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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
	DTP/MenACWY vaccinations	26 th Feb	
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11	Y11 Supporting for Success Evening	12 th Feb	6.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown
Sixth Form			

There was a great turn out at last night's Year 11 Parents' Evening and I know from speaking to many of you how productive these conversations were. We've been really impressed with the year group's attendance this year – a whopping 97% attendance so far! Being in for every lesson makes a real difference and I know many students have already started thinking about revision plans for the next set of internal exams. Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire – it's been a pleasure to read how many students are feeling positive about their time at Wellsway and to hear how many are looking forward to starting their Year 12 studies with us.

Many of you will be aware that every three years OECD run Pisa tests (to compare international education standards of 15 and 16 year olds), but may not know that Wellsway students were involved in them for the first time this year. Although it wasn't widely reported, it was pleasing to read that the UK has risen eight places to 14th in reading; one place to 14th in science and nine places to 18th in maths. Well done to our students who contributed to this improvement!

We are also delighted that early outcomes from university application process have been positive, with four of our students already accepted for courses at Cambridge, Oxford and veterinary sciences. Applications to other universities will be confirmed shortly so good luck to all those Year 13s yet to hear.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

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.

Don't miss out on the School Production!

Tickets are still available for Lord of the Flies! Please come and support your friends and the performing arts department. It's going to be a great show! Performances are on from Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st January. Use the following link to book your tickets now: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellsway-school>

Miss Coles

Year 9 DTP/MenACWY vaccinations

You will receive an email via Insight from the Schools Immunisation Team regarding the DTP/Men ACWY vaccinations for all students in year 9 on Wednesday 26 February. Please follow the link to read the information and fill in the consent form. If you do not have access to an electronic device or have a query please phone the Immunisation Team direct on 01225 838270. On the day please ensure your child has eaten breakfast and girls are wearing a t-shirt or vest top underneath their school shirt.

Mrs Dursley

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 last 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 Evening Year 9 - Thursday 23rd Jan 2020 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Insight is now, 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.

If you have any queries please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Topping Up your Catering Account

The machine in Lansdown Foyer is intended as a balance checker, cash should not routinely be put into the machine. Please remember to top up your child's catering account online, funds do not appear instantly so please allow several hours before your child's break/lunch to make payment. At present, the balance checker is out of order and we are working to resolve this. Zest Catering staff will be able to confirm how much is on the account when your child is requesting break/lunch if necessary. Thank you for your support.

Zest Catering



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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

Lord of the Flies rehearsal

Quick reminder that we have a rehearsal this Sunday 19th, Main cast are needed 10am-4pm, tribe and tribe leaders are needed 1pm-4pm. On Tuesday 21st everyone is needed for rehearsal 3.15-4.30 and we need everyone to bring in their costumes for this date - if there are any problems sourcing a costume please talk to Miss Coles or Miss Davies. On Wednesday 22nd main cast is needed 3.15-5. On Sunday 26th everyone is needed 10-4pm for a full tech and dress run.

Miss Coles

Sports News



Wellsway Sports Ambassadors Inspire children at Chandag Infant School

On Tuesday this week, 5 of our students were welcomed by Chandag Infant School, where they ran an assembly for 120 children from Year 1 and 2. Abbie, Issy, Rona, Phoebe and Nathan are all Sports Ambassadors at Wellsway and were given the challenge of planning and running an assembly with the aim of inspiring children to participate in sport. They each wrote a section of the presentation, drawing on their earliest experiences through to the present day. They spoke of their highest achievements, the challenges they have faced and their aims for the future. We held several practice sessions before the event to ensure they were using language appropriate to the age of the children and also made the assembly interactive with the use of questioning and props. All 5 students went to Chandag Infant School which made the experience even more special for both them and the staff who had taught them 10 years ago! Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Burston

School Visits

Water Sports 2020

We are pleased to update parents, carers and students that we have provisionally booked again to take a group to France for a two-centre adventure trip to Mimosa on the Languedoc Coast followed by Segries in the Ardeche. Students who are currently in Year 8, will shortly receive further details of how to apply to join this trip which will take place from **Thursday 23rd July to Friday 31st July 2020**. Please note that all participants must be able to swim 50 metres in light clothes. A deposit of £100 will be required to apply for a place on this ever popular trip. Please keep an eye out for further details.

Mrs Rogers

Sixth Form



Sixth Form Applications for Year 12

Thank you very much for coming in to meet with us over this last week or so. It has been great to talk with you about your aspirations, and we are looking forward to welcoming you in September. Letters regarding the next steps have been sent.

Year 11 students can still apply for September 2020 by contacting us at sixthform@wellswayschool.com

University, Apprenticeships and Employment

Whilst the process is still ongoing it has been wonderful to see university offers rolling in from all over the country, including so many from the top universities including both Oxford and Cambridge.

All students who have not applied go into our post-18 Apprenticeship and Employment group, which supports them in getting the very best placements out there.

Mr Bray

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](#)