

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 <sup>th</sup> April	
7	Internal Examinations	13 <sup>th</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Various
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9	Internal Examinations	29 April – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Various
10	Parent/Carer Evening	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	4.00pm – 7.00pm
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Sixth Form	Year 12 & Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening Year 12 Internal Examinations	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 29 <sup>th</sup> April – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	4.00pm – 7.00pm Various

This week's PSHE sessions delivered by the senior leadership team to Year 7-11 students have been on sensitive but extremely important issues around online safety. We were impressed by how maturely students responded to the material – especially around the dangers of online grooming. The sessions also considered the information we share online and gave tips on how to control and protect this for both current and future safety, happiness and success. Please do discuss with your children and use the materials and links on our website for more information and advice. <https://www.wellswayschool.com/parent-carer#online-safety>

I'd like to thank parents for supporting our focus on punctuality and reinforcing the importance of this at home – we have seen some improvement across the week and will continue to work on this, not only so students don't miss key learning, but also to ensure good habits are formed for later life.

**Matthew Woodville**  
Principal

## News

### Parent/Carer Satisfaction Survey

Many thanks to those of you who completed feedback forms at our recent Year 8 parent/carer evening; more than two hundred were completed. We look at the responses from every parent/ carer evening as a senior leadership team and were delighted with not only how many responses we had, but also by the positive feedback and comments.

More than 95% of you feel your child is safe and happy at school, whilst over 98% believe your child is making good progress. We also appreciate the fact that some of you took the time to write comments praising staff for the lessons and enrichment activities they deliver.

Some questions were asked by parents and carers in relation to our systems for communication with teachers and tutors and one parent/carer asked if appointments with tutors could be included in our schedule for the evening. Whilst we appreciate the value of regular contact with the tutor, it is not possible to accommodate these meetings alongside the subject-specific appointments that our staff have on the evening. If you do wish to make contact with your son or daughter's tutor, please email [enquiries@wellswayschool.com](mailto:enquiries@wellswayschool.com) and place the name of the member of staff in the subject bar.

We were also asked if written reports could be included in the reviews we send home. Year 8 students will receive a written comment from their tutor and Head of House in the fourth review in June of this year. We don't include comments from subject teachers as we favour the combination of more frequent reporting of progress, attitude to learning, readiness to learn and independence, combined with face-to-face conversations at the parent/carer evening.

### Year 10 Parent/Carer Evening Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 4.00pm – 7.00pm

You are still able to make bookings until 9.00am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com)

## GCSE Languages

Students who study languages at GCSE will be given their individual time slot for their GCSE speaking examination by their class teacher. Students who study more than one language should discuss this **with** their teachers so a mutually suitable time can be arranged to ensure separation between these exams. We wish all these students best of luck in their final preparation and their exams.

**Miriam Wharf**

**Curriculum Director of Languages and Business**

## GDPR Consent Forms – update via Insight

As you are aware, we recently sent home a GDPR Consent Form to every student currently at Wellsway School. We still have a number of forms outstanding and have sent a reminder email to parents/carers of those concerned.

You will be pleased to hear that you are now able to update these details via Insight; therefore can we please ask that you log into your Insight account sometime over the next week to update this information. Please note that this is only available to update using the parental account and **not** the student account.

If you have received this email from us, can we please ask that you update this information as soon as possible? If you have more than 1 child at Wellsway School, you may have received this email because we haven't received forms back from both or all of your children, therefore if you need to check which child the email refers to then you can easily check by logging into your Insight account.

**How to update/check** - Once you have logged in, please click on **General - Personal Details** and then scroll down to **Parental Consent**. You will see 8 boxes with a description alongside - please can you tick the boxes you are agreeing to.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is most important for you to tick the box " **I understand that I am not permitted to take images other than for personal use and I will not distribute or post images online or on social networks such as Facebook and YouTube.**"

If you need a reminder of your Insight Username please email [insight@wellswayschool.com](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com)

Thank you in advance

**Exams & Data Team**

## Sixth Form

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

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## 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](#).

## Red Nose Day

Thank you to the Officer and Ambassador Team for organising a cake sale in the Common Room today to raise money for a good cause.



## Visits

### University of Bristol

On Wednesday 6th March, twelve year 9 students went to the University of Bristol to learn more about studying languages at degree level. The students were given two taster sessions including Ab-initio language sessions in Italian and Portuguese! We then heard from a panel of Year Abroad students and about various potential career options. The talks were really inspiring and enjoyed by all. Lil Scott said 'I found this trip really interesting and gave me an insight into university life and the different opportunities and jobs that come from taking a language at A-level and at university.'

### Paris 2019

A letter is being sent to everyone who applied for this visit. If you have not already received your letter, you should expect to do so over the next few days. Thank you for your interest in and support of this visit.

**Mrs Rogers**

## Sport

### Year 9 Football v Broadlands

On Wednesday 13th March the year 9 football team played against Broadlands in their second league game, following their draw against St Gregory's. Wellsway controlled the game from the start, despite a very spirited performance from Broadlands. The whole team showed excellent determination and teamwork throughout the game. Goals scored by Will H, Riley G-H, Leo M, Joe M (x3) and Max T (x3). Final score Wellsway 9 - 0 Broadlands. Man of the match: Joe M.

**Mr Evans**

## 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](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)

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

DATE	EMPLOYER	VENUE
20.03.19	<b>KIER Construction</b> – Large national company offering career within engineering, civil engineering, construction	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2.00pm
27.03.19	<b>Royal Navy</b>	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2.00pm
03.04.19	<b>Creative Access</b> – Creative media college in Bristol offering courses & careers within; Media (film, graphic & digital design) , music (performing, production and technology), IT Gaming	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2.00pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Bath College Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair** – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 12pm – 5pm  
<https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/event/apprenticeships-and-jobs-fair-march-2019>
- **Access Creative (Creative Media College) – Taster Day** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 10am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 4pm to book a place [www.accesscreative.ac.uk](http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk) or tel 0800 28 18 42
- **Access Creative (Creative Media College) – Open Day** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm OR 3pm to book a place [www.accesscreative.ac.uk](http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk) or tel 0800 28 18 42
- **Year 10 – 12 Interested in Medicine ?? Medic Mentor** are holding a **2 day conference** in Cardiff 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April. There is a charge ! [www.medicmentor.co.uk](http://www.medicmentor.co.uk) or Tel 01524 389772
- **dBs Music (production, live sound, game audio, sound engineering, music for film) – Undergraduate Open Day** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 3pm <https://www.dbsmusic.co.uk/open-days>
- **CMS Solicitors – Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme Information Evening**, Year 11 & 12 students, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, [www.cmsearlytalent.com](http://www.cmsearlytalent.com)

Looking for careers inspiration – [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk) OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

## Friends of Wellsway PTA



Please support your Friends of Wellsway PTA by signing up with  
**easyfundraising.org**



Are you thinking of booking a holiday online or switching energy suppliers? You could be collecting free donations for Friends of Wellsway PTA?

There are over 3,000 online retailers ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Argos, Marks and Spencer, Expedia and Tesco – and it doesn't cost you a penny!

### Just follow 3 easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wellswayschool/> and join as a supporter.
2. Search for your online retailer on the easyfundraising.org site and click on the retailer's link provided.
3. Do your shop as normal and after you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we'd be really grateful for your donations. Easyfundraising donations have so far raised over £400 to benefit Wellsway students.

\*Did you know over the years we've bought all sorts of things to improve the school environment? These include: bird-watching cameras; library furniture; washing machines for PE; outdoor seating; digital projectors; and science equipment to name just a few.

Please support us so we can raise enough for a new 'food servery' to help reduce queuing in the dining hall.

Thank you, and please encourage family and friends to sign up too 😊

## Staff Vacancies

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