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## Dates for the Diary

Parent, Carer and Student 'Need to Know' Dates			
Year	Activity	Date	Start Time and Venue
<b>For All</b>	Lord of the Flies Drama Production	28 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	7pm – 9pm, Mendip Hall
<b>7</b>			
<b>8</b>	Tests – Maths and English Parent/Carer Evening	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Hall Details to follow next week
<b>9</b>			
	Pathways Evening (Options)	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm – 8.00pm Mendip and Lansdown Hall
	DTP/MenACWY vaccinations	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
<b>10</b>	Parent/Carer Evening	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Details to follow next week
<b>11</b>	Y11 Supporting for Success Evening	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown
<b>Sixth Form</b>			

I'd like to say thank you to all the parents who made it out last night to our Year 9 Parent/ Carer Evening and for the great many of you who took the time to complete the parent questionnaires. It was lovely to read comments such as "excellent teachers across the board" and "my son enjoys school... huge credit to all his teachers, they do an amazing job" and about the "extras ... on offer, such as Challenge programme". Hearing that students are enjoying school and getting involved in the wider school life really does make the long evenings and twelve hour days of the term well worth it. Thank you also to parents who offered suggestions and told us where we could do better, although there were overwhelmingly more positive comments than areas to improve, feedback about what we could do more of or differently is always helpful. One area we are looking at it how to ensure all parents are well informed about what their children are studying across the year – but we're looking at how to ensure this is helpful, meaningful and, importantly, not overwhelming.

This is an important term for Year 9 students considering their choices for Key Stage 4 and the year group were especially attentive and well behaved in their Pathways assembly on Monday, where Mr Cooper guided the year group through the process and gave advice on the courses on offer and how to make informed decisions. I look forward to seeing parents of the year group in a fortnight's time at our Pathways Evening.

Finally, I'd like to extend a big thank you to all the parents of children who are participating in the school production next week – your support of this is much appreciated and I know there will be many families next week juggling earlier dinners, drop offs and late pick-ups. If you haven't yet got your ticket for the show, there are still some available, so please do come along and support what I'm sure will be another excellent production by the Performing Arts Team who have committed a lot of time to rehearsals.

**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](mailto:enquiries@wellswayschool.com) if you require further advice on this matter.

### **Don't miss out on the School Production!**

Last chance to get your tickets for Lord of the Flies! It's going to be an amazing show so don't miss out! The show is on next week from Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st January, get your tickets using the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellsway-school>

Miss Coles

### Year 9 DTP/MenACWY vaccinations

Hopefully you have now managed to access the link emailed to you this week 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Please be reminded of the Year 9 Pathways Evening. A great opportunity for students to speak to subject teachers about GCSE courses on offer for 2020-2022. If you have any queries please email [enquiries@wellswayschool.com](mailto:enquiries@wellswayschool.com) marked for the attention of Mrs T Pells.

Mrs Pells

## Music & Performing Arts News

### Lord of the Flies rehearsal

Quick reminder that we have a rehearsal this **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is needed 10am-4pm and it is crucial that everyone is there as we will be doing a tech and dress run so please come in your costumes ready to start straight away! We are also rehearsing all day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> until 4.30pm. Thank you and well done for all your hard work with the show, make sure you get some rest so you are ready for show week next week!

Miss Coles

## Green Team

### Green Team/Chandag Infants School garden working party

The next garden working party is on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020, 8.45 - 11.45am**, in the school garden. The work will be supervised by myself and Ms Stone from Chandag Infants School. All Green Team members and family members (mums, dads, brothers & sisters, etc.) are warmly welcomed. Please email me if you would like to come, stating that you have your parents' permission to attend. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. The meeting is weather dependent. I will email all participants at 8am on the day of the working party if I decide the weather is unsuitable to carry out the work.

Mr Sage

## Sports News



### Year 7 BANES Netball – 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall

Our Year 7 Netball team played in the BANES Netball tournament on Wednesday which took place at Wellsway School. The girls have been training really hard all season and have made great progress both individually and as a team. The competition involved 7 other local schools and was a round robin tournament.

The games were only 10 minutes long, requiring the girls to stay very focussed, as small mistakes could be very costly. They won their first three games convincingly beating Norton Hill, Chew Valley and Writhlington. Their 4th game was against Hayesfield and they knew it was going to be tough as they had already played them earlier in the season. The team battled really hard and Elena and Emily were outstanding in defence but they were just too strong, with the final score a loss to Wellsway 2-5.

The final 3 games were a narrow defeat against Oldfield 2-3 and wins against Broadlands and St Gregory's. I felt incredibly proud of all the girls at the tournament. Ella was an excellent captain and she and Martha shot with great accuracy despite the cold conditions. Annabelle, Amelia, Tatiana and Sophie battled hard in the centre court and supported each other brilliantly. Finally, Elena and Emily worked tirelessly in defence making it very hard for other teams to feed the circle. Wellsway were 3rd overall and all girls should feel incredibly proud of this achievement. Well done.

Mrs Burston

## Sixth Form



### **Sixth Form Applications for Year 12**

A quick reminder that students and parents/carers can still apply for a sixth form place in September 2020 by contacting us at [sixthform@wellswayschool.com](mailto:sixthform@wellswayschool.com).

We are now busy following up and arranging extra advice and guidance where current applicants have requested it following the 1 – 1 meetings, and we will be back in touch with all applicants again very shortly.

### **University, Apprenticeships and Employment**

With the application process now over, 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 have now gone into our post-18 Apprenticeship and Employment group, which welcomed Babcock in on Monday to talk through everything post-18 apprenticeships!

Mr Bray

## Careers



### **CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION**

'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](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS –**

- **Bath College Open Day (Main campus)** - Saturday 1st February 10am – 1pm
- **University of Law** – Years 10 – 13 'Explore law tour' event, 18<sup>th</sup> March 4pm – 7pm. To book a place [www.law.ac.uk/events](http://www.law.ac.uk/events)
- 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](mailto:corporate.resp@burges-salmon.com)
- **Bath College**, half day taster workshop 'Experience' days during February holiday [www.bathcollege.ac.uk/experience](http://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/experience)
- **Save the Date; Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk) OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

## Staff Vacancies

For current vacancies please click [here](#)