

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
8			
9	Internal Examinations	29 April – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Various
10			
11	Start of GCSE Examinations	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Various
Sixth Form	Year 12 Internal Examinations Start of A Level Examinations	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Various Various

The sun has definitely raised our spirits this week and I know the students are looking forward to when we open the field – which we are hoping to do next week if the weather stays kind to us. What really raised my spirit and mood, however, was hearing the news that both our under 13 and under 15 football teams have made it through to the finals of the Somerset Cup – the whole school is behind them and we wish the teams the best of luck.

Last night's Year 12/13 Parent/ Carer Evening was another extremely positive evening and I know it will have been strange for some to think that this was the last one for their son or daughter. The conversations around the rooms highlighted how aware Year 13 are of their upcoming exams and how focused they are on making the most of the next few weeks; the Year 12 appointments were extremely positive and it was clear what a good start to Post 16 studies so many of the year group have made.

I know teachers are acutely aware that next term will go very quickly, especially with two bank holidays. It's important for everyone to have a good break over the holidays, but I strongly urge students taking exams this summer to ensure they have everything they need before we break for Easter to enable them to complete revision over the holiday so they feel fully prepared.

**Matthew Woodville**  
Principal

## News

### PSHE assemblies on knife crime

As part of our on-going programme of PSHE we will be delivering assemblies to students in Years 8 -11 to highlight the issues surrounding knife crime. These assemblies will take place next week and are designed to raise awareness of the life threatening and limiting consequences that are involved in carrying knives and/or, being involved in any way with others who do. The aim of the assemblies will be to inform students of the risks and the realities of knife crime and to remind students that whilst it has been very prominent in the headlines of late, the vast majority of young people do not carry knives.

**Leanne McNamara**  
ATL for RS and PSHE

### HAPs' Challenge Activity Morning

Within our challenge morning we learnt about various job opportunities and the requirements to get where you would like to be. It was very useful and interesting as it broadened my knowledge on topics from accounting to zoology, and has given me more of an understanding of possible future pathways.

**Ruby, Year 9**

### Rising Stars and Primary Schools' Event

Today was a chance to use, develop and harness new skills with key stage 2 pupils from our feeder primary schools. Not only was it very helpful to me, the group I was teaching also loved it and had a great time! Each group was given a specific text type to create with their group, focussing on a social divide. This was very interesting to learn about and a really enjoyable morning!

**Ruby, Year 9**

## Sixth Form

### Revision Planning

A quick reminder that the Year 12 and Year 13 revision packs can also be found on the website under the **Sixth Form Area / Results, exams and destinations** [here](#)

### Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you very much to everyone who came last night to help us all support our students in the run up to exams, it was great to see such a fantastic turn out once again.

### Challenge Cup – Bake-off Round

Well, we can't lie, it wasn't exactly the most onerous of tasks to spend three lunchtimes judging (eating) the gorgeous entries. Thank you to the students who took time out to create the lovely luxuries, and to the invited judges – no thanks needed.

Of course, this is all for the Challenge Cup. And the winners are.....to be announced next week!

## Visits

### Battlefields Visit

We are pleased to confirm that the Battlefields visit will take place in October. Next week, everyone who has applied for a place will receive a letter. The payment plan has now been revised - we do not expect any payments to be made until after this has been made available.

**Mrs Rogers**

### Rising Stars Theatre visit

On Thursday 14th March, a group of year 9s went to watch the play version of Noughts and Crosses: the novel we are reading and analysing in our English lessons. It was a fantastic experience and made a lovely change to our classroom environment. It definitely helped me with my understanding of the novel as I felt that the visual air may make it easier to create a mental image and then analyse the text.

**Rohan, Year 9**



## Sport

### Under 15 / Year 10 County Cup Football

Wellsway year 10 football team advanced into the final of the Somerset School's under 15 County Cup Football competition with a comfortable 2-0 win at Oldfield. The margin of victory could and probably should have been wider if the Wellsway strikers had turned up with their shooting boots on, as Wellsway dominated possession and created regular chances throughout the match. The Wellsway back four of Dewi, Joe, Lewis and Sam had excellent games, blunting any attacking threat Oldfield had to offer. Oliver and Billy also had strong games, breaking up attacks in midfield and playing penetrating passes through the Oldfield defence. The two goals came just either side of half time when Seb managed to poach both goals from inside the six yard box after good crosses from the wings.

Wellsway travel to Bridgewater FC after the Easter holidays to play Gordano School in the final.

**Mr Ive**

### Year 2 visit to Wellsway

On Monday we had the pleasure of welcoming over 180 Year 2 pupils from our local primary schools who were here to take part in a Multi-skills festival. They had the opportunity to work with our fantastic team of Sports Ambassadors, who lead them in a range of activities including basketball, hockey, netball and tennis. The weather was not particularly kind to us but the enthusiasm, positivity and professionalism of our Sports Ambassadors ensured that the children had a wonderful experience. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered.

**Mrs Burston.**

## U14 BANES Hockey Tournament

The U14 Boys Hockey team had a fantastic end to the term at the BANES Tournament. The first game was against Ralph Allen, Wellsway held control from the first whistle in the first half and patiently passed the ball through the team for Joe to score two fantastic goals. Ralph Allens goalkeeper kept them in the game during the second half despite Freddy and Fin's brilliant shooting. The final score was Wellsway 2, Ralph Allen 0. The second match was against Chew Valley School, where Sam, Mathew and Arthur dominated in defence to stop Chew from having a shot on target. Toby and Joe moved the ball perfectly through midfield to give Freddy and Joe lots of chances on goal to secure a 3-0 victory. A special thank you to Jonny, Mark and Oli for also playing for Chew Valley School as they were short on numbers and goalkeeper Isaac who kept a clean sheet throughout the tournament. The boys played strong attacking hockey to become BANES champions, all their hard work at training this year has paid off.

**Miss O'Malley**

## Year 10 Netball

The year 10 netball team had a fantastic end to the season at the BANES tournament. They started the tournament strong beating Chew Valley 11-4 thanks to Alice and Ffion's outstanding performance in centre court. They then went on to beat St Greg's 13-7 with Freya and Holly's fantastic movement around the D.

They then had a close match against Hayesfield but luckily came out on top thanks to Mia and Elena's fantastic defending and interceptions, winning 4-2.

In the semi-final Wellsway faced Writhlington, coming out on top with the final score 6-2 thanks to Tilly's fantastic shooting.

In the final Wellsway played the well drilled Oldfield, despite Grace owning control over the centre third we could not make the most of our opportunities at goal and sadly lost 7-3. Overall the girls put in a fantastic performance and should be very proud of what they have achieved.

**Miss O'Malley**



## Wellsway School- Dance Umbrella 2019

The Dance Umbrella is a flagship event of the BANES School Sport Partnership. The Dance Umbrella brings together young people from across Bath and North East Somerset in a celebration of dance and movement and provides pupils the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience at the Bath Forum.

This week sparked the first performances by Wellsway School at the 2019 Dance Umbrella at The Forum in Bath. We had 52 dancers perform in two different dances. We had 35 of our year 8 dancers perform an amazing Mamma Mia routine, incorporating lots of brilliant upbeat Abba music. We then has 18 dancers from year 8-10 perform a murder mystery routine based around the board game Cluedo. It was an amazing night, all students really enjoyed themselves and it was great to showcase what the students have been working on in their extra-curricular dance this year. I am so proud of them, if you missed their performance keep your eyes peeled for more information regarding Wellsway School's Afternoon of Dance on May 8th 2019, where the dancers will be performing again.

As well as having an impressive 52 dancers, we also had 14 fantastic Sports Ambassadors who helped to run the evening alongside the School Sports partnership. Without the help from these students the event would not have been manageable. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to; the staff and parents who gave up their time to help and support at the event, the parents who came to support the dancers and all of the dancers for working so hard.

Wellsway School will be dancing again at The Dance Umbrella on Tuesday 2nd April, with 38 year 7 students performing.

**Miss Randall**

## Interhouse competitions – Final week of term

The following competitions will be taking place next week. There is no need to sign up in advance, students just need to turn up at the time identified (with correct kit).

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - After school (3:15pm – 4:45pm)  
Football – Year 8 and 9 boy's on the field.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - After school (3:15pm – 4:45pm)  
Football - Year 7, 8 and 9 girl's and year 7 boy's.  
Girl's on the astro, boy's on the field.

### Years 10 and 11 will take place in half year groups during their core PE lesson as identified below:

Year 10 – Boy's football. Girl's basketball. 10X – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April P4. 10Y – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April P3.  
Year 11 – Boy's football. Girl's basketball. 11X – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April P5. 11Y – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April P3.  
**Mr Evans**



## Easter Holiday Activities

### **Wellsway Sports Centre**

- **Facility Block Cards** - Back by popular demand! For just £20 you can access the gym, 3g, sports hall or tennis courts 10 times during the Easter holidays. Minimum age 12 years, please call up in advance to ensure your facility is available.

### **SBL Sports Centre**

- **Stay and Play** - Suitable for children aged 1-8 years old, Stay and Play is a range of different activities including dodgeball, soft play, cricket and badminton. Running 9.30am - 11.30am on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of both weeks, Stay and Play is £2 per child, no need to book just turn up! Parents/guardians required to stay for the duration.
- **Soccer Shooters** - We are pleased to announce that after the success of the February half term, our partners Soccer Shooters will be back at SBL Sports Centre during the Easter holidays. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, they will be at SBL 8.00am – 4.00pm with a range of football related activities and games, perfect to keep your young ones busy during the break. For more information and to book your place, visit the Soccer Shooters [website](#) now!
- **Veritas Gymnastics** - Running Monday-Thursday, Veritas will be back offering 2 sessions a day for different age groups, including a tumbling sessions. Visit their Facebook page for more information and to book your place!
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### **St John's C of E Primary School**

- **Premier Sports Camps** – Based at St John's, Premier Sport will be delivering multi-sport camps for 5-12 year olds on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of both weeks from just £15.95 a day! See the attached poster for more information.

All information also on our websites [www.sblsports.co.uk](http://www.sblsports.co.uk) and [www.sportwellsway.com](http://www.sportwellsway.com)

## 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
03.04.19	Access Creative – 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 – 2pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **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

### Uniform Sale and Lost Property

Friends of Wellsway PTA is holding a used uniform sale on **Saturday 8 June 2019**, 10.30am to 1.00pm in the languages block. (Cash or cheque only, no card payment.) We'll also have a lost property box containing some coats left by students this year if anyone with missing coats wants to look through it.

If you have any out-grown uniform - please donate it to us! Just pop the clean clothing in a bag with 'PTA uniform donation' written on it and hand it to student support. Thank you for your support!

## Staff Vacancies

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