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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	Keynsham Winter Festival Performance	29 th November	The Space, Keynsham High St
	Bristol Schools Swimming Gala	5 th December	Bath Leisure Centre
7	Pantomime Trip	10 th December	Bristol Hippodrome
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11	Internal Exams	18 th – 26 th November	Sports Hall
Sixth Form	Parent / Carer Evening	28 th November	Lansdown Hall
	Sports Science Support in Action	5 th December	University of Bath

This week has been a busy one for Year 11 students who have been completing their Year 11 internal (and for some, their external) exams in the Sports Centre in the same conditions as they will be for their GCSE exams in the summer. The year group have approached these exams with positivity and commitment – our invigilators have expressed how impressed they have been with students' conduct so far. The feedback teachers will be able to provide students with from these exams will be vital for students' own revision planning and for teachers' planning for the remaining months of their GCSE studies and I'd like to thank parents for the support I know has been going on at home in helping students stay focused and work hard on their revision.

I truly believe, however, that school is about so much more than exams and there have been a number of opportunities this week for students to develop their independence, leadership and team working skills, such as the Challenge event after school on Wednesday. It was also pleasing to see Wellsway's School Sports Ambassadors being mentioned in Salford School's newsletter this week – this programme is a real asset and something we're really proud of and it is great to see our students working with students from across our family of schools.

Another success this term has been our Duke of Edinburgh programme – now in its third year at Wellsway and going from strength to strength. We have a whopping 99 students signed up for Bronze award and, for the first time ever, 12 signed up for Gold award. Keep an eye out for a future opportunity we're hoping to launch – a cross trust Ten Tors team – which will be an amazing opportunity for students.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

Anti-racism Creative Writing Competition - now open

We want to encourage students to think about racism and produce their own creative writing piece about this serious issue. It could be a piece of prose, or poetry. A play script or a story - if it's about racism, and how to overcome it - we want to see it! Open to all students from years 7 to 13. Further information is available through insight. Entries should be sent to LTithecott@wellswayschool.com by Friday 6th December 2019.

Miss Tithecott

Votes for Schools

As part of tutor time last week, we discussed 'Can sharing stories prevent extremism?'. Students discussed opposing viewpoints and were encouraged to decide for themselves whether hearing about the experiences of other could help keep us safe. 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



Keynsham Winter Festival

Wellsway School are very excited to be performing at Keynsham Winter Festival, in The Space in Keynsham, on Friday 29th November 2019. We have over 50 students performing in 16 dances, showcasing the exceptional talent we have at Wellsway. The students have been working exceptionally hard in extra-curricular dance clubs to ensure their dances are ready for this amazing performance. This will be the first time students from Wellsway will be performing at this event and everyone involved is very excited, please feel free to come along and support all of the students involved. Students involved have been sent an email and the information on the link needs to be completed by Tuesday 26th November 2019 by 9am.

Miss Randall

Community Action Week

Students in Burnett house will soon begin planning a variety of fundraising events for Community Action Week; this is planned to take place in the week beginning Monday 16 December 2019. The focus will be *respect for our environment* and the funds raised will go towards developing new facilities around the school to reduce litter and improve opportunities for recycling.



Mr Knowles

School Visits

D of E Registration Meetings

A final reminder of important bronze award registration meetings next **Tuesday 26th November** (A-K surnames) and **Thursday 28th November** (L-W surnames). Room M19, straight after school until 5pm.

Mr Sage

Music & Performing Arts News



Christmas Concert

Tickets for the Christmas Concert will be going on sale on Saturday November 23rd 9am via the following link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellsway-school>.

The Christmas Concert will take place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December, 7pm Mendip Hall. Due to the high number of students taking part, tickets sales will be limited to two tickets per person for the first week. We will release any spare tickets on Saturday 30th November.

Ms McLean

Bath Sinfonia tickets

Thank you to all parents who contacted the Music Department requesting tickets for Bath Sinfonia tickets on December 5th. Everyone who requested tickets will be able to pick them up from the box office on the night of the concert.

Ms McLean

Drama Production Rehearsals

- **Tuesday 26th 3.15-4.30** (Page 70-88) for all named characters and a couple of Tribe Leaders who will be notified via insight.
- **Wednesday 27th 3.15-5.30** (Page 88-108) for Piggy, Ralph, Sam, Eric, Jack, Maurice, Roger, and Bill. Perceval and Henry will also be needed 3.15-4.30. All cast need to remember to bring in their white shirt next week and give it to Miss Coles or Miss Davies.

Miss Coles

Sixth Form

Sixth Form – Applications for September 2020

Thank you to those of you that already have applied, it has been great to see such a fantastic response.

If you have yet to apply 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](#).

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us at sixthform@wellswayschool.com

Mr Bray

Year 12/13 Parents Evening

The Parents' Evening for Years 12 and 13 will take place on Thursday 28th November from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in the Lansdown Building. Parents should have made appointments using the Insight Parent Portal (which can be accessed by following the link on the school website).

If students have any lessons at either SBL or IKB, those appointments should be made by students directly with their teacher.

Mr Bray

Graduate Reunion and Awards Evening

I am delighted to announce that our annual Graduate Reunion and Awards Evening will this year be expanded from our traditional ex-year 13 invitees to include Wellsway graduates since 2015. The evening will be a celebration of all our recent successes as well as a chance to meet up again just before Christmas!

It will be held on **Thursday 19th December** in Mendip Hall, with drinks and nibbles served from 5.15pm. The event will finish at approximately 6.45pm.

Please keep an eye out on email for invitations.

Mr Bray

Youth Seminar in Berlin

I recently joined 60 students from the UK and Germany on a 4 day trip to Berlin to discuss sustainable consumption in food, fashion and transport.

We met with Green Fashion Tours to discuss how unsustainable fashion can be and how to adapt our choices to help reduce the effects. Afterwards we attended a food workshop by Restlos Glücklich about food storage, carbon emissions and food packaging. VCD/DIY: Dein Mobilitätsprojekt who explained the consequences of transportation and the possible solutions to a more sustainable life of transport. Whilst there we had the opportunity to look around Berlin; the popular tourist spots, Christmas market and a sustainable market.

On our last day we presented our findings at the British Embassy in front of a panel of experts, to share our thoughts and opinions and to ask questions. Overall this was an amazing opportunity to go out of my comfort zone and discuss a theme I'm interested in, whilst having the ability to practise my German and meet a range of new people.

Alyssa, Year 13

Sport

Year 7 Fixture vs Chew Valley

On Wednesday this week our Year 7 Netball team travelled to Chew Valley School to play their final game before the B&NES tournament. The girls' played really well as a team, as they have done all season, working hard to support each other both in attack and defence. Ella, Martha and Tatiana all shot excellently which was remarkable given the freezing temperature. Annabelle and Amelia linked up brilliantly in the centre court, accurately feeding our shooters and Rhianna and Emily made some superb interceptions winning back possession for Wellsway. I must make a particular mention to Rosie and Olivia who both represented the school for the first time on Wednesday. They showed real character to play in our A team and both passed accurately and defended with determination. This season over 40 girls' have had the opportunity to play Netball for Wellsway School. The final score was a win for Wellsway, 20-13. Player of the game was awarded to Annabelle M. Well done to all those girls' involved.

Mrs Burston

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

Wednesday Lunchtime Employer Pop-Up sessions

Drop in on the day

1.30 -2pm, Careers Hub

DATE	EMPLOYER	SPECIALISM
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **City of Bristol College – Open Evening** Tuesday 26th November 5pm – 7.30pm www.cityofbristol.ac.uk
- **OnSite Bristol – Construction. Apprenticeships Open Day** Wednesday 27th November 5 – 7.30pm www.onsitebristol.co.uk
- **Access Creative – Creative Media College (Music, Games, Media, Events)** Open Day Saturday 30th November www.accesscreative.ac.uk/events
- **Are you in year 11 – 13, interested in Dentistry ?** London School of Dentistry are running a 2 day taster course 11.01.12 – 12.01.20 at University of East London (Stratford). There is a cost of £120 for both days www.londonschoolofdendistry.co.uk
- **Bath College**, half day taster workshop 'Experience' days during February holiday www.bathcollege.ac.uk/experience

Interested in **Construction** - <https://www.goconstruct.org/> recommended website for everything construction including possible apprenticeship opportunities and where to look

Drop into the Careers Hub for further information on any of the events.

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

Contribute to a major new study – what do young people think about the future?

Chance to win Amazon vouchers, iPads/tablets and Bluetooth headphones!

We have been contacted by the charity Education and Employer, who undertake extensive research into the impact on young people of interacting with the world of work.

They have invited 14 – 18 year olds at Wellsway to participate in ground-breaking research to find out more about the issues that matter most to young people, their career aspirations and concerns about the future. The findings will be published in a report entitled "Facing the Future" (More details [here](#)). Those who complete the survey will be entered into a prize draw, prizes which include Amazon vouchers, iPads/tablets and Bluetooth headphones!

[Click here for the survey](#)

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and
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Community News



Wacky World Coming to Wellsway!

On Saturday 21st December Wellsway Sports Centre will host Wacky World for a day of inflatable fun! The nationally renowned company will be joining us with their inflatable total wipeout, assault courses, gladiator duels and more! Suitable for all ages.

Tickets are on sale here:

<https://www.wackyworld.co.uk/collections/events/products/bristol-21st-december>

Mrs Gaiger

Staff Vacancies

For current vacancies please click [here](#)