

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			
10			
11	Start of GCSE Examinations	13 th May	Various
Sixth Form	Start of A Level Examinations	13 th May	Various

In an ideal world, students would routinely talk to parents and carers about their day at school, but I know the reality of living with young people can be a very different experience! I thought it important, therefore, to share what we have been talking to students about in assemblies this term where we have revisited expectations to ensure our school environment is as positive as it can be for the whole school community.

I regularly receive positive feedback about how respectful and well behaved Wellsway students are, both from visitors to school site and from members of the local community. In the main, students conduct themselves in exactly the way we would expect, such as Year 9 who have been extremely focused and well behaved in exams this week. Unfortunately, however, this is not always the case, and it has been upsetting to receive some recent reports about students behaving in an unacceptable manner in the community. We respond as quickly as we can to such reports and have investigated and put sanctions in place for the ones this term, and have spoken to all Year 7-11 students about how disappointing and distressing these incidents are for all involved. I was especially shocked this week that some students thought it acceptable to come onto school site over the weekend and cause damage to Chandag Infant School – Wellsway School site is open for access to the Sports Centre only and I would appreciate parents and carers reinforcing this at home.

Students have had two assemblies this term about expectations of their uniform and conduct including the rationale of why we have the rules we do, many of which have been requested by student voice, such as no students in corridors at lunch and break to prevent narrow spaces becoming crowded and intimidating. We also launched the local Sugar Smart campaign last week, where we are challenging all members of the community to consume less sugar and have banned fizzy drinks from school site.

Please click on this link to view the assembly presentation [Expectations Assembly - May 2019](#)

Thank you to all parents and carers who regularly support the school in enforcing these rules and expectations - it is only by working together that we can all ensure students have the best possible experience at Wellsway School.

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



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

Sixth Form Induction Day

Just a quick reminder to all students applying to come to Wellsway Sixth Form in September that this event will take place on Wednesday 26th June. More details will follow shortly.

Sixth Form – What have we been up to?

It has been a very busy last couple of terms with so many events happening in Sixth Form, so we have tried to capture a little of that in our latest [update here](#). Lots of articles from students (both past and present), staff and a few updates! Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to put it together!

Sport

No Athletics Club Tuesday 7th May

Due to a significant amount of school fixtures there will be no athletics club running on Tuesday 7th May. This will resume on Tuesday 14th May as normal.

Mr Ive

After School Badminton

Due to exams taking place, after school badminton will be happening one more time this term, which will be **Monday 13th May** and will be a summer tournament. Taking place 3.30-4.45pm, £3 per player

Facilities for hire

Whether it be a sports camp for the school holidays or a meeting room for your company, we have a wealth of facilities available for hire throughout Wellsway Multi Academy Trust.



Salsa has landed at Wellsway!

Wellsway Sports Centre now has Salsa taking place every Sunday evening, £7 per person. Contact Keynshamsalsa@gmail.com for more information

Year 10 rounders

The year 10 girls had a fantastic turn out for their first rounders fixture of the year. The girls started off the evening with a strong performance against Oldfield, scoring an impressive 7.5 rounder's to Oldfield's 3. Well done to Millie R for being voted player of the match for her fantastic performance on second base. The second match was against Hayesfield where the girls put in some impressive batting and outstanding fielding to narrowly lose by 3 rounders. A special mention to Holly J who was voted player of the match for her incredible catching. Overall the girls had a very successful evening.

Miss O'Malley

Excellent start for the Year 7 Rounders team.

The Year 7 Rounders team played in their first competitive matches this Wednesday. Both Oldfield and Hayesfield travelled to Wellsway and we took part in a triangular fixture. We played Oldfield first, winning the toss and opting to field. The side focussed really well, making good decisions and only allowed Oldfield to score 3.5 Rounders. We batted confidently, with Jean, Mindy, Katie, Phoebe and Molly all scoring full Rounders. The final score was a win to Wellsway 8-3.5. (player of the match-Mindy.)

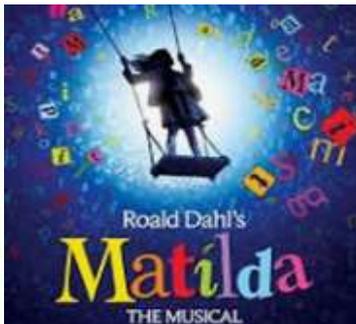
In the second game we played Hayesfield. We lost the toss and they put us into bat first. The girls continued to strike the ball well and Holly, Bella, Lily and Phoebe all scored full Rounder's. We made some mistakes in the early part of the second innings but settled ourselves and communicated well in the second half to ensure a victory 8-6.5. (player of the match-Sofia H) Well done to all the girls who took part.

Mrs Burston.



Visits

Matilda The Musical



A letter has been sent via Insight to parents and carers of students in Year 7 and 8 this week, giving the opportunity to see Matilda The Musical at the Bristol Hippodrome. Roald Dahl's much-loved masterpiece has been turned into a multi-award winning musical by the Royal Shakespeare Company, featuring original songs by Tim Minchin. Matilda The Musical features a music-filled story of an extraordinary little girl who is armed with wild imagination and a genius mind, and turns an all-time favourite children's novel into a hit musical for all ages. Places are limited to 50 for each year group, names will be drawn at random from all those who return the consent form by the deadline of **9.00am on Tuesday 7th May**. Forms should be put in the orange box in Student Support. You will be notified of the outcome of your application via Insight. If successful, you will then be required to make payment of £17.26 online.

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
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 –

- **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>



Rotary Annual Grand Spring Plant Fair

At the Fear Hall, High Street, Keynsham
on Saturday 18th May 2019

HUGE variety of plants at competitive prices.

Seating for coffee and biscuits, cake and book stall.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Free entry.

**Proceeds in aid of "Meningitis Now"
and other Rotary charities.**

**Organised by the Rotary Club of Keynsham
Please come along and support us.**

With grateful thanks to Andrews Property Group, Keynsham for supporting our fair.

Information and contact at: keynshamrotary@hotmail.co.uk or web site www.keynshamrotary.org

Rotary charity No: 1030596

"Meningitis Now" charity No: 803016