

# 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	Inset Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	
7	Internal Examinations Parent/Carer Evening	13 <sup>th</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> May 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Various 4.00pm-7.00pm
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11	Start of GCSE Examinations	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Various
Sixth Form	Start of A Level Examinations	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Various

It was great to see so many Year 4 students walking across the site on Wednesday for the Year 4 Indoor Athletics Festival who were greeted and supported by over thirty of our Year 8 and 9 Sports Ambassadors. This key aspect of student leadership is an important tradition at Wellsway and provides our students with the opportunity to develop important skills as well as giving them some lasting and fond memories of working with students from different schools and age ranges from across the local community. We look forward to many more such events across the coming months and hope the weather for these future events is kinder than the downpours we had this week!

Something else that I hope becomes a tradition at Wellsway School is the Afternoon of Dance – we had over a hundred students involved in the event on Wednesday after school, which is a testament to the hard work of staff and student commitment. I was disappointed not to be able to attend it – but by all accounts, it was another real success so well done to all involved.

Now that it does appear that high pressure is on its way in, may I take this opportunity to remind parents that our school uniform policy remains the same- with students expected to wear blazers and ties with shirts tucked in and that neither leggings nor trainers are to be worn. The vast majority of students are complying well with this and thank you to those parents who help to ensure Wellsway students show pride in their school through their smart appearance.

Finally, good luck to all our students sitting exams over the coming weeks. This time of year can always be quite daunting but we are really proud of how hard the students have prepared and approached their revision, attendance has also been high at extra support sessions. I would personally like to wish them all the very best of luck.

**Matthew Woodville**  
Principal

## News

### Tes Schools Award 2019

We are very proud to announce that Miss Mondair of Wellsway School has reached the finals of the National TES Award for the category of  
**'New teacher of the year'**

*"This nomination is well-deserved as Miss Mondair is an exemplary teacher who has involved herself enthusiastically in both the work of the English department and the whole school"* said Ms Brooks, Curriculum Director of English

Miss Mondair is now looking forward to attending the House of Commons on the afternoon of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June



## Year 11 Leaver Hoodies



Always an exciting day for our year 11 students who were given their leaver hoodies yesterday. Suddenly leaving school becomes a reality. These year 11 girls who have been best friends since year 8 said they were feeling quite emotional.

Year 11 students are now allowed to wear these in place of school blazers, but all other uniform remains the same.

## Tackling exam stress



We have a new display board in the library that helps give 10 practical tips of how to deal with stress, particularly during exams. There is also some self-help books that are available for students to access. Please pop in to have a look.

Laura Carron, Library



## Wellsway School Polling Station

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

## Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The evening will take place from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Appointments can be made via Insight from 4.00pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ecg@c-r-y.org.uk) or call **020 3691 0000**.

## Sixth Form

### Year 13 – Keeping up the Momentum

We have been proud of the focused and positive way our Year 13s have so far approached the exam season. Attendance and punctuality have been good and they are giving themselves a great chance for success.

When revising we would ask that parents/carers ensure that students are working on weaknesses in their studies, rather than their strengths. They can use their teachers, support sessions, PLCs, support plans, silent-study Sixth Form Learning Centre and [revision plans \(for both students and parents/carers\)](#) to aid them; remember now is still the time to push through by making every second count.

To continue to support students their lessons will carry on as normal in Term 6, and students will be expected to attend until all the exams for that subject are over.

### Sixth Form Challenge Cup

Next round this term is the fancy dress netball tournament on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Teams are organised, rules are written - ready to go!

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### Wellsway Sports Ambassadors raise the profile of PE and Sport in our local Primary Schools

On Friday 3 of our year 9 students, who are all Sports Ambassadors, visited Saltford School to lead a whole school assembly. Primary schools are constantly looking at ways of raising the profile of PE and Sport across their schools and asked our team of Sports Ambassadors if they could help with this challenge. Sophie L, James B and Anna M, who all attended Saltford School, delivered talks describing how they became involved in participating in particular sports, achievements they have gained, challenges they have faced and who inspired them. They were all very nervous before hand but I was so proud of how well they spoke in front of over 400 children and staff. Sophie L had produced a power point, James B talked about the Sports Ambassador programme and Anna M helped run a question and answer session at the end. Well done to all 3 students involved. I am looking forward to taking students into our other local primary schools in term 5 and 6.

**Mrs Burston.**





### **Year 10 / Under 15 County Cup Football Final**

Last week Wellsway faced off against Gordano School, at Bridgwater College, in the final of the Under 15 Somerset County Cup. Wellsway quickly settled into their passing and counter attacking game, exerting pressure on the Gordano defence. Wellsway took an early lead through an excellent finish by Charlie on the back of some fine wing play by Lewis and Seb.

During the 2nd half Wellsway took complete control of the game, Jack, Dewi, Joe and Sam were calm and controlled in defence, breaking down any Gordano attack. Wellsway's midfield demonstrated fantastic box to box work rate and dominated possession. Billy, Olly, Harry, Jamul and Jack all having strong games, creating chances for Strikers Dan and Seb, who linked brilliantly.

Seb in particular was ruthless in front of goal and bagged himself a 2nd half trick, claiming the match ball and ensuring Wellsway School were crowned Somerset FA Under 15 County Champions.

This is a fantastic achievement for a talented and dedicated group of young men. The chemistry and cohesion they have as a team, both on and off the field has led to them playing some beautiful attacking goo and is something to be truly proud of. They have been a pleasure to coach for 4 years!

Congratulations boys, well deserved!

**Mr Ive**



### **Olympic gold medalist hockey player visiting Wellsway**

We are very lucky to have GB Olympic gold medalist Crista Cullen coming to visit us on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May after school to do a one-off coaching session. This has been arranged as part of our association with Keynsham Hockey Club. The session runs from 3.30-5.00pm and is free of charge.

If you play hockey in one of the school hockey teams or play hockey outside of school, you are invited to this amazing opportunity to be coached by the former England and GB Olympic centre forward. It's open to everyone, boys and girls, no matter whether you have only been playing hockey for a few weeks or a few years.

If you would like to take part, please email Keynsham Hockey Club at [academy@keynshamhockey.club](mailto:academy@keynshamhockey.club)

### **After School Badminton**

Due to exams taking place, after school badminton will happen one more time this term, which will be **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Keynshamsalsa@gmail.com) for more information

## Visits

### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

This weekend over 70 Year 9 students will be taking part in the two-day practice expedition ahead of their qualification at the end of June. Students will camp, trek and navigate their way through check points across the Mendips supported by over 10 Wellsway School staff, in addition to the staff from our provider, *Mendip Outdoors*. We wish all our students well for this weekend; thanks go to parents for their support, encouragement and taxi services and to our staff giving so generously of their weekend.

### Wimbledon Tennis Championships

Year 9 students have the opportunity to apply for one of the ten tickets we have been lucky enough to secure for this event. Students who are particularly interested in tennis and are involved in extra-curricular tennis in and out of school will really benefit from this experience. Names will be selected at random from the list of applications received by the deadline. Full details have been sent via Insight; note the deadline of 9.00am, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### Matilda The Musical

As expected we have had a great response to this visit opportunity. Names have needed to be selected at random from those who applied by the deadline. Year 8 students have been notified of the outcome and for those who have been successful, payment is required by a tight deadline of 9.00am, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Please make payment to ensure the place is secured for you. For Year 7 students, the outcomes will be confirmed via Insight early next week.

### Yeo Valley Farm

Year 10 Food & Nutrition students have the opportunity to visit this farm that is responsible for producing many delicious dairy products. Students will observe the production of the products from farm to shelf. The trip, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May will provide pupils with a detailed understanding of the production of dairy products, industrial food production and jobs that are available to pupils studying food and nutrition. Deadline for applications is 9.00am, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## 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](mailto: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	<b>Specsavers</b> – 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	<b>Tiger Martial Arts</b> – looking at apprenticeships and career opportunities within martial arts !	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm
22.05.19	<b>Way Ahead Care</b> – Career options and opportunities within health & social care	Careers Hub 1.30 – 2pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **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)

- Access Creative College (Creative Media) Open Day, 28<sup>th</sup> May [www.accesscreative.ac.uk/bristol](http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/bristol)
- RUH Bath, 6<sup>th</sup> Form Conference. 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June For further information please contact [amillard@wellswayschool.com](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com) or drop into the Careers Hub

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>

## Community



# 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](mailto:keynshamrotary@hotmail.co.uk) or web site [www.keynshamrotary.org](http://www.keynshamrotary.org)

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