

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	Inset Day	Monday 17 th June	
7	Internal Examinations Parent/Carer Evening	13 th May – 17 th May 13 th June	Various 4.00pm-7.00pm
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Sixth Form			

Term 5 is always a busy term, and this one is no exception, especially with two bank holidays in it and the start of the external exam season. Year 11 and 13 have got off to a good start and it's been great to hear so many conversations between students about the different ways that they are revising and the use they are making of the various resources provided by the school. I have been particularly pleased at how many 'walking talking mocks' we have been able to schedule this year for Year 11 - where students are taken through an exam paper in the immediate run up to an exam - with a teacher delivering the techniques for approaching questions and highlighting common errors that students can make. Student feedback about these has been really positive and I am sure they will get just as much from the remaining sessions planned.

Despite the unavoidable pressures of exams, it is vital that students still take time out to look after themselves, and it was a real pleasure to see so many sixth form students involved in the Sixth Form Challenge Cup after school last night - playing netball with some good natured rivalry and competition. A much needed respite for some, I am sure! Last night also saw one of our most well attended Challenge sessions, led by Mr Bye and organised by Miss Kurton - well done to all the students who put themselves forward for this - a real testament to your commitment and attitude to learning.

I am so proud that after Duke of Edinburgh not existing at Wellsway when I started here, last weekend saw an amazing 76 Year 9 bronze participants completing a challenging yet enjoyable weekend of walking and camping in the Mendips. I passionately believe in the power of experiences like this and DofE, along with a great many curriculum trips across the year, have been brought in specifically to provide students with opportunities to have the best ever experience at Wellsway, in all senses.

While students around the country are busy revising and sitting external exams in Term 5, staff in every school are also busy behind the scenes finalising recruitment for the next academic year. We have been delighted with the appointments we made last academic year and our new staff have had such a successful start to their career with us at Wellsway; I am proud of the high number who will remain in 2019-20 and who will be joined by some fantastic new colleagues who we have appointed in the last month.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

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

Just a reminder that Insight will open and be available for you to make your appointments from Monday 20th May at 4.00pm. Please click on this link for instructions of how to book [How to book appointments](#)

Please note that appointments can only be made using the parental account, therefore if you need a reminder of your username please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Challenge Programme

Students involved in the Challenge Programme had the pleasure of attending an Art and D.T. session, focussing on the work of Judy Chicago. The students worked brilliantly in teams and used their creative skills to create a placemat, plate and cutlery on the theme of a prevalent topic. A fantastic session, enjoyed by all!



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

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

Thank you to everyone who came to the Challenge Cup Netball Round last night. It was great to have a little fun as a sixth form community, see some lovely fancy dress costumes and have some healthy competition! The points are being tallied up and the results will be announced shortly.....

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 and invites will be out next week.

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!

Ten Tors

Congratulations to **Max Henry** in Year 13 who led Downend Scouts at the Ten Tors event last weekend walking an incredible 55 miles and cutting an hour off the previous record. They came 2nd in route W starting at 7am on Saturday and walking through till 21.21 then up again on Sunday from 5.44am to the finish line at 11.53am!

Sport



Under 13's and U15's Tennis

The U13's and U15's Girls' tennis team had a well contested fixture against Redmaids School on Wednesday afternoon. The U13 team consisted of Millie D, Izzy S, Bella G and Freya O. The girls' teamwork and communication really impressed me during their doubles matches but Redmaids were the more experienced team and won 6-0. The U15 team consisted of Mia G, Poppy H, Lauren A and Anna M were able to maintain their accurate serving and movement around the court to win 4-2. Well played girls it was a fantastic evening of tennis to watch.

Miss O'Malley

U14 BaNES Football

This week the U14 girls' football team attended the BaNES Football Tournament, captained by Celyn Garton. The team was made up of a mix of year 7 and 9 students, Lily, Gracie and Celyn worked exceptionally well with the younger students to support them in the competition, which was brilliant to see them taking on such a fantastic leadership role.

In the pool stages we faced; Oldfield, Ralph Allen, Somervale B and St Gregory's, the girls played exceptionally well together not conceding one goal throughout the pool stage. They topped their pool and progressed onto the semi-final. In the semi-final the team face Broadlands, the team worked exceptionally hard together with Rosie making an excellent diving save to win the game 1-0 and progress onto the final. In the final they faced Somervale A team, the game was 0-0 so went into extra time, after extra time we still had a 0-0 score, and therefore we went to penalties. After a nail biting round of penalties it went to sudden death, after Somervale missed their penalty we knew we had a chance. Lily Reed stepped up to take the penalty, aiming it into the bottom left hand corner of the goal she brought the team to victory.

I would like to mention all of the team separately here because each of them worked exceptionally hard and played a vital role in the team's victory. Well done to; Lucy, Mindy, Rosie, Gracie, Lilly and Celyn.

Miss Randall

Tennis 4 Girls – National Lottery Funded

Please click on the following link from Team Bath Tennis who have been awarded with funding from the National Lottery to deliver a fully funded tennis programme aimed at teenage girls who are not currently playing tennis.

[Girls 4 Tennis National Lottery Funded](#)



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
22.05.19	Way Ahead Care – 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 23rd May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, www.cmsearlytalent.com
- **Access Creative College (Creative Media) Open Day**, 28th May www.accesscreative.ac.uk/bristol
- **RUH Bath, 6th Form Conference. 26th – 28th June** For further information please contact amillard@wellswayschool.com or drop into the Careers Hub
- **Medic Mentor – 2 days of medical workshops; Medicine, dentistry or veterinary.** There is a charge; Cardiff 13th & 14th July for further information <https://medicmentor.co.uk/national-healthcare-weekend/>
- **A Day in the Life of a Midwife – Years 11/12/13**, Friday 12th July, RUH, £25 per student rachel.coleman@nhs.net

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

Friends of Wellsway PTA

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>