

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			
7			
8	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 7 th March	4.00pm – 7.00pm
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10	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 21 st March	4.00pm – 7.00pm
11	Internal Examinations	Mon 4 th March – Fri 8 th March	
Sixth Form	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 28 th March	4.00pm – 7.00pm

Last night's postponed Pathways Evening was a real success and it's been lovely to have already received a number of positive comments from parents about how informative and supportive teachers were on the subject stands and to have had so many questionnaires completed that indicate how well advised students feel they are regarding their options and future pathways. There was a real buzz in Mendip Hall and the conversations I had with students and parents across the evening showed quite how excited Year 9 are about their future Key Stage 4 studies.

It was also good to welcome Year 13 parents to our Year 13 Supporting for Success evening on Wednesday and for parents to be given a range of strategies and ideas to help their children prepare for their upcoming exams. Well done to our Year 13 speakers who presented their experiences of Year 13 studies and some honest feedback about what they find helpful.

Now that the evenings are slightly lighter, it's been a pleasure to welcome so many visiting sports teams to Wellsway School and to have had the chance to watch many of the matches and games, especially as we seem to be winning so many and to see such high numbers of students involved from Year 7-13. This really is a testament to how committed students are to succeeding in all aspects of their school life and to the many opportunities offered by the PE team.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

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

Insight will close on Monday at 8.30am therefore please make your bookings before this. Please be reminded that appointments can only be made using the parental login and NOT the students. All students will be sent home with their appointment lists early next week. 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 able to make bookings from 4.30pm on Monday 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

Good Diabetes Care in School Award – Survey for students with Diabetes

I am pleased to inform you that Wellsway School has been nominated for the Diabetes UK Good Diabetes Care in School Award. The award celebrates and showcases schools that deliver good care and support to children and teenagers with Type 1 diabetes. As part of the nomination, if your child has diabetes then Diabetes UK is inviting parents and carers to complete a brief online survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/school-nomination

Please follow the link to the survey if you would like to show your support or to oppose this nomination. The survey should take no more than two minutes to complete. You can answer this survey anonymously if you want to. Please be advised that you have until

Wednesday 13 March to respond to this parent survey. Responses to this parent survey will be used by Diabetes UK to assess our school's nomination for the award. You can find out more about the Good Diabetes Care in School Award at

www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award



Fighting hunger and tackling food waste

Earlier today we launched our membership with Fareshare.

FareShare South West forms part of the UK's largest food charity. They are one of a network of 21 similar centres located across the country, an independent franchised charity, all fighting the same issues: food waste and hunger.

Good quality, in date surplus food is taken to the Bristol warehouse and distributed to charity members within the community, which is then



Samples of food were handed out to students in Lansdown Hall

Did you know?
Over 270,000 tonnes of perfectly edible surplus food is thrown away each year. We along with Fareshare want to see that food put to good use



An eager Year 8 student dressing up as a strawberry

Punctuality

We have reviewed our systems for monitoring punctuality to lessons and are putting in place some new interventions to ensure it is outstanding across the school.

A warning bell is sounded to ensure students are on time for tutor time, Period 3 and Period 5. The warning bell is used because students are in unstructured time before these lessons.

The timings of each bell and the start of each of the lesson are detailed below.

Lesson	Warning bell	Start of lesson
Tutor time	Warning bell at 8.40am	Students should be ready to enter the classroom at 8.45am
Period 3	Warning bell at 11.20am	Students should be ready to enter the classroom at 11.25am
Period 5	Warning bell at 2.00pm	Students should be ready to enter the classroom at 2.05pm

As I am sure you appreciate, students who arrive late to lessons interrupt key learning for other students. If your child arrives after a lesson has started, they will be coded as 'L' on the register. Parents/carers will be notified by email of this lateness to lessons. We would appreciate all parents/carers discussing any lateness to lessons that they are notified of with their child and reinforcing the importance of being punctual to lessons.

Sixth Form

Year 13 Supporting for Success Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who supported this event on Wednesday 27th February, we hope you found it useful. A condensed version of the presentation alongside with the revision packs we handed out can now be found on the website [here](#).

Please note that a second version of the revision pack for Year 12 students has been created alongside this.

Music News

Choir

Choir has resumed on Thursday lunchtimes in M03. We're going to be singing Africa by Toto! New members are always welcome.

Year 7 Choir

Members of Year 7 Choir have voted to learn songs from The Greatest Showman. New members are always welcome. Every Tuesday lunch in M03. Bring your lunch.

Rock Club

A reminder that our Rock Club runs every Wednesday lunch in M03. The club welcomes all KS3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) students who would like the experience of playing in a band. Guitarists, bass guitarists and vocalists are particularly welcome!

Learning an Instrument

Learning an instrument can be a transformative experience, and we are delighted that the numbers of students learning to play an instrument, or having singing lessons, continues to grow. If you would like your child to start learning an instrument after Easter, please click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wellsway>. We offer lessons in clarinet, sax, flute, trumpet, trombone, violin, cello, drum kit, piano, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, rock guitar, piano and singing. Instruments can be hired for a nominal fee from BANES Music Hub. Please contact Ms McLean imclean@wellswayschool.com if you have any questions regarding this.

Open Mic Night

There is a sign up sheet for Open Mic Night which takes place on Friday 29th March. Any student is welcome to perform.

Visits

Ski Trip 2019 News

During half-term a group of 47 Year 10 students went skiing for the week in Italy. The students enjoyed an excellent week skiing in the stunning mountains of Passo Tonale. The conditions for skiing were perfect, with clear blue skies and lots of sunshine. All students made great progress, many having never skied before. Equally, members of staff also made great progress skiing and I would like to publicly thank all staff who assisted on the trip. On different occasions I was pleased to receive feedback from members of the public on how well behaved our students were. These students were great role models for Wellsway School and it was a privilege to share the week with them.

Mr Johnson

Ski Trip 2020 Update

We are pleased to update parents, carers and students that we have provisionally booked to take a group back to the same ski resort of Passo Tonale, Italy in 2020. Students who are currently in Year 9, will shortly receive further details of how to apply to join this trip which will take place from Friday 14th to Saturday 22nd February 2020. A deposit of £100, along with a completed form will be required to apply for a place on this ever popular trip. Please keep an eye out for further details.

Mrs Rogers

Paris 2019

We have had an outstanding response to this visit opportunity for Year 7 students. Applications are currently being collated and we will contact all applicants via Insight as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Battlefields 2019

Thank you to the many of you in Year 8 who have applied to join the trip to the Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium. We have been able to extend the deadline for applications to 9.00am on Monday, 4th March.

Sport

Mr Year 10 / Under 15 County Cup Football Wellsway v Stanchester

On Wednesday 13th February, Wellsway School hosted Stanchester Academy in the last 16 of the Somerset County Cup. Wellsway quickly settled into their passing and attacking game, dominating possession from the outset, Lewis Ewins in particular found lots of space out on the right wing and was able to take on his man and get lots of inviting crosses into the box. It wasn't long before Wellsway started to convert some chances with Charlie Peterson directing a lovely header from a cross into the corner of the net and Charlie soon made it two with a cool finish from a low cross. Wellsway continued to attack wave after wave whilst staying solid at the back with Dewi John and Jack Brown marshalling the team effectively from defence. Wellsway scored at regular intervals throughout the game, with an excellent solo goal by Oliver Trotman the highlight after a mazy dribble and deft touch to chip the keeper. Other goals came from Billy Brock x 2 and Seb Palmer - Houlden to leave the final result Wellsway 6 - 0 Stanchester.

Great result boys!

Mr Ive

Under 16 football v St Gregory's

On Tuesday 26th February, the year 11 football team played host to the traveling St Gregory's. This turned out to be a very competitive game, with both teams getting very close to scoring on a number of occasions. It was Wellsway who broke the deadlock, with a goal from Nick Jones. Soon after, the away team pulled a goal back to equal the teams, but Henry Shortridge scored a penalty for Wellsway to lead 2-1 at half time. The second half was just as competitive, but it was Wellsway who increased their lead through a Henry Fairbanks-Stallard goal. A very good performance from the whole team. Final score 3-1. Man of the match: Alex Phillips.

Mr Evans

Under 14 football v St Gregory's

On Wednesday 27th February, the year 9 football team travelled to St Gregory's school in their first game of the league season. It was Wellsway who started the better of the two teams, scoring an early header from a corner from Riley Gifford-Hobbs, and then adding so much pressure that an own goal was scored, taking a 2-0 lead mid-way through the first half. Wellsway relaxed a little, with St Gregory's pushing on and conceded two goals before half time to bring the score level. The second half saw Wellsway control most of the game and in particular the final 15 minutes saw Wellsway have numerous attempts on goal, but could not manage to find a winner. Final score 2-2. Man of the match: Max Tantram.

Mr Evans

Year 10 Netball

The year 10 Girls had a fantastic week of fixtures. They started strong against Writhlington beating their year 10 team 18-8, with player of the match going to Tilly Hathaway. The year 10 girls were also able to dominate the match against Writhlington's year 11 winning 36-15, with player of the match going to Grace Warren.

The girls then had a tough match against Hayesfield on Wednesday afternoon. After a strong performance from Evie, Rosie and Elena in defencing who were able to win lots of turnovers and rebound the girls were three goals up at half time. In the third quarter the fantastic combination of Tilly, Ffion, Holly and Evie in the attacking third helped us build up a 21-11 lead. Despite the lack of subs the girls played steady, safe netball in the last quarter with Freya owning her new position as WD to secure a 25-19 victory.



Year 7 Hockey

Year 7 hockey team have made great progress since Christmas. They are fully committed to training and are steadily improving their individual skills and their tactical awareness. On Wednesday the girls had the opportunity to play Hayesfield School and put their hard work into practice. It was a very even match with end to end action throughout. Bella, Lilly and Polly worked extremely hard in defence, making solid tackles and distributing the ball effectively. Sophia, Mindy (Captain), Darcy, Sophie T and Lucy passed well in mid-field and played some lovely balls through to our attackers, Carys, Katie and Sophie S. Finally Phoebe played brilliantly in goal, kicking confidently and making some excellent saves. The final result was a narrow victory to Hayesfield 3-2 but all the Wellsway players should be extremely proud of how they

played. I would like to thank Millie who helped with the prematch warm-up and Xanna who organised our substitutions. We look forward to playing Hayesfield again at the B&NES tournament on the 14th March.

Mrs Burston

Careers

Year 10 – Careers

Many thanks to the **Western Outreach Network** who came in to talk to our Year 10s on Monday 11th February about their options post-18. Very informative and a great way to start to prepare for life after Wellsway, although that is a way off yet!



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
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>

Staff Vacancies

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