

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	Summer Concert	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	7.00pm, Wellsway School
	Early Closure / last day of term	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	1.25pm
	Sports Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> July	
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10	Internal Exams cont.	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Various
11			
Sixth Form			

Seeing Year 11s celebrate their time at Wellsway last Thursday was a real highlight of the year, and the same is true of yesterday's celebrations for Year 13 on their Leavers' Day. Starting the day by joining the year group for their Leavers' Breakfast and seeing them be served by their tutors as they reminisced on their time at Wellsway School was a wonderful way to start the day and the celebrations continued at the Year 13 Dinner in Bristol last night. It was another late night for staff, and my thanks go to them and sixth form team for the organisation that went into the evening, but well worth it to see so many happy faces.

Parents of Year 11 will know that this year saw another first for Wellsway – where prospective sixth form students from across the trust attended a WMAT Sixth Form Induction Day at the University of the West of England, in their Business School, a very impressive venue. Students were greeted by Mrs Arlidge, our CEO and members of the senior leadership teams from across the trust and worked with student ambassadors from UWE on a range of activities. This has made a great addition to our sixth form offer that I'm really proud of.

In between the Year 13 Leaver's Breakfast and Dinner, we welcomed our new staff to the school, who are joining us with a wide range of skills and experiences. It was a pleasure to have the new staff in school for the whole day, where they received training on key parts of school policy and practice and where they also signed up for supporting our extracurricular programme – and I look forward to this updated offer being circulated to parents at the start of the next academic year.

This week also saw the last of our Parent Information Evenings for this academic year – where Mr Comber gave an update on the work we have done to further develop safeguarding in the school, such as increasing mental health support and introducing National Online Safety training for parents and then a workshop on solution focused practice to support young people as they go through adolescence. It was a pleasure to welcome parents in and I look forward to even more Parent Information Evenings and Workshops in the next year.

Finally a huge thanks to Richard May who has given up his weekend to take a group of Year 11,12 and 13 cricketers on a tournament today. They will playing fixtures around secondary schools in the New Forest, and will return on Monday evening. Good Luck all!

**Matthew Woodville**  
Principal

## School News

### Year 11 – Donations of uniform and sports kit

Should you wish to donate any uniform or sports kit we would really appreciate these items which we can sell on to families at a very reasonable price to help raise funds in order to improve our dining facilities for students.

### Carnegie Award Shadowing Scheme

This year we have had a Carnegie Award Shadowing scheme where students in Years 7 to 10 met up every Thursday lunchtime in the library to discuss a set of 8 books, all of which were shortlisted to win the prestigious annual Carnegie Award. The students involved in the scheme were involved from March to June, and were able to take home copies of the shortlisted books to read. We also voted on our favourites this year. Here is what Daisy Wu, one of the members of the group, felt about the experience:

The Carnegie Award Shadowing Scheme was an amazing and perfect experience for any book lover or a person who wants to read more books. The books were beloved by all and the general feedback from this experience is positive. I would recommend this experience for any student who has free time at lunch and I urge all students to try to attend this club. It widens your social circle and the club is inclusive and open to all who are willing. It helps with your vocabulary because reading is an integral part of widening your knowledge and vocabulary. I would definitely recommend it to the Year 6s that are coming to Open Evening because it is a place for making new friends that have similar interests and you can take books home. It's a real treat for any avid book lover and every person here is enjoying it. I will end this with a "see you in September".



**Mr Woodville announced the winning book of the Carnegie Award**

#### **Wellsway School Kitchen Garden Design competition**

We are very excited to be launching the Wellsway School kitchen garden this year. The aim of the garden is to teach our students valuable skills of how to grow a variety of plants and vegetables which can then be used to cook dishes in food technology lessons. Pupils of all ages are invited to design the new Wellsway school kitchen garden. I would like to challenge students to design a multi-use garden that can be used to grow vegetables, host small lessons and for pupils to enjoy all year round.

Please design your garden using the template on page 5 of this newsletter. All entries to be given to Mr Bye in M22 or submitted via e-mail to [mbye@wellswayschool.com](mailto:mbye@wellswayschool.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> July.

If any parents, carers, grandparents or friends are able to donate gardening equipment, water butts, compost bins etc, please contact Mr Bye via e-mail. [mbye@wellswayschool.com](mailto:mbye@wellswayschool.com). We would be very grateful for any donations in order for us to get the kitchen garden up and running.

## Sixth Form

#### **UCAS Parents and Carers guide 2019-2020**

Thank you to all who came to this event on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. We hope you found it informative and helped you understand the process. The presentation can be found on our website here. [UCAS Parents and Carers Guide 2019-2020](#)

#### **Sixth Form Induction Day – Wednesday 26th June**

Thank you to all that came to our Sixth Form Induction Day on Wednesday. Held at the University of West England it was great to see Year 11 students from all over the Trust and local schools working together on all things sixth form! We hope you enjoyed it, remember to give in to us your subject and tutor choice forms!

#### **Year 13 Leavers' Celebrations**

Thank you to everyone who came to our Leaver's Breakfast/Assembly/Dinner on Thursday. It is amazing how many students can get into school for 8am if only you dangle food in front of them!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the tutor video celebrating the achievements and attributes of our lovely students; to Pippa and Harrigan for the speech in the assembly; to Jess, Joe and their team for the year books; and to those of you that helped clear up after the breakfast. It was also great to party with you at the dinner in the evening, again a lovely venue and event – a long but very lovely day of celebrations!

Have the loveliest of summers, you have more than earned your break! See you on Results Day!



## Music

### Instrumental lessons

A reminder that if your child would like to learn an instrument in September you can sign them up via [Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK) You can hire an instrument for a small fee.

### Summer Concert

The forecast is looking promising for Tuesday's concert. If it is outside, please bring garden chairs or a rug. There will be a limited number of school chairs available. You are also welcome to bring a picnic. Refreshments will be on sale. We will put a notice on the school website confirming if the concert will be outside, or inside. If we are outside you will be able to purchase more tickets on the door. See below for a reminder regarding timings and tickets.

We intend for our Summer Concert to take place outdoors on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00pm**. However, due to our current weather forecast of typical British weather we think it's wise to sell tickets on the basis that it will rain, and therefore need to be held indoors. Due to the high numbers of students involved we will need to run two concerts. ***Please note that orchestra, choir and drumming club will perform at both concerts.***

**Performance 1 - 7.00pm - 7.30pm in Mendip Hall.** This will feature our Year 6 transition choir, drumming club, orchestra and choir. If your child is in Year 6, you automatically have two complimentary seats. You will simply turn up on the night, and give your child's name. Additional to this we will have **50 tickets on sale** for this event for other parents. At the end of this concert, all Year 6s and their families will leave.

**Performance 2 - 8.00pm - 9.00pm in Mendip Hall.** This will feature all our music clubs. Orchestra, choir, Year 7 choir, drumming club, soul and funk band, folk group, ukulele group and 6<sup>th</sup> form performance. There will be 180 tickets on sale for this event and we respectfully ask that to ensure every child has someone watching them, you only purchase a maximum of two tickets per child.

**However, if the sun decides to shine and we are able to go ahead with holding this outdoors we will have just one concert which will start at 7.00pm. You will be able to buy extra tickets on the door for this event because we will not be constrained by seating. Please refer to the school website on the day of the concert for confirmation of where the concert will be taking place. Tickets are on sale now via the following Ticketsource link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellsway-school>**

## Sport

### Sports Day 2019

This year our Sports Day will be split over two days, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Both days will involve athletic events, with the Friday afternoon comprising of house relays and results. The event details will be advertised to students during PE lessons and tutor time.

### Mr Evans

### Badminton is back at Wellsway!

After school badminton, ran by professional coach Steve Hulbert, is back at Wellsway Sports Centre every Monday! Just £3 per person, Steve will coach a range of techniques and skills with fun matches. Years 7-11 3.15-4pm, open to all 4-4.45pm. Come and join the fun!

### CRY Reminder

A reminder of the upcoming CRY screening event on 13th/14th July at Wellsway School. If you cannot make your appointment, please cancel so it can be opened up to someone else.

### Multi Sports Days

Wellsway Sports Centre will be hosting multi-sport activity days on every Thursday of the summer holidays! For children aged 5-12 years old, the days will run 8.30am-4pm and will involve lots of fun and games to keep your little ones active and engaged. Contact [lgaiger@wellswaymat.com](mailto:lgaiger@wellswaymat.com) for more details and to book! £15 per day.

### Summer Passport

Wellsway Sports Centre will be offering a 'Summer Passport' for July and August, just £30 for access to the gym and exercise classes! Contact [lgaiger@wellswaymat.com](mailto:lgaiger@wellswaymat.com) for more information.

## Visits

### **BBC Good Food Show Year 10**

On Thursday 13 June Year 10 food and nutrition pupils visited the BBC Good Food Show at the NEC Birmingham. Pupils enjoyed a day watching demonstrations, sampling food and celebrity spotting. Pupils attended the BBC Big Kitchen to watch 'a taste of Italy with Lotte Duncan' which they found very entertaining.



## Careers



### **CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION**

**'Careers Hub' - Sixth form corridor next to M32**

**Open to ALL STUDENTS**

**Monday – Thursday 8.45 – 3.00**

**Either pop in OR Email; [amillard@wellswayschool.com](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS –**

- **Pilot Careers Live** – careers event for potential pilots, **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**, 10am – 4pm, Concorde Conference Centre, Manchester – [www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north/](http://www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north/)
- **Medic Mentor** – 2 days of medical workshops; **Medicine, dentistry or veterinary**. There is a charge; Cardiff 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July for further information <https://medicmentor.co.uk/national-healthcare-weekend/>
- **Professional Apprenticeships (IT, Business, Digital Marketing) – Open Day** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm – 7pm call; 0117 422 4000 or email; [info@professionalapprenticeships.co.uk](mailto:info@professionalapprenticeships.co.uk)
- **A Day in the Life of a Midwife** – Years 11/12/13, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, RUH, £25 per student [rachel.coleman@nhs.net](mailto:rachel.coleman@nhs.net)
- **Looking to study Dentistry ?** – University of East London are holding a 2 day taster course for year 10 – 13 students, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> There is a cost of £99 for both days [www.londonschoolofdentistry.co.uk](http://www.londonschoolofdentistry.co.uk)

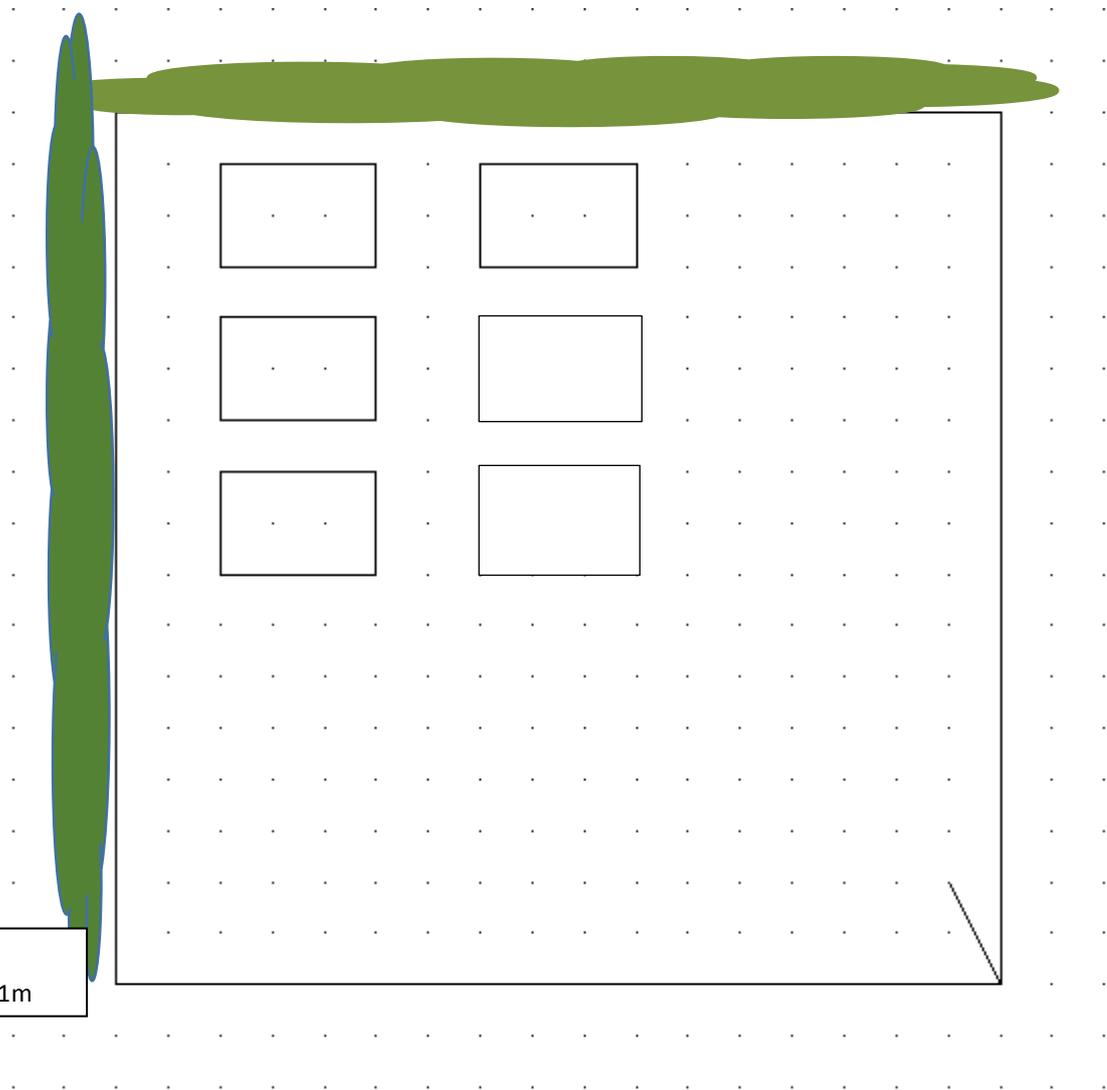
Looking for careers inspiration – [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk) OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

## Staff Vacancies

For more information please go to <https://www.wellswaymat.com/careers>

## The Wellsway garden design competition.

Did you know we have a garden at school? Well there is! Behind Kelston is a 17mx17m plot that with your help, has the potential to be turned into a beautiful area for learning.



School entrance / Car Park

Kelston  
House

Above is the current layout of the garden. You have the exciting opportunity to design a school garden that could; be self-sufficient, provide fruit and vegetables for use of the pupils and the community, a safe relaxing area for staff, students and animals to enjoy.

Things to Consider;

- Fruits and vegetables that can be grown that are spring, early summer or late summer harvest.
- Areas for bugs and bees to nest.
- Areas to sit relax and enjoy the garden.
- An area that could be used for a whole class to be taught.