

# THE AMMONITE

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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	Y6 Open Morning	1 <sup>st</sup> October	8.30 – 10.45am, Mendip Hall
7	Parents' Numeracy & Literacy Evening	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	6.00-7.00pm Lansdown Hall
8	National Poetry Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Various, Glastonbury
9	DofE Bronze Parents' Information Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> October	5.45 – 6.45pm, Mendip Hall
10	DofE Silver Parents' Information Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	5.45 – 7pm, M01
11	Geography Field Trip	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Sixth Form	A Level Theatre Trip	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	5.30 – 7.30pm. Bristol Old Vic
	Open Evening	10 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00 – 8.00pm

Last night's Year 6 Open Evening really did exemplify what we are about as a school – we had well over a hundred students working as student ambassadors and they were an absolute credit to the school, impressing both staff and visiting parents in how confidently they interacted with parents and children about their experiences so far at Wellsway and how much pride they displayed about themselves as students. Thank you so much to all the parents who came last night with younger children who took the time to pass on their congratulations and reflections on the evening – I heard nothing but praise about how friendly the staff were and about the 'buzz' and energy across the site. I know for many year 6s it can be slightly overwhelming going between such engaging activities, but I feel confident that they will have gone home with a positive and accurate view of what student life at Wellsway is like. I'd also like to thank all the staff who were involved in making the evening such a success, both teaching staff leading activities and discussions and the massive amount of work that goes in behind the scenes from support staff working tirelessly on organising and logistical arrangements.

We have our first Academy Governance Committee tonight after school, where I look forward to welcoming our governors to the first official meeting of the year, although many of them have already been in for various activities already this term. I also look forward to being able to celebrate and recognise with them the successes from the previous academic year such as our positive Ofsted inspection and successes in the summer exams, as well as looking forward to the developments and improvements we hope to make across the coming year.

**Matthew Woodville**  
Principal

## School News

### Lord of the Flies - Rehearsals

First rehearsal for Lord of the Flies is on Tuesday 1st October 3.15-4.30pm. The whole cast is needed for this rehearsal!  
**Miss Coles**

### Year 11 – Preparation for post-16 options

All Year 11 students will receive a special hour of independent advice and guidance about their options after GCSEs over the next couple of weeks. They will explore options with a member of SLT, our Independent Careers Advisor Mrs Millard, and have the chance to do some directed research online in order to think about their options and pathways before they attend Open Evenings.

**Mr Bray**

### Challenge Leaders Training – all welcome

Our Challenge Leaders help to plan and support our Challenge Programme for our most able pupils. We have some Challenge Leaders but would welcome more. Would you like to help plan exciting enrichment activities in your favourite subject area or enhance your leadership skills in running activities? If you are interested, come along to the Challenge Leader Training session on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 3:15 - 4:45 in Lansdown Hall.**

**Dr N Hambidge**



### **Young Minds Fundraising – World Mental Health Day 10<sup>th</sup> October**

World Mental Health Day is taking place 10th October. To mark the day, tutors will be selling yellow ribbons made by the Inclusion team for a minimum of 50p each to raise funds for Young Minds. Young Minds do some great work supporting children with mental health issues and raising awareness. We hope you will encourage your son/daughter to take part by wearing their ribbons with pride.

**Ms Uren**

### **Student Photographs**

Your child will have been handed their Tempest photographs by their tutor today. Please hand completed order forms to main reception by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Ms Ross**

### **Road Safety**

We often talk to students about staying safe and following the Highway Code when walking or riding to and from school for both their personal safety and in consideration for members of the public and especially our local community and neighbours.

May we take this opportunity to ask parents to also be considerate of those living in the vicinity of our school if dropping off or picking up children from school. There have, unfortunately, been a number of recent instances where local residents have had access to their driveways blocked; the 'residents only' car park by Chandag shops being used by parents, thereby preventing them from being able to park in their own car parking spaces and of parents parking on double yellow lines on junctions, putting the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in danger. I have, therefore, asked our local PCSOs to be in attendance when possible to help enforce the Highway Code and would like to say thank you to the majority of our parents who are considerate when doing the school run by car.

**Mr M Woodville**

### **Year 7 Numeracy and Literacy Evening – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com)

### **Lockers**

We have now allocated lockers to the majority of students in all year groups. If any Year 7 students have not yet received a locker, please first ensure payment has been made, that the student does have a padlock with them in school and then check with your tutor. Again, 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 (except Monday) next week. A reminder that further to my Insight message, any padlock left on from last academic year, will be cut off after 3.30pm on Monday 30th September.

**Mrs Rogers**

### **Green Team**

Please see below for two events for the Green Team, other wildlife enthusiasts and their families:

- **River Dipping: Dapps Hill Bridge.** *Sunday 29th September, 2 - 5 pm.* Wear wellies! Not suitable for U-5's. Annual survey of animals in the river. £1 voluntary donation.
- **Talk on Wildlife of the Galápagos Islands: Baptist Church Hall, Keynsham.** *Friday 11th October. 7pm for 7.30pm start.* Adults £2.50, U-16's £1, pay on the door. Refreshments, wildlife goods for sale at the interval. Families welcome to both events!

**Mr Sage**

### **FACE – Family Action on Climate Emergency**

FACE (Family Action on Climate Emergency) is a growing network of families and friends taking collective action to tackle the climate emergency. **We would love to hear from you if you are concerned about the climate** and want to learn/do more, or if you are already taking action and could share ideas. Check us out & get in touch: [www.facebook.com/FamilyActiononClimateEmergency](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyActiononClimateEmergency), twitter @FACEclimate or email [FACE2030bath@gmail.com](mailto:FACE2030bath@gmail.com)



### **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](mailto: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.

**Mrs Pells**

## Sixth Form

**OPEN EVENING**

### Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form Open evening on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mr Bray

## School Visits

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award-Bronze

Calling all year 9 students wishing to participate in D of E bronze award. Please see the details emailed via Insight about enrolling for 2019-20. There will be information about the D of E scheme and an enrolment form which will need to be completed for Bronze award. Year 9 will have a special assembly to launch D of E Bronze award. This will be followed by a parent / carer evening at school on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. If you are interested, read all the information carefully and discuss it with your parents / carers. Please e-mail Mr Sage if you & your family wish to attend this parent / carer evening (e-mail address in the letter).



Mr Sage



### Duke of Edinburgh's Award-Silver

Calling all year 10 students wishing to participate in D of E Silver award. Please see the details emailed via Insight about enrolling for 2019-20. There will be information about the D of E scheme and an enrolment form which will need to be completed for Silver award. Year 10 has a parent / carer evening at school on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. If you are interested, read all the information carefully and discuss it with your parents / carers. Please e-mail Mr Sage if you & your family wish to attend this parent / carer evening (e-mail address in the letter).

Mr Sage

### Year 11 Geography

This fieldwork opportunity supports the exam board requirements for GCSE. Please make payment and give online consent via the online payment system no later than **9.00am, Monday 30th September**.

Mrs Rogers

### Year 13 Theatre Studies

Don't miss out on the opportunity to see Reasons to Stay Alive at The Bristol Old Vic which supports requirements for A-Level. The deadline is **9.00am, Monday 30th September**.

Mrs Rogers

### National Youth Jazz Orchestra

For music students who have received the letter regarding this exciting concert, please remember to return the slip to express your interest no later than **9.00am, Tuesday 1st October** to enable us to secure tickets.

Mrs Rogers

### Battlefields Visit

The passenger information form has been sent via Insight and should be submitted no later than **9.00am, Thursday 3rd October**. Subject to having the passport, EHC and medical/dietary needs to hand, this should take no longer than 20 minutes. We will be in contact very soon about a pre-visit information evening.

Mrs Rogers

## 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/carer 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](mailto:revans@wellswayschool.com) so that we can discuss it further.

Mr Evans



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### Teen Gym

Students aged 14-16 years old can access 'Teen Gym' every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3.15-4pm. Sessions are just £3 pay as you go, or you can buy a block of 10 for £20. Teen gym sessions are supervised by sports centre staff who can offer advice and guidance when needed.

### Clubs and activities

Wellsway Sports Centre and SBL Sports Centre are home to numerous sports and activity club during the evenings and weekends, from football and rugby to ballroom dancing and taekwondo. For a full list of everything we have going on visit [www.sblsports.co.uk](http://www.sblsports.co.uk) or [www.sportwellsway.com](http://www.sportwellsway.com). Alternatively email [lgaiger@wellswaymat.com](mailto:lgaiger@wellswaymat.com) for more information.

### Fit For Sport

We are pleased to announce that Wellsway Sports Centre has partnered with experienced providers Fit For Sport to deliver multi-sport and activity camps during every school holiday! Visit <https://www.fitforsport.co.uk/> and use promo code OCT10 for 10% off bookings for October half term.

## Careers



### **CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION**

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 8.45 – 3.00**

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

*Wednesday Lunchtime Employer Pop-Up sessions will be returning week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October – so far an apprentice within Nuclear Science and a large construction/civil engineering company have been booked.*

*If you would like to learn more a particular career or employer please let me know – the Careers Hub can invite them as a guest speaker on a Wednesday*

### UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **RUH Bath, Evening Careers Fair Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 5 – 7pm** for students year 10 and above. For further information and reserve a space email; [ruh-tr.schoolsandcolleges@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.schoolsandcolleges@nhs.net) **BEFORE 23.09.19**
  - **Wessex Water Apprenticeships – Open day Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am – 2pm**  
[www.wessexwater.co.uk/careers](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/careers)
  - **Bristol Old Vic Theatre School Open day, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** [www.oldvic.ac.uk/open-day](http://www.oldvic.ac.uk/open-day)
  - **Bath College Open event, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 1pm** [www.bathcollege.ac.uk/openevents](http://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/openevents)
  - **Pilot Careers Open event, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**, Terminal 5, London Heathrow – flight training exhibition. [www.pilotcareernews.com/live](http://www.pilotcareernews.com/live)
- **Interested in a career in sport ?** We have the new prospectus from The **Bristol City Robins Foundation** in the careers hub. Please drop in for further information
- Planning ahead - **Bath College** are running **taster experience days** in the February holiday; Health & Care, Service Industries, Arts, Business and Technology, Animal Care, Trade (construction).  
[www.bathcollege.ac.uk/experience](http://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/experience)

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

### PTA News

#### **Wellsway Craft Fair – Sunday 10 November**

We are looking for more volunteers to help at the Wellsway Craft Fair on Sunday 10 November. Tasks include taking money at the doors, clearing down after the fair, and helping set up the day before. This annual event raises much needed funds for the school and can't happen without our wonderful volunteers. If you can give an hour or so of your time, please get in touch at [pta@wellswayschool.com](mailto:pta@wellswayschool.com) .

**Friends of Wellsway PTA**

### Staff Vacancies

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