

# 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	Deadline for student photo orders	9 <sup>th</sup> October	Main Reception
	INSET days	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct & 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
7			
8			
9	DofE Bronze Parents' Information Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> October	5.45pm – 6.45pm, Mendip Hall
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11	Sixth Form Open Evening	10 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Sixth Form			

Tuesday morning was a particularly wet one, but luckily it dried up in time for our Year 8 students to act as guides to a great number of parents and children on our Year 6 Open Morning. It was really pleasing to have so many visitors to the school see us in action and to receive such a lot of praise for how confident and proud our student guides were.

Last night's Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy evening had a fantastic turn out - evenings like this are really important for us to share the work we are doing to support students' learning and to give parents ideas for how to help at home.

I firmly believe, however, that schools are about much more than lessons and exam results. This was evident this week in our launch of our Challenge Leaders Programme and Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Wednesday evening in our revamped extra-curricular offer that we shared with Year 7 parents last night. There are a lot more activities on offer this year and I really hope students make the most of these great opportunities.

Year 11 have an important few months ahead of them, not just in preparation for their internal exams, but also in making some key decisions about their next steps and future. We're running Careers Advice and Guidance sessions with all of Year 11 this week and next week hope to welcome the whole year group with their parents to our Sixth Form Open Evening. This is a key event that I urge all of Year 11 to attend as we are rightly proud of both our offer and teaching at sixth form, as well as our extensive enrichment package.

**Matthew Woodville**  
Principal

## School News

### Year 11 Competitive Courses Group

The Year 11 Competitive Courses Group (also known as CCG) will start again very shortly.

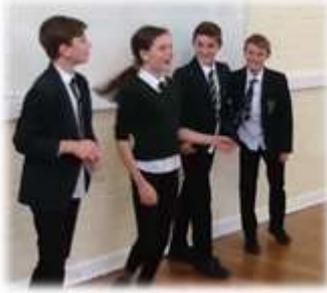
This group is for any Year 11 student who is interested in applying for any of the following after Sixth Form – Oxford University, Cambridge University, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Law or any university institution that requires AAA entry grades or higher at A Level. The group meets with Mr Bray, our Director of Sixth Form, regularly and is designed to support you through the initial process of researching, understanding, preparing for and eventually applying for these courses after Sixth Form. We have a fantastic record of students obtaining amazing placements, with over 40% of Year 13 students going to these top universities.

The group carries on throughout Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13, and attendance is entirely voluntary. You will also find out more about this on our Open Evening next Thursday!

If you are interested, please forward your name to Mrs Turner at [aturner@wellswayschool.com](mailto:aturner@wellswayschool.com)

**Mr Bray**

### Y8 Poetry Event



Some of our Year 8 students were involved with an exciting poetry workshop with a visiting local poet, Shagufta Iqbal. Everyone had an enjoyable time as they wrote their own poems and performed them at the end of the day. Shagufta shared some key 'top tips' for delivering performance poetry to the students. Everyone performed poems on lots of current topics from the News recently. What a great way to celebrate National Poetry Day - well done Year 8!



Miss Mondair

### Lord of the Flies - Rehearsals

It was great to see so many students at our first rehearsal for Lord of the Flies this week. We were so impressed with everyone's hard work and enthusiasm! The next rehearsal is Tuesday 8th October 3.15 - 4.30 and the whole cast is needed again.

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



### 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

Please hand completed order forms for photographs to main reception by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**.

Ms Ross

### 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

## Music News



We are delighted to have so many students attending our Chamber Choir which meets after school on a Monday 3.15pm-4.15pm. In addition to this, our main school choir on a Thursday lunchtime continues to thrive, with over sixty students attending on a weekly basis, including lots of boys! However we always welcome new singers. It's never too late to join, especially Year 7s who may be finding their feet!



Thanks to two DoE students we have a new Musicals Club which will run Wednesday lunchtime in M03. It's open to any Year 7 and 8 students who love singing songs from the musicals. Bring your lunch.

Our Drum Club takes place after school on Tuesday 3.15pm-3.45pm in M03. We definitely have more drums – no experience is required!

## Sixth Form

**OPEN EVENING**

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

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

Please 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 and Mr Woodville, 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, architecture and many, many more!

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

**Mr Bray**

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Alyssa Hunt in Year 13, who has been selected from thousands of applicants to attend a Youth Seminar in Berlin. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with young people from across the UK and Germany to discuss, share and explore ideas on the theme of sustainable consumption.

**Mr Bray**

### Sixth Form

Thank you to the Sixth Form Officer Team for holding a charity fund-raiser last Friday. We were delighted to host a MacMillan Coffee Morning and raise money for their important work, with team raising over £70 from their cake baking skills.

**Mr Bray**

## School Visits



### Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award – Important Clarification

The volunteering section must be for a minimum of 6 months. Only the skills OR physical section can be for 3 months. For direct entrants, either the volunteering section or the longer of the 2 other sections must be for 12 months. Apologies for not making this clear at Wednesday's parent / carer evening.

### 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**

### Year 7 Pantomime Visit

We are confirming final arrangements to give Year 7 students the opportunity to attend the Bristol Hippodrome Pantomime – Dick Whittington. Students will experience an action-packed pantomime full of laughter, music and spectacular special effects, featuring dazzling sets and costumes from The London Palladium production. We shall see the morning performance within the school day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Full details will be sent via Insight early next week.

**Mrs Rogers**

## Sport



### **Summer-Lily Robinson - Football**

Congratulations to Summer-Lily who has been selected to represent Somerset Schools Under 16's in football.

**Mr Evans**

### **Teen Gym - Correction**

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 £24. We are aware an incorrect amount was previously printed and apologise for any confusion. Teen gym sessions are supervised by sports centre staff who can offer advice and guidance when needed.

**Mrs Gaiger**

### **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.

**Mrs Gaiger**

### **October Half Term Holiday Camps**

We are delighted to have Fit For Sport with us at Wellsway Sports Centre during half term! Providing a range of sports activities plus arts and crafts, Fit For Sport will be with us Monday – Friday. You can save 10% on bookings now by using promotional code OCT10, just visit [www.fitforsport.co.uk](http://www.fitforsport.co.uk) for more information and to book!



**Mrs Gaiger**

## 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 –**

- **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>