

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	Start of Term 4	Monday 25 th Feb	8.40am
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8	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 7 th March	4.00pm – 7.00pm
9	Pathways Evening (Postponed from 31 st Jan)	Thursday 28 th Feb	6.00pm Lansdown and Mendip Hall
10	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 21 st March	4.00pm – 7.00pm
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Parents have hopefully seen our recent tweet about the rainbow flags we've been flying all week in support of Compton's Community Action Week, which has seen a wide range of activities across the week to raise awareness about LGBTQ, following last week's tutor time sessions on this topic. Today saw not just rainbow mufti, but also the lip sync competition between the houses – where each house team lip synced to Queen songs. Stanton's rendition of *I Want to Break Free* got the students' winning vote, but there was a great effort from all the house teams and the students' behaviour and engagement with the event at lunch today was really impressive.

It has also been a busy week of evening events – it has been a pleasure to welcome so many parents in for Challenge Information Evening, the GCSE Evening of Dance and the Year 11 Supporting for Success Evening last night. Thank you for all the positive feedback we've received about these events.

I wish all our families a good half term break – although the students' term ended on Thursday, staff are in today on staff training, covering a wide range of teaching and learning areas as well as sessions being led by external agencies on a range of mental health issues, such as anxiety, depression and exam stress. This is such an important area for all schools and I'm grateful to Off the Record and Oxford Health for providing this for our staff.

It was lovely seeing off the ski trip this morning and I look forward to accompanying the Iceland trip on Thursday next week. Good luck and I trust both trips will prove a really memorable experience. Thank you to staff who have given up their half term.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

An amazing Community Action Week for Compton House

A jam-packed week of activities across the week, raising money for local LGBT charity SPACE, culminated in an Inter-House Lip Sync Battle in Mendip Hall. Throughout the week tutor groups from Compton House were involved in selling cakes, cookies and sweets; organising a staff and student penalty shootout, basketball competitions and a water pong tournament as well as selling rainbow ribbon badges to staff and students.

Thursday saw the climax of the whole week as many students gathered in Mendip Hall, in rainbow coloured mufti to witness each Head of House's Lip Sync performance to a hit song by Queen. Burnett took on *We Will Rock You*; Compton tackled the legendary *Bohemian Rhapsody*; Newton (with a rather convincing Freddie Mercury lookalike in the shape of Mr Cooper) kept the feeling positive with *Don't Stop Me Now*, whilst Stanton performed an amazing rendition of *I Want to Break Free*.

Votes were cast at the end of the video montage with the following results:

- 1st place: Stanton
- 2nd place: Compton
- 3rd place: Burnett
- 4th place: Newton

Compton students were superb across the whole week, leading activities with enthusiasm and vigour. All students gathered in the hall to witness the Lip Sync Battle displayed excellent behaviour and conducted themselves brilliantly – an incredible way to round off Community Action Week and Term 3.

Year 9 Pathways Evening – Thursday 28th February – 6.00pm – 7.30pm

We look forward to seeing you all at our Year 9 Pathways evening rescheduled from 31st January.

All details remain the same and please be reminded that if your child currently studies German, or no language please proceed to Lansdown Hall on arrival. If your child currently studies French please proceed to Mendip Hall on arrival. At 6.45pm you then switch halls. If you have any queries then please contact enquiries@wellswayschool.com

Year 8 – Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 7th March 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Insight is now available for you to make your appointments. Please be reminded that appointments can only be made using the parental login and NOT the students therefore if you need a reminder of your username please contact insight@wellswayschool.com. After 8.30am on Friday 1st March you will no longer be able to make appointments. All students will be sent home with their appointment lists wc:4th March. If you need a reminder of how to book appointments click on the link below.

[How to book appointments](#)

Year 10 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 21st March 4.00pm – 7.00pm

You will be notified nearer the time but Insight will open and you will be able to make bookings from 4th March. Please be reminded that appointments can only be made using the Parental login therefore please ensure you can log in successfully and should you have any queries please contact us on insight@wellswayschool.com

Year 9 DTP and MenACWY vaccination

This message is for the parents/carers of any Year 9 student who did not receive the vaccination in January. The Wiltshire Schools Immunisation Team have re-opened the link for you to consent to your child's vaccination. Please check your emails this week, read the information and complete the consent form. A prompt response would be appreciated in order that the Immunisation Team can organise another session. If you do not have access to an electronic device or have a query please phone the Immunisation Team direct on 01225 838270. The date of the session will be published in the Ammonite once it is known.

Mrs Dursley

Visits

A-Level Geography Revision Day

We are very pleased to offer Year 13 A-Level geography students the opportunity to attend a revision workshop on Wednesday 27th March. This is an excellent opportunity for geography students studying the AQA A-Level syllabus to gain essential revision support for the two written papers they will sit in the summer. Full details have been sent via Insight, the deadline for responses is 9.00am, Monday 25th February.

Paris 2019

Year 7 students will shortly receive details of an exciting opportunity to visit Paris this summer. The visit will take place 6th – 10th July and includes sight-seeing around central Paris and an excursion to Disneyland. Further details will be sent via Insight, deadline for responses will be Monday 25th February.

Battlefields 2019

Students who are currently in Year 8 are invited to join a trip to the Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium. The visit will take place 25th – 27th October and links extremely well into the Key Stage Three programme of study for History. Full information has been sent this week via Insight, the deadline for responses is Friday 1st March.

Sports



Sports Ambassadors run Tag Rugby Festival for local primary schools

Our wonderful Sports Ambassadors were in action again this week. They organised and ran a Tag Rugby festival for Year 6 pupils from our local primary schools. The Sports Ambassadors attended training prior to the event to enable them to run high quality coaching sessions with small groups of children. Some of our more experienced Rugby players officiated the games, which is no easy task and I was very proud of how confident and professional they were. Over 120 Year 6 pupils participated in the event which was a great opportunity for them to make new friends, try a new activity and work with our leaders. These events simply wouldn't be possible without the Sports Ambassadors who are such amazing role models. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Mrs Burston

Year 9 Netball

The year 9 netball team were invited to the Royal High Invitational Tournament after their impressive performance at the nationals. The girls started the tournament with a tough match against KES, the first half was dominated by Wellsway thanks to Josie's



rebounds and Bea's interceptions. But in the second KES made a massive comeback, luckily Ellie's outstanding shooting led us to a 9-8 victory. The second match was against Royal High B, the girls played exceptional netball with Katy and Ruby P taking control of the centre court and turning over lots of ball to secure a 20-3 win. Next up was St Augustines, where Iris and Macey won every rebound and forced their shooters to make mistakes, which led us to a 13-5 victory. The girls then went on to play an extremely physical team from Kingswood School, Evie took control of the game as centre making accurate passes and stayed strong on the ball to win turnovers. Sophie's fantastic rebound and shot in the dying seconds led us to a 5-4 win. The final match was against Royal High A, where short, snappy passes from Ruby N and Anna helped

move the ball down court with ease, allowing Annie to show off her phenomenal shooting and win 8-3. The girls communicated well as a team, fought for every ball and dominated the court to win the tournament. Each individual player has worked extremely hard this season to improve and played some fabulous netball that the school can be proud of. Well done to everyone involved and congratulations on an amazing season!

Miss O'Malley

KS3 Boy's Hockey

The KS3 boy's hockey team had their first hockey match last Tuesday which saw them come up against an experienced Beechen Cliff side. The significantly younger Wellsway team started a little slowly but soon found their confidence to make it a good game. Sam and Joe formed a strong centre half partnership and withstood heavy pressure throughout the game. Young Year 7s Finn, Mark and Freddie particularly impressed with their excellent stick skills moving the ball up the pitch. Particular praise must go to Matt who volunteered to go in goal and made many impressive saves. In the end the more experienced opposition were able to see off the spirited Wellsway team and were victorious. It was fantastic to see many pupils represent the school for the first time in hockey and they all did themselves proud.

Mr Carr

Under 14 football v Heathfield Community School (Somerset Cup)

On Wednesday 13th February the year 9 football team travelled to Heathfield Community School in Taunton in the 3rd round of the Somerset cup. The two teams were fairly evenly matched and both teams came very close to scoring in the first half, but it was the home team who took the lead through an unfortunate bounce of the ball following a corner. The second half saw Heathfield start the better of the two teams, scoring two quick goals, and although Wellsway were able to gain more possession and territory in the second half, they were unable to score a goal of their own. Man of the match: James Burston. The focus now turns to the league fixtures which start after half term, with their first game on Wednesday 27th February away at St Gregory's school.

Mr Evans

Boys' football

The boys' football fixtures start the first week after half term on the dates below. Students will be informed via insight of team selection and also reminded in school:

Tuesday 26th February – Year 10 and 11 v St Gregory's school (Home)

Wednesday 27th February – Year 8 and 9 v St Gregory's school (Away)

Thursday 28th February – Year 7 and 12/13 v St Gregory's school (Home).

Mr Evans

U14 Girls' Football

This week the girls' U14 football team attended the BaNES tournament. After winning all of their pool matches we faced Ralph Allen in the semi final, we won this match 2-0 and faced St Gregory's in the final. This match went to a penalty shootout after extra time with us winning. Throughout the entire tournament the team worked exceptionally hard together and played brilliantly not conceding a goal throughout the entire tournament. Well done girls I am so proud of all of you.

Miss Randall



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
27.02.19	Psychology – final year Bath University student talking about career opportunities within psychology
06.03.19	The Civil Service – HMRC and more
13.03.19	Kier - Construction a National UK construction, services and property group. Building and civil engineering
03.04.19	Access Creative – A training provider specialising in creative & digital media; music, gaming, graphics, sound production & technology, performance

Upcoming Events –

Explore Law Event (year 10, 11,12)– The **University of Law** have an Open Evening. Wednesday 13th March, 4pm – 6.45pm. To book a place email; Hannah.pike@law.ac.uk for further information www.law.ac.uk/explore-law

Bath College Apprenticeships and Jobs fair – 27th March, Assembly Rooms, Bath 12pm – 5pm

Careers Announcement

From Term 4 (25.02.19) all student career action plans completed within the Careers Hub will be available for parents/carers to view within the Insight report section.

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

PTA News

Craft Fair

The Wellsway Craft Fair is a popular annual community event in Keynsham which raises in excess of £3000 to support projects that benefit the students of Wellsway School.

The fair is supported by Friends of Wellsway PTA, but additional help has been declining over recent years which means that the future of the fair is in doubt unless we can get some additional helpers.

We are looking for volunteers from both the parent body and the wider community to help with the organisation and running of the Fair, which usually takes place on the second Sunday of November. There are a range of tasks that we need help with in advance, such as marketing the event and the booking of stallholders, as well as a number of tasks on the day which range from setting up and clearing away, car parking duties, collecting admission money and selling tea and coffee.

Please consider supporting us to secure the future of this community event and the important funds it raises for our students. For further information, please contact pta@wellswayschool.com by 1st March 2019.



Community

Sculling Club



Sculling (rowing) club will be starting on Friday afternoons from 3:30pm – 5:15pm at Avon County Rowing Club in Saltford (The Saltford Rowing Centre) after half term. The first session will be 1st March. New recruits are welcome to come and have a go. It is fine to just turn up but better if you can email juniors@avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk or phone 0117 986 7934 to let us know you are planning to attend.

Penny Senior

Junior Coordinator, Avon County Rowing Club

Staff Vacancies

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