

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			
7	Parents' Numeracy & Literacy Evening	3 rd October	6.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown Hall
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Sixth Form	Y12 Cambridge University Residential trip	17 – 18 th September	Departs 0630 Returns 2000 18/09

The start of the term has been really positive and I know staff and (most!) students were relieved to get back to normal routines and lessons this week and it was a proud moment earlier this week when I walked the site with Gary Schlick, our Director of Secondary, and saw nothing but focused and respectful students making a great start to the year.

The Year 7 and 12 Meet the Tutor evening that we held last night is an extremely important event for us in supporting students in the transition to the next stage in their school career and it was an absolute pleasure to hear how well Year 7 and 12 have settled in so far and for tutors to have the chance to meet parents and carers. A new addition this year was having our Communications Officer, Mrs Pells, attend the evening to support with Insight queries and I'm pleased that so many parents and carers were able to get some useful tips on how to get the most out of our parental communication portal Insight. Our new staff have also settled in well and we're fortunate that the sun's out for our start of the year staff BBQ that we're holding after school today!

One of our aims this year is to widen our offer of extra-curricular opportunities and curriculum trips and we are looking forward to students receiving the revised schedule of extra-curricular clubs and seeing them make the most of these exciting sessions. It's important that students develop their independence during their time with us at Wellsway, and part of that is our sixth form curriculum ambassadors, who have already been making guest appearances at house assemblies advertising the clubs they are helping to deliver and support.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

School Start Time

It has been fantastic to welcome students back to Wellsway after the summer, and we have enjoyed a positive start to the year. Whilst we are delighted to see students arrive eagerly each morning, it has been noted that a small number of students have been arriving before 8.00am. At this time we often have contractors on site as well as members of the public using the sports centre. In order to ensure the safety of students please may we ask that students do not arrive before 8:20am unless they are involved in a pre-arranged, supervised activity.

Lost property

A ring was found on school property at the end of term 6. If this is yours, please can you contact tpells@wellswayschool.com with a description of it and where you may have lost it, so we can return it to its rightful owner! Thank you.

Green Team Launch Meeting – Wednesday 18th September

If you are interested in joining Wellsway's well-established practical environment & conservation club, why not come along to a launch meeting on Wednesday 18th September 2019? We meet in the school garden (at the far end of Mendip courts) from 3.15 – 4.30 pm. We will be doing some pond dipping, looking at the different habitats in the garden, with a wildlife quiz, and doing some clearing up. You can get changed into suitable clothing or remain in your school uniform (at your own risk!). Everyone is welcome – especially new members. Weather permitting, we might even be having a barbeque! This year we are requesting a voluntary cash donation of £1 per term to cover costs.

Mr Sage

Year 7 Numeracy and Literacy Evening – 3rd October

Please click on this link to view the Invite letter to our Numeracy and Literacy evening. [Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy letter](#) We really encourage you to attend. There will be a presentation by English and mathematics teachers in which they will provide essential information about how we teach and assess literacy and numeracy. Advice will be given about supporting your child with his or her learning. This will include guidance relating to work completed independently as part of homework activities. Either print off the reply slip and return to Student Support or email insight@wellswayschool.com

Lockers

All Year 7 students who have applied for a locker should make sure they have a padlock with them in school next week. Your tutor will be receiving an email to confirm when you need to go to Lansdown foyer to be allocated your locker - don't forget your padlock! Padlocks can be key or combination and need to be medium-sized, not those used on suitcases. There are a number of people who have applied for a locker and not yet made online payment. We will be allocating lockers in the first instance to those who have already paid. If you need your link code in order to set up your online payments, please contact the Finance team, finance@wellswayschool.com If you are unsure if you have already paid, you will be able to check if there is a locker charge outstanding in your online payment account. If you are in Years 8 - 11 and wish to use a locker, students may come to see me in my office (opposite L15) before school any day.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 10th October

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form Open evening on Thursday 10th October, from 6 - 8pm.

You are invited to come along to talk with our team leaders, subject specialists and current Sixth Form students to find out more about Wellsway Sixth Form and the subjects, enrichment opportunities and support we offer here. There will also be a careers advisor on hand, and two talks from Mr Bray, our Director of Sixth Form, at 6.15pm and 6.45pm, in Lansdown Hall.

We think we have much to offer you. This year students have progressed on to a wide range of fantastic opportunities including university, Higher Apprenticeships and employment, in sectors ranging from Computing to Sport to Business to Education to the Creative Arts to Medicine (and many, many more!).

We hope you can join us on Wednesday for what is an important evening for Year 11 students on their educational journey through Wellsway.

After School Training Sessions

Now that we are getting back into the swing of things, please remember the after school training sessions as follows.

National School U18 Netball Training	Tuesday at 3:05pm - 4:15pm
Year 12 & 13 Rugby Training	Wednesday at 3:05pm - 4:15pm
Sixth form Hockey Training	Wednesday at 3:05pm - 4:15pm



GCSE and A Level Results

Any uncollected GCSE & A Level Results are now held at Main Reception. Please bring in ID when you collect them.

School Visits

Year 7 Team Building Visit

As we make final arrangements for this exciting day, any outstanding payments must be made by 9am on Tuesday 17th September. Again, if you have difficulties accessing your account, please email finance@wellswayschool.com.

Bristol Music Ensemble Concert

GCSE and A-Level music students are being given the opportunity to attend 'Beyond the Menagerie: A Sound World', an orchestral concert performed by Bristol Ensemble in St George's, Bristol on Sunday 22nd September. Details have been emailed via Insight, deadline for responses is 9.00am, Tuesday 17th September.

Battlefields Visit Vacancy

A place has become available on this action-packed visit, taking in a number of key sites that played a significant part in World War One. We will be uncovering the personal stories of those that gave so much for their respective countries, as well as understanding the course of World War One from both sides. The visit for students in Year 9, takes place Friday 25th – Sunday 27th October 2019 and the cost is £283.64. If you are interested in joining this visit and for further information, please email frogers@wellswayschool.com by 9.00am on Thursday 19th September.

For students already booked onto this visit, we will soon be contacting you to ask that you complete an online passenger form. A link to the form will be sent via Insight; it is essential parents/carers complete this form promptly. This should take around 20 minutes to complete, as long as you have the passport, EHIC and medical details to hand; you will need to do this in one sitting. This is your final prompt to get your passport and EHIC at hand!

Performing Arts

Lord of the Flies Auditions!

The drama department are excited to announce the production this year is Lord of the Flies! Auditions will be taking place after school in the drama studio on **Tuesday 17th** and **Wednesday 18th** September. If you would like to audition, please sign up outside the performing arts office. We can't wait for rehearsals to begin!

Orchestra and Senior Orchestra will commence Wednesday 18th September 3.15pm-4.45pm. Please contact Ms McLean imclean@wellswayschool.com if you have any questions.

Sport

Equestrian Volunteers

We have been very fortunate in recent years to enter into a number of equestrian competitions. This was possible as a parent/carers very kindly offered to run and organise the team and competitions for us. They have now left and to enable us to continue entering these competitions, I am looking to see if anyone would like to volunteer to help? If you are interested, please email me at revans@wellswayschool.com so that we can discuss it further.

Mr Evans

Careers



CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION

Welcome back to the new term and a new year of exciting careers opportunities and events both within school and across the local area.

All students are welcome to drop in during the school day for any careers information, advice or support.

We are based;

'Careers Hub' - Sixth form corridor next to M32

Open to ALL STUDENTS

Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 3.00pm

Either pop in OR Email; amillard@wellswayschool.com

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **RUH Bath, Evening Careers Fair Tuesday 1st October, 5.00 – 7.00pm for students year 10 and above.** For further information and reserve a space email; ruh-tr.schoolsandcolleges@nhs.net **BEFORE 23.09.19**
- **Bath College Open event, Saturday 19th October 10.00am – 1.00pm**
www.bathcollege.ac.uk/openevents

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>