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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	INSET days	25 th Oct & 4 th Nov	
	Half Term	28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	
7			
8			
9	Battlefields Visit	25 th – 27 th October	Depart 5am, return late evening
10	Geography Fieldwork Trip	23 rd October	Forest of Dean
11			
Sixth Form	Open Morning	23 rd October	8.40am – 10am, Common Room

Parents who have children in Years 8-13 will know how pleased we were to have the great work we are doing at Wellsway School validated by a pleasing Ofsted report last summer, and many of you will have seen our press releases over the summer holidays celebrating the wonderful results our students achieved in their external exams. This week confirmed quite how well last year's students did, as the Department for Education's performance tables put our GCSE progress as one of the best not only in BANES, but also across Bristol and South Gloucestershire ([DFE School Performance Comparison Site](#)). I'd like to extend yet another 'well done' to these students, but also to all the staff who contributed to their success. As we told our current Year 11 in their assembly this week, we have high hopes and expectations of what they can achieve and I urge the year group to go back to the resources shared in the assembly to support them with their preparation and revision for their internal exams next month.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

Votes for Schools

As part of tutor time last week, we discussed

'Can chart music teach us about black history?'

Students discussed opposing viewpoints and were encouraged to decide for themselves whether chart music was a good way to educate the public about black history. During Monday's tutor time, students will have the opportunity to vote 'Yes' or 'No'. The results of this vote will be compared with students locally and nationally (just like in a real election!).

Miss Tithecott

Lost property – Student Support

We have a number of coats in Student Support and an Adidas drawstring bag containing a boy's PE kit with size 1 blue trainers. Items will be disposed of at the end of next week if not claimed.

Mrs Dursley, Student Support

Homework Club

A reminder that homework club runs Monday to Thursday after school (3.10-4pm) in the Library.

Mrs Francis

Music & Performing Arts News

Choir

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!

Ms McLean

Music Clubs

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!

Ms McLean

Theatre Tech Club

Theatre Tech Club will be running from 12th November, 3.15 - 4.30. If you are interested in learning about how to use the lighting and sound equipment a sign-up sheet is outside the Performing Arts office!

Miss Coles

Lord of the Flies Rehearsals

The whole cast of Lord of the Flies is needed for rehearsal on Tuesday 22nd 3.15 - 4.45. There is also a rehearsal on Wednesday 23rd 3.15 - 4.30 for all named parts and the Tribe Leaders.

Miss Coles

Sixth Form

Sixth Form – Applications for September 2020

I am pleased to say that applications for September 2020 entry are open. Simply log in to Insight and select - General – Options offer – and then click on the blue puzzle icon by each subject. Please remember that you will be able to change your options at a later date.

The full list of courses, and helpful information sheets about each subject, can be found on our website [here](#).

We hope you found the evening informative, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us at sixthform@wellswayschool.com

Year 11 Competitive Courses Group

The Year 11 Competitive Courses Group (also known as CCG) will meet at 1.45pm in the Sixth Form Learning Centre on Wednesday 23rd October.

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 regularly carries on throughout Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13, and attendance is entirely voluntary.

If you have yet to let us know you are interested, please forward your name to Mrs Turner at aturner@wellswayschool.com. See you there!

What has been going on in Sixth Form?

A lot has been happening in Sixth Form, so to keep you up to date so the Publications Team have produced their first newsletter of the year – which can be found [here](#) on our website!

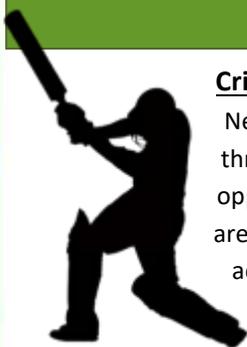
Mr Bray

School Visits

Cricket Tour 2020

Next summer's Cricket Tour for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will run from Saturday 20th June through to Tuesday 23rd June and be based in Hampshire and West Sussex area. It will be a fantastic opportunity to play cricket against up to four good cricket sides in some beautiful surroundings. We are currently working to finalise the cost however expect it to be in the region of £200 to include accommodation and most food. If you're in Years 11 to 13, play cricket for the school or a cricket club and would be interested in finding out more, please email Mr May via crickettour@wellswayschool.com.

Mr May



Duke of Edinburgh Award

D of E bronze and silver award. I have so far received 70 bronze and 30 silver enrolment forms and deposit payments, which is a fantastic response; many thanks! If you have missed the 18th October deadline, you might have a couple of days grace before we close the online payment portal. However, after that, you will be unable to enrol until next year. The next step is that you will receive a programme planner by email, to complete and return to me by 15th November 2019.

Mr Sage

Sport



Another win for the School Netball Team!

On Wednesday night the Year 7 Netball team played Writhlington School at home. I chose a large squad of 15 girls, with the girls rotating throughout the 4 quarters of the match. The girls played brilliantly, with the commitment they have shown to training now really shining through.

They passed the ball slickly between players, defended solidly and shot with fantastic accuracy.

They outplayed Writhlington on all counts with the final score a win for Wellsway 23-3. I was so proud of all the girls who played, but particularly Molly Wilkinson and Katie Lowe who were representing the school for the first time. Players of the match went to Elliane Reader and Ella Matthews. Well done to all the girls involved. A big thank you to Milly Comber and Katie, two of our 6th form girls who help every week, for running the training for those girls not involved in the fixture. Good luck to those girls involved in the matches against St Gregory's and Hayesfield next week.

Mrs Burston

Interhouse Cross-country

The interhouse cross-country competitions will take place next week at the following times:

- 7L Wednesday 23rd October during their PE lesson period 5.
- 7M Thursday 24th October during their PE lesson period 1.
- Years 8 – 13 After school on Thursday 24th October.

All of year 7 will be taking part, but students in years 8-13 need to sign up via the sign-up sheets in their PE lessons and in the PE office.

Kit required Trainers, socks, short/skort, polo shirt.

Students in the top 10 for each category will be offered the opportunity to represent the school at the B&NES cross-country championships after half term.

Mr Evans

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 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 in the '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

Wednesday Lunchtime Employer Pop-Up sessions

Drop in on the day

1.30 -2pm, Careers Hub

DATE	EMPLOYER	SPECIALISM
06.11.19	Care South	Working within the Health & Social Care Industry –a leading provider of high quality residential and home care across the south of England.
13.11.19	Avon Construction	Civil Engineering and large scale building contractor
20.11.19	TBC	
27.11.19	Creative Access	Creative Media; Gaming- Games development, Games Art, Games technology Media – Creative Media (Film, Video, Photography) Music – Production,
04.12.19	TBC	
11.12.19	BATHNES Council	Working within the council; BATHNES are committed to increasing the number of apprenticeships offered, occupations include; business administration to civil engineering, MOT mechanics, paralegals, town planning, project management, accounting, social work, digital media, HGV drivers, there really is an opportunity to suit everyone.

TBC – To Be Confirmed; Wessex Water, SSE

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Wessex Water Apprenticeships – Open day** Saturday 19th October 9.30am – 2pm
www.wessexwater.co.uk/careers
- **Bristol Old Vic Theatre School Open day**, Saturday 19th October www.oldvic.ac.uk/open-day
- **Bath College Open event**, Saturday 19th October 10am – 1pm www.bathcollege.ac.uk/openevents
- **Access Creative – Creative Media College (Music, Games, Media, Events) Open Day** Tuesday 29th October and Saturday 30th November www.accesscreative.ac.uk/events
- **Pilot Careers Open event, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November**, Terminal 5, London Heathrow – flight training exhibition. www.pilotcareernews.com/live
- **Legal Apprenticeships, Burges Salmon** have an **Open Evening** event, Tuesday 5th November from 6.30pm <https://www.burges-salmon.com/careers/apprenticeships/legal-apprenticeship/legal-apprenticeship-open-evening/>
- **OnSite Bristol – Construction. Apprenticeships Open Day** Wednesday 27th November 5 – 7.30pm
www.onsitebristol.co.uk

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

PTA News



Wellsway Artisan 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.

Friends of Wellsway PTA

Staff Vacancies

For current vacancies please click [here](#)