

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	Internal Examinations Parent/Carer Evening	13 th May – 17 th May 13 th June	Various 4.00pm-7.00pm
8			
9	Internal Examinations	29 April – 3 rd May	Various
10			
11	Start of GCSE Examinations	13 th May	Various
Sixth Form	Year 12 Internal Examinations Start of A Level Examinations	29 th April – 3 rd May 13 th May	Various Various

I hope families had a good break and bank holiday weekend and for those who managed to take a holiday, that this week back hasn't been too much of a shock! I know it feels like we've fitted a week's worth of activities into a four day week here at Wellsway.

It was an absolute pleasure to be with both Year 11 and Year 13 today for their year group photos - unfortunately the weather forecast meant we had to be inside but the students were good humoured and I hope the students will be pleased with the end result.

Many parents take the time to write in and praise the work of some of our more recently appointed staff members and I am delighted to announce that Ms Mondair, who joined the English team in September 2018, has been shortlisted for the national TES New Teacher of the Year award - just one of eight who have been shortlisted from across the country. Ms Mondair has firmly established herself in the department and I'm sure the whole school community will wish her the very best of luck in the final stage of this award.

Some parents may be aware that we have recently advertised for a new Assistant Principal for Culture and Ethos. The successful candidate will work to further embed a culture of aspiration and celebration and develop this year's work to improve our systems for behaviour and rewards, working closely with Mr Comber who will focus on student welfare and development. We have been astounded by the response to this advert, with over 50 applications, which testifies to the strength of the school and Wellsway Multi Academy Trust and it has been wonderful to receive some really positive feedback from a large number of potential candidates who visited the school prior to applying for the role.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

Wellsway School Polling Station

The Drama studio at Wellsway School is being used as a community Polling Station on Tuesday 2nd May and Thursday 23rd May. We would like to inform you that school will be open as normal on these dates.

Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 13th June 2019

The evening will take place from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Appointments can be made via Insight from 4.00pm on Monday 20th May. Please note that appointments can only be made using the parental account and not the student account. If you need a reminder of your username please email insight@wellswayschool.com

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.

Passport to Prom Update

Early next week, we will be writing to Year 11 parents and students with the outcomes of this year's Passport to Prom. Our Year 11 students have been receiving regular updates throughout this year on their progress.

As we have previously explained, the Prom is part of our Rewards Programme and a specific reward for the vast majority of our Year 11 students who have demonstrated high levels of effort during this year. Students can become confident, respectful and successful learners by making the most of every opportunity offered to them, and it is these everyday efforts that we recognise in giving students the opportunity to take part in this special event.

We therefore look forward to welcoming our students to their Prom at Somerdale Pavilion on Thursday 20th June where they can celebrate the successes of their time at Wellsway School and take part in a fitting culmination of the hard work and efforts shown in school during this academic year. Enabling our students to reach their potential is hugely influenced by the strong home-school link that has been created over their time here at Wellsway. We would therefore, once again, like to take this opportunity to thank parents of Year 11 students for their continued support over the coming weeks.

Mr S. Hill
Assistant Principal



CRY Cardiac Testing at Wellsway School - 13th & 14th July 2019

A cardiac screening programme for people aged **14–35 years old** will be held at Wellsway School on the 13th & 14th July 2019. The screening is being funded in memory of Jack Boulton.

CRY's mission is to identify those that are at risk from sudden cardiac death. Sudden death syndrome is an umbrella term for the many different causes of young sudden cardiac death. These conditions include thickening of the heart muscle or an abnormal structure of the heart, and irregularities of the impulses that control the rhythm of the heart. Youngsters involved in sport, in particular, stress their heart the most and if they have an underlying cardiac abnormality, they are more likely to be at risk. It is important to emphasise that exercise is **NOT** harmful and sport itself does not cause cardiac arrest, but can exacerbate an undetected condition.

At a screening, your son/daughter will receive an electrocardiogram (ECG) that examines the electrical activity of the heart, and if required, an echocardiogram, as well as a physical examination. The ECG is a simple, non-invasive and painless test that will only take a few minutes to complete and is performed by qualified cardiac physiologists. The ECG results will be examined by a doctor in conjunction with a personal and family history questionnaire, and if a more detailed picture is needed some individuals will be required to undertake a follow-up echocardiogram. This is an ultrasound scan of the heart that looks at its size, structure and blood flow and takes about 30 minutes to perform. All results suggesting an abnormality will then be passed to CRY Consultant Cardiologist Professor Sanjay Sharma, a leading expert on inherited cardiac conditions.

If you would like to have your son/daughter screened, you should complete the following:

1. Visit <http://www.testmyheart.org.uk/private/>
2. Find Wellsway School listed for the 13th & 14th July. Click Register.
3. The password for this screening is **Boulton2019** .
4. Select a time slot and click 'register now'. (You can book up to 3 appointments at one time.)
5. Fill in the required details on the health questionnaire – this will take approximately 15 minutes.
6. **Once the appointment is booked, you will receive a confirmation email; this will include a consent form. Please download the document, read carefully before completing and take it with you on the day.**

Please note bookings will open from Monday 13th May for 2 weeks priority booking. The booking page will be opened to the public from Friday 24th May.

If you would like any additional information about cardiac screening please visit <https://www.c-r-y.org.uk/> Alternatively, please contact a member of the CRY screening team on ecg@c-r-y.org.uk or call **020 3691 0000**.

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 Supporting Success and Revision Planning Help headline [here](#).

Year 12 Internal exams

A quick reminder that these exams are being held next week. Please make sure that all students are aware of when each of their exams takes place, and turn up 15 minutes before the start time. All students have been given a timetable, which can also be found on Insight.

A royal date with Concorde

Attended by HRH Princess Ann, our Director of Sixth Form Mr Bray and three sixth formers aspiring to be aerospace engineers were invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Concorde flight from Filton on Tuesday 9th April. A chance to go on Concorde itself, chat with senior figures from the aerospace industry and government was followed by a formal dinner set under the wings of the amazing feat of engineering and imagination that is Concorde. It was an incredible experience, and a big thank you to Airbus and Aerospace Bristol for this fantastic opportunity.



Sport

Sport Extra-curricular activities

The time table for activities is now on the school website and all clubs/activities start from Monday 29th April.

Mr Evans



U14 Girls' Football

After winning the U14 BaNES Football tournament last term the girls' successfully qualified for the spring school games. The tournament started off with a close match against Nailsea School but within the first 6 minutes Wellsway were 2-0 up thanks to fantastic attacking play from Summer-Lily and Molly. Sadly Nailsea came back to beat us 3-2. The next match was against Hanham Woods, brilliant defending from Leah and Amelie kept us in the game but Hanham managed to sneak a goal in the last minute to win 1-0. Mangotsfield were the girls next opponents who had some confident shooters but Bea managed to make some unbelievable saves to keep the score 1-0. The last two games ended on a more positive note as the team settled into their rhythm and began to work together as a team. Wellsway beat St. Bedes 1-0 thanks to Celyn's strong central defending and Rosie's movement in mid field. The final game was against Gordano where some outstanding shooting from Mindy and great attacking play from Lola and Annie lead us to a 1-0 victory. Overall they played some brilliant football and a number of players impressed the county scouts. Well played!

Miss O'Malley

Music

Lots of Music groups will be resuming over the next couple of weeks, including orchestra, choir (Thursday lunchtime), Year 7 choir (Tuesday lunchtime), folk group and the jazz band. Instrumentalists who have lessons outside school are always very welcome to attend these groups. Our next orchestra rehearsal will be on Thursday 9th May.

Calling all drummers! Our Samba Drumming group, run by Mr Mills, will be starting on Tuesday 30th April 3.15pm-3.45pm in M03. The group is open to any student, no experience necessary. We are also looking forward to running some African drumming workshops in Term 6. Watch this space.

All KS3 classes now have a log in for Soundtrap, which they can also access at home. Due to the amount of students keen to use this programme, and to assist anyone student who needs to use our computers to access the Music homework, our computer room, Q03 will be open every Wednesday lunchtime.

Interested in learning a brass instrument? Our brass teacher is offering a free taster lesson to Year 7 and 8 students who might be interested in learning the trumpet or trombone. Please contact Ms McLean imclean@wellswayschool.com to register your child's interest.

Ms McLean

Visits

Ski Trip 2020

Everyone who has applied for the ski trip will receive a letter by the end of Monday confirming if they have a place. As always, this trip has been hugely popular and we encourage those who have not been successful to return the form to join the reserve list. In previous years, we have allocated places at a later date to some of those on the reserve list.

Year 7 Paris 2019

Polite reminder that the Year 7 Paris trip should be paid in full no later than Monday 29th April. This visit was heavily over-subscribed, please make sure that you have made payment to secure your child's place.

Year 8 Battlefields 2019

The next instalment for this visit is due no later than Wednesday 1st May. Please remember to check your offer letter to ensure that you to adhere to the payment plan.

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
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	Tiger Martial Arts – Apprenticeships and a career within martial arts	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm
22.05.19	To be confirmed	

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **NHS, RUH Bath – Interested in Radiotherapy**, are you year 10 or above. Interactive radiotherapy Evening, Wednesday 1st May 5.30pm 7.30pm, Radiotherapy Dept, Building A12, RUH. **Booking is essential!** andrea.baynes@nhs.net
- **Bath College Open day** – Wednesday 1st May, 4.00pm – 8pm (City Centre Campus)
- **CMS Solicitors – Solicitor Apprenticeship Programme Information Evening**, Year 11 & 12 students, Thursday 23rd May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, www.cmsearlytalent.com
- **Interested in Midwifery, are you in Yr 11/12/13 ??** – RUH, Bath are holding 'A Day in the Life of a Midwife', Friday 12th July, 9.30am – 3.30pm. For further information and an application pack please pop in to the Careers Hub. **Enrolment is through school only.**

Looking for careers inspiration – 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>