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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	Parent/Carer Evening	13 th June	Various - 4.00pm-7.00pm
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Sixth Form			

As we look towards what should hopefully be a dry bank holiday and half term break, I know there are many students preparing for a week of revision – whether that be for GCSEs, A-Levels, Year 10 internal exams or Year 12 resits.

On Wednesday, I was planning to congratulate Year 11 in today's entry for their attitude and attendance at exams and revision sessions. It has been a real shame, however, that many Year 11s opted not to attend today – and for some this was supported by parents. As Mr Cooper outlined in his recent letter to parents of Year 11, teachers are focusing on assessment techniques in their lessons and many of the activities have been deliberately planned to coincide with the exams to give subject specific help in advance of exams.

Most students have exams right into mid-June, with GCSE Physics Paper 2 on Friday 14th June and although there are some lessons and times that have been identified when students will be free to leave the school site and study at home, it is essential that they attend the sessions planned. Many Year 11 students missed both English and maths today, which means they missed key revision activities that staff had spent a lot of time and energy creating as part of a bespoke revision programme. I know many teachers were disappointed to see so few students in one of their last lessons before exams the first week back.

On a more positive note, I'd like to congratulate the rest of the school community for how respectfully they have been behaving around the site when exams have been going on – they have shown maturity in understanding that this will shortly be them sitting exams and their compliance with being quiet and staying away from examination rooms has been helpful. For those in year groups not sitting exams, there have been a number of exciting events this week – such as a trip to Matilda for Year 7; a trip to Yeo Valley Dairy for Year 10 students and Sports Leaders supporting Chandag Juniors' Sports Day. We are in the process of finalising plans for our own Sports Day – which looks like it will be a really positive event, which we're all hoping the good weather continues for.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

BANES School Funding Crisis

You may have seen coverage in the national and local media about the situation with schools funding. [This is directly affecting our schools now](#). Schools in Bath and NE Somerset (BANES) are experiencing unprecedented cuts to school budgets. Between 2013/14 and 2018/19 spending per child in BANES schools is down in real terms by -8.8% in Bath Constituency and -6.7% in NE Somerset¹; while pupil numbers and costs have gone up.

If you would like to support a BANES-wide campaign, led by parents and carers - and supported by head teachers and chief executive officers please read the letter attached.



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

Just a reminder that Insight is now open for you to make your appointments. 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



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**.

Visits

Matilda

Over the last two Wednesday's we have taken 100 students to see '**Matilda the Musical**' at the Bristol Hippodrome. The show was fantastic and really gave our students something to inspire to! The set, acting, singing and dancing were all excellent, and lots of children were happy and singing the hits from the show on the way home. Students' behaviour was really exceptional. Well done everyone and we look forward to our next theatre visit to the Bristol Old Vic with Year 10 next term.

Miss Davies

Chemistry Workshop

Year 12 Chemistry students will be given the opportunity to attend a Chemistry workshop at Bristol University on Friday 21st June. The group will visit and experience some of the best teaching laboratories in the world; the event will be led by specialists in the field using apparatus and materials that would not be available to our students without this opportunity. More details to follow via Insight in the first week of the new term.

London Art Galleries

This week we have launched a visit opportunity for students in Years 10 and 12 who are studying Art. The visit will be to two galleries, the Tate Britain and the National Gallery where many of the most famous paintings on public display are housed, such as Constable's 'Haywain', Monet's 'Water Lillies' and the Leonardo 'Cartoon'. Students will have the opportunity to view the sights of London including Trafalgar Square and St Paul's Cathedral when travelling between the galleries. Sign up before 9.00am, Monday 10th June to join this special visit.

Wimbledon

Thank you to all those who expressed an interest in this visit. We have now collated the applications received by the deadline and expect to be able to confirm the outcome early in the new term.

World Cup Cricket

We have been lucky enough to secure tickets to take a group to watch the World Cup Cricket match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Friday 7th June. Students who have taken part in extra-curricular cricket have been invited to apply for this unique opportunity. Deadline for applications 9.00am, Tuesday 4th June.

Year 11 Leavers' Bowling

You will have the chance to make payment for this visit early in term 6. We will send an email via Insight to advise you once the payment option is online. Thank you to all those who have already expressed their interest in signing up.

Sport

GB hockey star comes to Wellsway

Wellsway Sports Centre played host to GB hockey player and Olympic gold medallist Crista Cullen, who ran a masterclass for Keynsham Hockey Club Academy.

Crista went through some techniques and skills, leading the session with Academy coach Rod Naughaly. She spent time with them as a group and gave some great 1:1 coaching points.

Richard May, KHC Academy coordinator and organiser of the event, said: "We are very grateful to Crista for coming to visit us. It was a fantastic opportunity for lots of our Academy players to be coached by a GB Olympic gold medallist. I'm sure that her visit will stay in their memories and will hopefully inspire them to continue their hockey playing for many years to come."

One of the players said: "It was really good to have Crista come and coach us today. We learnt a lot from her and she has inspired me to keep getting better."

A huge thanks to Crista for coming along, and to Richard for organising.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Access Creative College - Event Production Workshop** 30th May. Free event. Booking essential <https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/may-event-production-taster-day-may/>
- **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>