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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	Lord of the Flies Drama Production	28 th – 31 st Jan	7pm – 9pm, Mendip Hall
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9	Y9 Parents' Evening	23 rd Jan	4.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown
	Pathways Evening (Options)	6 th Feb	6.00pm – 8.00pm Mendip and Lansdown Hall
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11	Y11 Parents' Evening	16 th Jan	4.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown
	Y11 Supporting for Success Evening	12 th Feb	6.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown
Sixth Form	Year 13 Internal Exams	13 th –17 th Jan	Sports Centre

I'd like to wish families a Happy New Year and New Decade and I hope that the break was positive and that students managed to recharge their batteries.

This is an exciting time for many of our students who are making some very important decisions about their futures. The Year 9 Pathways process starts in earnest in a couple of weeks and I know teams are busy preparing for the Pathways Evening to showcase the Key Stage 4 courses available. It was a real pleasure to welcome so many Year 11 parents in yesterday for interviews with their children to discuss sixth form applications and to have some time to have productive conversations about the choices they had made and to consider whether any changes were needed. It was great to hear so many of the students talk about the research they've completed independently and about how useful many of them have found the careers interviews they've been having to support those decisions.

Last night's Inclusion Parent Information Evening kicked off the first of many evening events that are in the calendar for this term – and it was lovely to hear some parents' feedback about the support they and their children have been receiving from the Inclusion team. There are members of the Senior Leadership Team at each of these evening events, so please do catch any of us if you'd like to discuss anything or just pass on any feedback about how we're doing!

Lastly, tomorrow at 9.00am tickets go on sale for our School Production of *Lord of the Flies* - I'm really excited about this and it has been wonderful speaking to so many students about their involvement. I know from my own school days that experiences like this are often the most memorable ones from our school days and I'd urge any students who may be wishing they auditioned for this production to do so for the next one!

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

Lord of the Flies - 28th – 31st Jan – tickets on sale

We are excited to announce that tickets are finally on sale for our epic production of *Lord of the Flies*! This really isn't one to be missed! Please come and support all the young people who have worked tirelessly to put on an outstanding show for you. The production is on from Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st January and tickets will be on sale from tomorrow morning at 9am using the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellsway-school>

The play does contain themes which some younger children may find distressing. The Performing Arts team have adapted the performance and script in light of this being a school production. Parents and carers wishing to bring younger children are advised to consider the play's content in advance, especially if unfamiliar with the play. Please contact the school via enquiries@wellswayschool.com if you require further advice on this matter.

Miss Coles

Year 9 – KS4 Pathways Evening – Thursday 6th February 2020

All parents and carers of Year 9 should have now received the pathways letter sent home before the Christmas break plus an email with the invitation letter attached, sent out this week. If for any reason you have not received either of these letters please let us know by emailing enquiries@wellswayschool.com marked for the attention of Mrs T Pells.

Mrs Pells

Parent/Carer Evenings

Year 11 – Thursday 16th Jan 2020 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Insight is still open and available for you to book appointments; this will close on Monday 13th January at 9.00am. Due to staff changes please look out for emails being sent home explaining the possibility of appointments being changed, and in some cases requiring to be rebooked. All students will be sent home with appointment lists next week.

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Please be reminded that appointments can only be made using the parental log in therefore if you need a reminder of your log in details please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Challenge Programme Maths Session

All pupils are invited to the Challenge Programme Maths Session 3:15-4:15pm Wednesday 15th Jan in Lansdown Hall.

It will be a team competition with a range of engaging maths-related challenges. Hope to see you there.



Dr Hambidge and Miss Knight



Calling students who are interested in Social Media

To help improve our presence on social media we are currently setting up a new Media Team at Wellsway School. Our aim is to share daily life as a student to the wider community.

If you would like to join in and be part of our team please email Mrs Pells at tpells@wellswayschool.com

Music & Performing Arts News

Instrumental lessons

The majority of instrumental lessons are starting from Monday 13th January. We will endeavour to send out timetables on Insight as soon as we receive them from our instrumental teachers, however this might not always be possible. Therefore it is essential all those learning an instrument, or having singing lessons check the timetables which will be put up on the instrumental notice board, by the practice rooms. If you signed up for your child to have an instrumental lesson and have not heard from BANES Music Hub by the end of this week, please contact Ms McLean imclean@wellswayschool.com

Ms McLean

Extra-curricular

We have a busy extra-curricular timetable with two clubs taking place every day. Orchestra will resume after half term, with a particular focus on you less experienced players. Jazz Band will continue on Thursday 3.15pm-4.15pm after school this term, with a focus on improvisation. Mr Everton will be sending a message on Insight to all students who are invited with specific dates.

The following music activities take place in every lunchtime, feel free to eat your packed lunch with us before the session begins.

Monday

- Beginners' School of Rock – open to any KS3 student who wants to improve their instrumental skills on keyboard, bass guitar or guitar. M03
- Ukulele Group – open to beginners and experienced players. Q03

Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Choir M03 Soundtrap (Music Production) Q03
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musical group M03 'All Ears' Our new listening group. Come and eat your lunch with us and then be introduced to a new piece of music each week. We will learn a bit about it and watch a short performance. Open to anyone!
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school choir, M31, Drama Studio.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Folk Group, M03

Drama Production - Rehearsals

Main cast and tribe leaders are needed for rehearsal on Tuesday 14th January at 3.15pm-5.00pm. Everyone is needed for rehearsal on Wednesday 15th January at 3.15pm-4.30pm. On Sunday 19th January main cast and tribe leaders are needed 10.00am-4.00pm, everyone else is needed 1.00pm-4.00pm.

School Visits

'Humbug!' - A Christmas Carol Theatre Trip

On the 7th January, the whole of Year 10 boarded several coaches to see a production of *A Christmas Carol* at The Old Vic in Bristol. The trip was a real success and the students were a credit to Wellsway School! The show was filled with music, singing and ghostly happenings!

Two very brave and talented performers from Wellsway, Kyle Rowe and Will Shepherd, even took to the stage and improvised the parts of young Scrooge and Tiny Tim. They completely stole the show with their impressive and lively performances.

A big thank you to Mrs Gage for organising such a fantastic trip!

English Department

Sixth Form

Graduate Reunion and Awards Evening

It was great to welcome back our ex-students for this year's Graduate Reunion and Awards Evening just before the Christmas break. It was a lovely evening to catch up on events and life after sixth form, present their hard earned certificates and give our some curriculum and special awards, which are given below.

Principal's Award for Excellence	Alice Marks
Jack Boulton Award	Harrigan Mendes
Most Progress in Sixth Form	Josh Mattingley
Perseverance through Adversity	Lucy Jones
Sixth Form Community Action	Adam Harris

Careers

'Careers Hub' - Sixth form corridor next to room M32



Open to ALL STUDENTS

Monday – Thursday 8.45 – 3.00

Either pop in OR Email; amillard@wellswayschool.com

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **City of Bristol College Open Day** – Saturday 18th January 10am – 1pm
- **Bath College Open day (Somer Valley campus)** – Saturday 25th January 10am – 1pm
- **Bath College Open Day (Main campus)** - Wednesday 5th February 4pm – 7pm
- Looking at a career in law? – **Burges Salmon** are holding **Law Information Days**; Year 11 students 18.02.20, Year 12 & 13 students 20.02.20. For further information email corporate.resp@burges-salmon.com
- **Bath College**, half day taster workshop '**Experience**' days during February holiday www.bathcollege.ac.uk/experience
- **Save the Date; Thursday 19th March.** **Bristol City Council 'Festival of Care'**; An event to learn about career options, attend workshops and meet employers within 'care'

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>

Staff Vacancies

For current vacancies please click [here](#)