained by Ffion Bright, dominated the court from the first whistle to win 28-8. The year 11 team also put in an impressive performance with Adriana Newbury keeping their GA out of the game. Freya Trenchard, Megan Tucker and Libby Harris all scoring some impressive goals to win 30-4. Overall a fantastic evening for the girls and a confident performance.

Miss O'Malley

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

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

These sessions are informal and a great opportunity to meet the employer and ask questions.

Either email to book a space or just drop-in!

| DATE | EMPLOYER | VENUE |
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| 06.02.19 | Medical Professional – Talking about medicine specifically as a doctor & surgeon | Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm |
| 13.02.19 | On-Site Construction – working locally within Construction, apprenticeships, training | Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm |

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Bishop Fleming Accountancy – Insight Evening** Tuesday 12th February, 5.30pm. (Year 10 and above). To book a place or for further information; jobs@bishopfleming.co.uk
- **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>