

THE AMMONITE

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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	First day of Term 5	23 rd April	8.40am
7	Internal Examinations	13 th May – 17 th May	Various
8			
9	Internal Examinations	29 April – 3 rd May	Various
10			
11	Year and Group photographs Start of GCSE Examinations	26 th April 13 th May	10.05am – 11.05am Various
Sixth Form	Year 13, Year and Group photos Year 12 Internal Examinations Start of A Level Examinations	26 th April 29 th April – 3 rd May 13 th May	9.05am – 11.05am Various Various

School is about so much more than exams and students have been involved in a wide range of activities this week that really exemplify what we believe in at Wellsway – celebrating success in its widest sense. Students from Newton house have responded with energy and enthusiasm to leading events linked to their Community Action Week – raising awareness about and funds for their chosen charity TIGER (Teaching Individuals Gender Equality and Respect). The week culminates today with a 'soak the teacher' event at lunch, with over 20 staff 'volunteering' to sit in what will hopefully be drier weather than the rest of the week and having wet sponges thrown at them!

At the end of last academic year, Curriculum Directors discussed the school's desire to provide a wider range of shorter trips and visits to enrich the curriculum and to provide students with a wider range of experiences that will stay with them after they leave Wellsway. There have been a wide range of activities planned to make this a realisation, such as virtually every Year 9 student visiting Lulworth Cove for the Geography trip this week. I was fortunate enough to go with Thursday's half of the year group and we had a great experience, despite the rain and hail, and I was extremely impressed by their conduct and attitude. Another new addition to the Wellsway experience this year has been the Principal's Lunch, and it was good to celebrate the work of Key Stage 3 mathematics students on Monday's reward lunch where the students almost managed to eat their way through the table of food provided!

Whilst there have been a lot of celebrations and fun activities taking place across this week within Wellsway, I am acutely aware that for a large number of our community, the next few weeks will be emotional and difficult as we approach the anniversary of the death of one of our students, Charlie Harris. We are offering support to individual members of our school community particularly affected and, as with any difficult time students may face, I would ask any parents who feel their child may need extra support or just a watchful eye, to contact their tutor or learning mentor. Charlie's year group left the school last summer and I'm sure will be marking his passing in friendship groups and they, and his family, are very much in our thoughts.

Matthew Woodville
Principal



News

Year 11 and 13 Year Group Photographs – Friday 26th April 2019

Year 13 Year Group Photographs will be taken at 9:05am (period 1).

Year 11 and Group Photographs will be taken at 10:05am (period 2)

All Students are to report to their Period 1 and 2 lessons as normal for registration, then go to Mendip Courts (Mendip Hall if inclement weather).

Please note, in order to be included in this photograph, Year 11 students are to be in full, correct school uniform and Year 13 students are to wear appropriate clothing (no crop tops)

Mr Comber

Community Action Week

All this week Newton House have been leading their Community Action Week Activities. It has been brilliant to see so many students getting involved with challenges such as the Balancing Inter-house competition and the Teacher Soak along with some spectacular cakes and sweet jars.

Newton students chose to support TIGER (Teaching Individuals Gender Equality & Respect) is a Bristol based not-for-profit co-operative working for young people by delivering a comprehensive programme of workshops that address gender based barriers to well-being, aspirations and well-rounded futures within school and beyond.



They prioritise tackling a number of key issues, including:

- Sexist bullying and sexual harassment within the school environment
- Educational attainment and student participation in traditionally gender biased subjects
- The increasing numbers of predominantly disadvantaged boys being educated within pupil referral units.

<http://www.tigerbristol.co.uk/about.html>

Always a favourite 'Soak the staff'



Many students have been looking forward to this all week. A huge thankyou to all staff involved as the weather was not on our side today. Good idea Mrs Tantram for wearing a swimming hat. All for a good cause.



WMAT Additional INSET Day, 25th October 2019

WMAT has decided to hold an additional INSET day in the next academic year on Friday 25th October 2019. This is to enable our schools to work on developing the curriculum.

Year 11 Prom Tickets – 20th June 2019

Please can I encourage you to pay for your child's ticket for the School Prom on Thursday 20th June. Payment can be completed via Scopay at the price of £20 per student. Please click on this link to access scopay <https://www.scopay.com/wellsway>

Many thanks,

Mr B Stirling-Turner

House Heroes – Term 4

Over the course of the week, each house has been holding their termly reward assemblies, recognising group achievement and individual success in relation to house points and attendance. An exciting development within the rewards system at Wellsway is recognising 'House Heroes' in each house. These are three students, selected at random who have achieved three areas of success within a term:

- 0 behaviour points
- 0 late marks
- 100% attendance

We are delighted to have forged a link with the Subway branch in Keynsham, who are rewarding these students with a free Sub of their own choosing. This is the first time this reward has been offered to students and we are sure it will be extremely popular, ensuring students are striving for the very highest standards possible.

On the link-up between Wellsway School and Keynsham Subway, Teshale Aklilu and Meaza Mebrahtu – franchisees of the Keynsham branch said, 'At Keynsham SUBWAY® we are committed to making a difference in the community and we are delighted to partner with Wellsway School in providing vouchers for their 12 house hero pupils. Well done to the first winners - we are excited to meet and serve our first Heroes their delicious Sub of their choice.'

In addition, we are always looking to forge links with other business within the local community. As requested in a previous Ammonite, if you feel you can support the school, do contact us via the email address on the school website.

Mr B Stirling-Turner

Sixth Form

Challenge Cup – Bake-off Round



Firstly, thank you to all who took part in our first ever Sixth Form Bake-off, and created such delicious creations! Whilst it was close, and judges were noted having to take second or even third portions of cakes just to be absolutely sure that their judgment was accurate, the honours in the end were taken by Mr Thompson's group courtesy of Rosie H, Miss Cox's tutor group through Lea T and Miss Long's group!



Overall, this puts Miss Long's group at the top of the Challenge Cup standings, with Miss Willis, Mr Mc Gettigan and Mr Thomson following closely behind!

Bring on the next challenge!

UK Taekwondo Champion

Congratulations to the truly outstanding Jasmine Reader who has just become UK Taekwondo Champion in both adult female (18-35yrs) patterns & sparring. She attended the UKITF Finals Championships in Reading, which sees those ranked in the top three of each category compete for the title of UK Champion, and Jasmine won both categories! This means she has finished the qualifying year ranked no. 1 in both disciplines and will now represent the UK at the European Championships in Cork, in July. This is the third consecutive year that she has won a UK title.

Revision Planning

A quick reminder that the Year 12 and Year 13 revision packs can also be found on the website under the Supporting Success and Revision Planning Help headline [here](#).

Visits

Year 9 Coasts Fieldwork Trip

Over two days this week all Year 9 students visited Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door in Dorset. The purpose of the visit was to provide students with the opportunity to explore a unique, beautiful and awe-inspiring stretch of the UK coastline with World Heritage Status. Students had the opportunity to investigate both physical and human processes, including coastal geology and landscapes and tourism opportunities and challenges. They collected data using a range of practical fieldwork techniques gaining new skills and deepening their understanding of geographical processes. Thanks go to all the staff who accompanied students on this visit, and also to parents and carers for their support.

BBC Good Food Show

Year 10 Students studying GCSE Food & Nutrition will be visiting the BBC Good Food Show at the NEC, Birmingham on Thursday 13th June. In order for tickets to be secured, a swift response is needed. Please make sure you respond to the Insight message requesting a response no later than 9.00am on Wednesday 24th April.

Battlefields 2019

A letter has now been sent to everyone who applied for a place on the Battlefields visit. A new payment plan has been issued with the next instalment due on 1st May. For those who unfortunately were not successful, please remember to return the form if you wish to be included on the reserve list.

Ski Trip 2020

We have now collated the many applications for this ever-popular visit and as expected the visit is over-subscribed. Work will take place over the holiday to prepare a letter confirming the outcome for every applicant; these will be sent out via Insight over the course of the first week of Term 5.

Careers

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



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

Either pop in OR Email; amillard@wellswayschool.com

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

Informal information and advice direct from employers, no need to book, just come on in

Term 5	EMPLOYER	VENUE
24.04.19	Intermediate/Advanced Apprenticeships after GCSE's Are you in yr 11, looking at an apprenticeship ? Do you know how an apprenticeship works ? Would you know where to find an apprenticeship ? What apprenticeships are currently available, applying for them This session is focussed towards apprenticeships at 16	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm
01.05.19	Higher/Degree Apprenticeships after A-Levels Are you in yr 12 or 13, looking at an apprenticeship ? Do you know how these apprenticeships work ? Would you know where to find an apprenticeship ? What apprenticeships are currently available, applying for them This session is focussed towards apprenticeships at 18	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm
08.05.19	Specsavers – The science behind eyes, Optometry as a career. <i>'the occupation of measuring eyesight, prescribing corrective lenses, and detecting eye disease'</i> Optometrists are primary health care specialists	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm
15.05.19	To be confirmed	
22.05.19	To be confirmed	

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Year 10 – 12 Interested in Medicine ?? Medic Mentor** are holding a **2 day conference** in Cardiff 6th – 7th April. There is a charge ! www.medicmentor.co.uk or Tel 01524 389772
- **dBs Music (production, live sound, game audio, sound engineering, music for film) – Undergraduate Open Day** Saturday 13th April, 10am – 3pm <https://www.dbsmusic.co.uk/open-days>
- **NHS, RUH Bath – Interested in Radiotherapy**, are you year 10 or above. Interactive radiotherapy Evening, Wednesday 1st May 17.30 – 19.30, Radiotherapy Dept, Building A12, RUH. **Booking is essential!** andrea.baynes@nhs.net
- **CMS Solicitors – Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme Information Evening**, Year 11 & 12 students, Thursday 23rd May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, www.cmsearlytalent.com

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



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 10th April and Thursday 11th 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 and www.sportwellsway.com

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>