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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	Early Closure / last day of term	Tues 23 rd July	1.25pm
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Sixth Form			

This week started on a real high as I was able to share our Ofsted Report from June 11th and 12th 2019 with parents and announce that Wellsway School has formally been judged a "good school" in all areas. The letter from the start of the week gave some of the highlights from the report, which can be found on the school website, and I would urge parents to take the time to read the full report and pass on my congratulations to their children for their part in this as the inspectors praised the positive relationships they have with staff.

It was easy to see this week why the inspectors were so positive about how we are shaping the school's provision to ensure that pupils have a well-rounded school experience - the outdoor summer concert on Tuesday was another glorious evening weather wise with a real festival atmosphere and such enjoyable musical pieces from students of all ages working together. It was great to see the groups that have been led by our sixth formers and to see so many students involved. The Challenge session led by our languages team on Wednesday was yet another successful event as part of our Challenge Programme and I look forward to seeing this develop further next year with external speakers coming in to stretch and challenge students' thinking.

We have been blessed with the weather this week - especially for the Year 5 Open Morning and Year 6 Transition Day yesterday, which made squash and biscuits in the quad at break time a lovely event. Seeing the Year 6s arrive with a mixture of excitement, anticipation and confidence and then leave at the end of the day on such a high was an absolute pleasure and it was a highlight of the week to hear so many positive accounts from parents after tours on the Open Morning and in the evening of Year 6 Transition Day about how much the students had enjoyed their taster of life at Wellsway. Our Year 7 tour guides for Open Morning and our recently appointed Year 10 House Leaders' work supporting Year 6s on Transition Day were a credit to the school and I was really proud of how well they responded to the responsibility. My thanks goes out to all the staff who worked so hard to make for the day so memorable and to Ms McLean, the Pastoral and Inclusion Teams (and especially our Learning Mentors) who gave up their evening to be introduced to parents.

As I write this, I'm looking forward to seeing students both participate and support their house and sixth form teams at Sports Day - and to participating myself in the last event of the afternoon, the staff relay, so hope I won't be out with an injury next week! The events across the week have been a real success and I've been particularly impressed with seeing students of all abilities compete. Our PE staff have worked hard on making this week's sporting events go smoothly and I hope students have enjoyed the competition as well as the events themselves.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

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 by 15th 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. We would be very grateful for any donations in order for us to get the kitchen garden up and running.



Summer Concert 2019

The weather was perfect for us again this year, we managed to hold this popular event outdoors. It was lovely to see so many families come along.

We have some great musicians at Wellsway, and included many of our new students who will be joining us in September.

Well done and a huge thankyou to everyone involved.

Sports

Sports Day 2019

What a fabulous way to end the week. Over 500 students have taken part today, school records smashed and finished off by a staff race. Think this race proved to be a definite favourite to continue next year.

More information will follow next week but just thought I would share a few shots from the field earlier today.

Newton House claimed the trophy this year beating Compton by only 12 points.



Mr Woodville, MrBray and Mrs Francis in the staff relay race.



Newton 2019 Winners!



Mr Tanner, Head of Newton House receiving the trophy from Mr Woodville





Sports Ambassadors

Last week 11 Sport Ambassadors travelled to Saltford School to help organise track and field events, hand out stickers and collate the scores, and on Friday 6 Sports Ambassadors went to St John's School to help with the track events, working along their Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Many of the Sports Ambassadors went back to the primary schools they previously attended and thoroughly enjoyed volunteering alongside the staff who had taught them. I have felt so proud watching our students 'in action', they are such excellent role models for our primary schools. Good luck to those Sports Ambassadors travelling to Marksbury School later this term.

Mrs Burston

Sports county performers and above

We always like to celebrate the successes of our students and although I, and the PE team, are aware of a number of our students performing at county standard or above, I would like to compile a list of all of our performers at this level to celebrate at the PEPA and DART celebration evening on Monday 15th July. Please can I ask parents/carers to email me directly at (revans@wellswayschool.com) with their child's name, sport(s) and the level which they are competing so that they can be recognised, by Friday 12th July. This is also helpful to enable us to support these students both academically and practically throughout their time at Wellsway.

Mr Evans

Curriculum Director for PE and Performing Arts

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 scenquiries@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 scenquiries@wellswaymat.com for more information.

Sixth Form

Careers in Medicine and the NHS

Thank you to Professor Bengier from Bristol University for coming in and talking to Year 12 students about careers in the NHS and medicine last week. A really informative and entertaining presentation giving our prospective medics a great insight.

UWE at Wellsway School

It was lovely to invite the University of West England in to speak to our Sixth Form about writing personal statements on Wednesday. Some really great advice given to help Year 12 shape their responses.

Sixth Form in September

If you are still looking to apply for a place in September or have any questions about Sixth Form please email sixthform@wellswayschool.com

All applicants will have already received an email going through the enrolment process (which starts on GCSE results day, and is done online) – if you have any questions please contact Mrs Turner at sixthform@wellswayschool.com

Visits

1st XI Cricket Tour

Wellsway's senior cricket team travelled to Dorset, Hampshire and Sussex last weekend and came back with 3 thumping victories. On the first day they played Churchers College in Petersfield and scored 251 for 5 from our 35 overs – the highest score ever recorded by a Wellsway team. This included runs from Mohammed Saleem (72), James Davis (62) and Ben Clarke (66). Churchers were then bowled out for only 59 with Ollie Baxter taking 5 tickets and James Humble and Matt Trenchard 2 apiece.



On Saturday they played Clayesmore School in Dorset and bowled them out for 110 – at one stage the opposition were 3 wickets down before scoring a run. Ben Clarke took 3 and Matt Trenchard and Will Burston took 2 apiece. Sam Parsons saw us home with a steady 23.



The next day was a rest day due to our opponents cancelling at late notice so we travelled to Arundel Castle to watch the National Schools' T20 Finals. On the final day, we also had a cancelled fixture but we had managed to arrange a replacement with Beechen Cliff School. We scored 197 for 5 from our 25 overs including a magnificent 109 not out from Sam Lowe opening the batting. In reply, we restricted them to 159 for 8 from their 25 overs with wickets for Sam Parsons and Dan Fletcher. The boys conducted themselves superbly throughout, both on and off the pitch. My thanks also go to Steve Clarke from Keynsham CC who accompanied us on the tour. Well done to everyone and plans are already afoot for next year's tour!

Mr May

Y12 Geography A Level Fieldwork-Dorset

On Tuesday this week 23 Year 12 geography students completed a second day of fieldwork at Weymouth and Chesil beach in Dorset. The students worked very hard to collect data for their coursework, having already spent time in class planning, reading and preparing for this important piece of work. The coursework (Non-examined Element) is worth 20% of their A Level geography and students were investigating a range of topics, including urban regeneration and rebranding in Weymouth and coastal processes and sea defences on Chesil beach. The two days were a huge success thanks to the hard work and determination of our geography students who soon discovered that carrying our surveys to the general public was not so bad after all!!

A big thank you to all staff involved in the planning and preparation for the day. Miss Pitman, Miss Brownlie and Miss Brewer for all their help supporting and encouraging students, Mrs Rogers (school trips co-ordinator) for ensuring the trip ran smoothly and not forgetting our bus driver, Jason King who not only 'ferried' us about up and down the coast on both days but also supplied much needed sweets and biscuits for staff and students!

Mrs E Hazell
Curriculum Director Humanities

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





UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Pilot Careers Live** – careers event for potential pilots, **Saturday 6th July**, 10am – 4pm, Concorde Conference Centre, Manchester – www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north/
- **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/>
- **Professional Apprenticeships (IT, Business, Digital Marketing) – Open Day** Wednesday 17th July 5.30pm – 7pm call; 0117 422 4000 or email; info@professionalapprenticeships.co.uk
- **A Day in the Life of a Midwife** – Years 11/12/13, Friday 12th July, RUH, £25 per student 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 3rd – 4th There is a cost of £99 for both days www.londonschoolofdentistry.co.uk

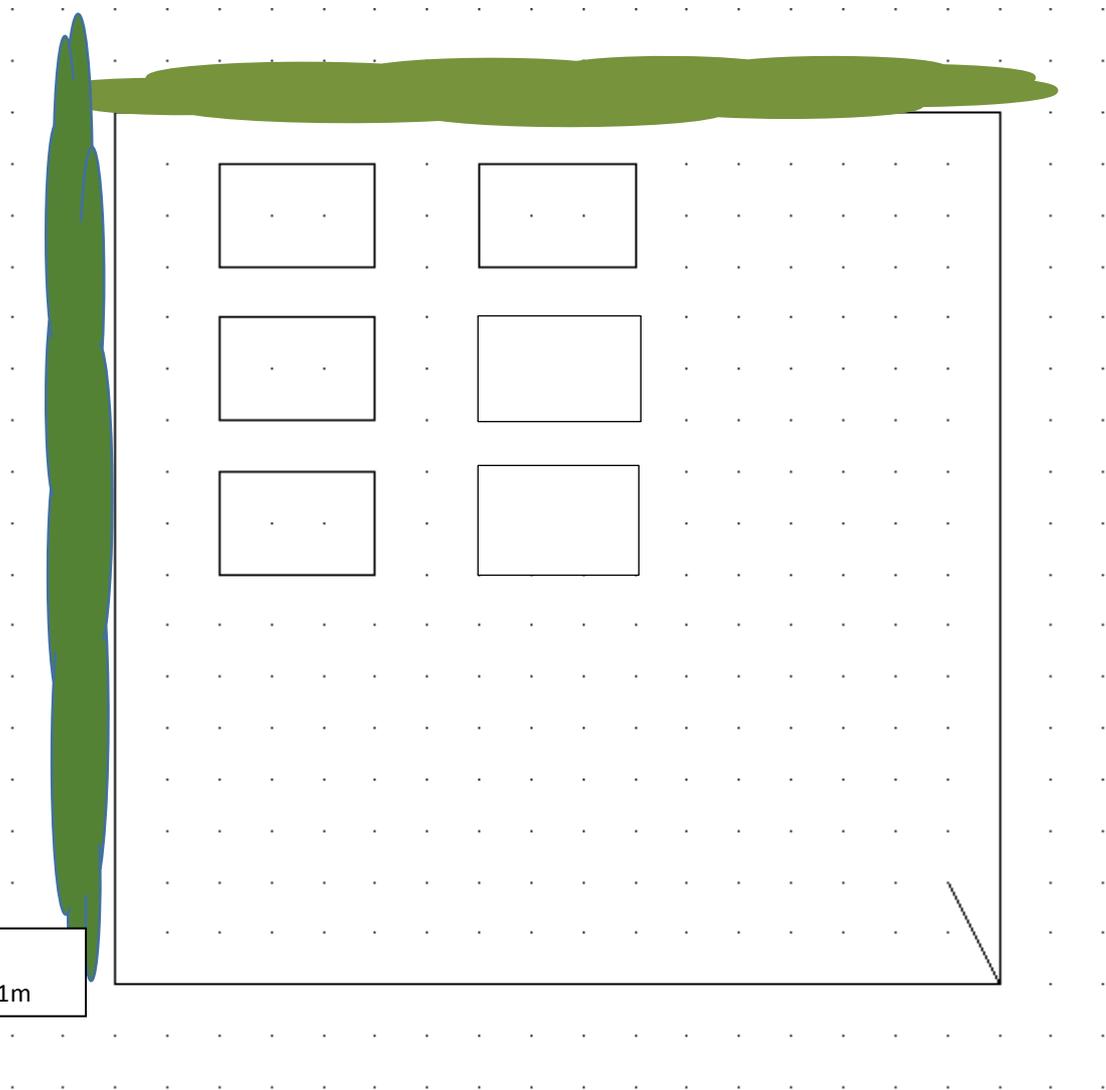
Looking for careers inspiration – www.careerpilot.org.uk OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

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.



Scale. 1
square= 1m

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.