

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	Last Day of Term 4	Friday 5 th April	
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10	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 21 st March	4.00pm – 7.00pm
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Sixth Form	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 28 th March	4.00pm – 7.00pm

Thank you to all the parents who attended last night's Year 8 Parent/ Carer Evening and to those of Year 13 who came in for meetings to discuss results from the last set of internal exams. It was once again a really positive evening to have so many conversations about how much students are enjoying their time with us at Wellsway and to hear about some of the opportunities they have been getting involved with.

Year 11 have had a busy week completing internal exams in a range of subjects and I must congratulate the vast majority for their conduct and attitude through these important assessments. I know staff will be dedicating many hours to providing useful feedback for the students and to inform their planning for the last couple of months the students have left with us before they sit their summer exams. Students should now be thinking about their revision timetables and ensuring they have all their notes complete to ensure that they have everything they need to revise from. It's been good to see how many have taken an independent approach to their studies by fully utilising the many revision resources available to them, such as GCSEPod and online apps that have been shared with students.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

National Governance Association action on school funding

Wellsway Multi Academy Trust Board is taking part in the National Governance Association (NGA) co-ordinated action on school funding, being held to draw attention to the underfunding that is causing significant issues for schools across the country. WMAT trustees attended the mass lobby of MPs in Parliament on 28 February and are now in the process of meeting with the local MPs to ask them to lobby on behalf of schools in their constituencies. On Monday 4 March there is a full Parliamentary debate on education funding taking place and attached, for your information, is the briefing paper prepared by the NGA for MPs.

Carnegie Awards

We will be starting the Carnegie Awards this month. For those who may not know, this is essentially like a book club, where we meet with a small (around 15-20) group of students once a week at lunchtime in the library, and discuss the books they have been reading. The Carnegie Award happens every year, and shadowing groups read the shortlist of books (there are 8 in total) by swapping them with each other, in the run-up to the winner being announced in June. Here's a link to the official website if you're interested in reading more about it: <https://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/carnegie.php>

Ideally we will be looking for around 15/20 students that are going to commit to coming most weeks, reading a good selection of the books. We are looking for students across all year groups with the first meeting being on the 28th of March.

Laura Carron

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

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 12 and Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 28th March 4.00pm-7.00pm

You will be able to make bookings via Insight from 4.30pm on Monday 11th 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

Revision Planning

All Year 12 and Year 13 students have now been issued with printed copies of revision planners and a simple, one page guide of revision and exam practice tips at home, to help them prepare for the upcoming exam period. Extra copies of this, along with other resources, can also be found on the website under the Supporting Success and Revision Planning Help headline [here](#).

Sixth Form Football

It was great to see the team in action again last week. We were very proud not only of the result (a 5-3 win against St Gregory's) but also in the way they conducted themselves and played the game.

Challenge Cup

It is still very close at the top after the Apprentice Round last term, with only a few points separating the top 3! Next up this term is the Sixth Form Bake-Off!

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

A reminder that if you wish for your child to start learning an instrument, you need to complete the survey link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wellsway>

Open Mic Night

A reminder that Open Mic Night takes place on Friday 28th March 7pm-9pm and is open to any student from Year 7 – 13 who wants to perform a solo or as a group. Students can sign up by emailing Ms McLean imclean@wellswayschool.com or using the sign-up sheet by the Performing Arts Office. Students can use a backing track or request accompaniment. In the past we have had a variety of styles from rock, pop and even opera! It's a very informal, relaxed evening and tickets can be bought on the door.

Summer Concert - PLEASE NOTE – The Summer Concert is now being held on Tuesday 2nd July

Visits

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; advanced notice that the deadline will be 9.00am on Monday 1st April 2019.

Mrs Rogers

Year 9 Geography Fieldwork Opportunity

Advanced notice that Year 9 students will receive a letter next week regarding a forthcoming fieldwork trip. The visit will take place on both Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April; students will go on the day relevant to their own learning group/class.

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 11th March

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.

Sport

Under 15 / Year 10 Football - Wellsway v St. Gregory's

Wellsway year 10 football team kicked off their B&NES league season by hosting St.Gregory's in a match that ebbed and flowed throughout! Playing up the hill and into a low sun, Wellsway uncharacteristically started the match slowly and came under pressure defensively from the lively St. Gregory's strikers. St. Gregory's forced Wellsway into a number of unforced errors, which lead to the leaking of 5 first half goals. After a tactical reshuffle at half time Wellsway came out showing true fighting spirit and with a clinical approach in front of goal were soon back in the game through a hat trick from striker Seb Palmer - Houlden and a well taken goal by Dan Simpson - Jarman. Wellsway pushed for an equaliser with a final 15 minute siege on the St.Gregory's penalty box, but the St.Gregory's defence held firm and clung on to leave the final score Wellsway 4 - 5 St. Gregory's.

Mr Ive

Under 19 / Sixth Form Football - Wellsway v St. Gregory's

Wellsway School sixth form football team put the disappointment of a County Cup quarter final exit before half term behind them, with a thumping 6-2 win against St. Gregory's in the B&NES league. Wellsway started strong and attacked with fluidity, pace and creativity throughout and grabbed an early 2-0 lead through a strong header from centre half Sam Parsons and a well taken, opportunistic goal from Will Humble. Regular goals in the second half followed through Max Pillinger, Toby Cooke and a 2nd from Parsons, it was a good all round performance from Wellsway with goal keeper Charlie Kelly pulling off a couple of outstanding saves to snuff out any chance of a St. Gregory's fight back.

Mr Ive

Year 8 Hockey vs Chew Valley

On Tuesday the Year 8 hockey team played against Chew Valley. The team played brilliantly. Ellie Scott made some fanatic tackles and interceptions and had some brilliant assists on a number of goal scoring opportunities. The mid-field team worked exceptionally hard together to work in both attack and defence, well done to all of you. A huge well done to Bea Gitsham on her first year playing as a goal keeper and making a number of brilliant saves, as well as Annie Brookes and Livy Bridgeman for playing brilliantly in their first matches for the school. Overall it was a brilliant game, despite some poor weather, with the Wellsway girls coming out on top winning 1-0.

I am so proud of all of you.

Miss Randall

Careers

Careers Hub (Located in the Sixth form corridor next to M32)

Open to ALL STUDENTS Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 3.00pm



Drop in to make an appointment, pick up information, ask a question OR Email amillard@wellswayschool.com



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?

Visit www.careerpilot.org.uk or <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

Wellsway School Careers Week

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March 2019

We are running careers based activities throughout the week to promote 'Careers'

Tutor time

Every tutor group will have a short Careers Quiz challenging 'stereo-types' within the work place.

Wednesday 13th

Lunchtime employer Pop-Up is **KIER** – a large National company involved in large scale **construction, engineering, civil engineering, Finance, everything HR, IT** and much more

Thursday 14th

Lunch-time Careers Quiz for all year groups. Based in the Sixth Form Learning Centre. House points awarded for completion of every quiz sheet.

Staff Vacancies

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