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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			
7			
8	Tests – Maths and English Parent/Carer Evening	5 th Feb 5 th March	Sports Hall 4.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown
9			
	Pathways Evening (Options)	6 th Feb	6.00pm – 8.00pm Mendip and Lansdown Hall
	DTP/MenACWY vaccinations	26 th Feb	
10	Parent/Carer Evening	12 th March	4.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown
11	Y11 Supporting for Success Evening	12 th Feb	6.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown
Sixth Form			

Each year, as I watch the school production, I am amazed by the confidence and talent so many of our students have. This year was no exception - it's no mean feat to pull off a play and manage to cast such a lot of students, but the Performing Arts team did it splendidly.

A week of brilliant performances doesn't happen without real commitment and dedication and so thank you to all involved; obviously to the students who have juggled rehearsals and learning lines/ dances with their studies and the Miss Coles and the Performing Arts team for the months of work that has gone into the show, but also to all who have supported, whether that's staff who've helped out with refreshments or parents who've helped and supported. Well done and here's to another great performance next year - I know discussions are already underway so watch this space!

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

Head Lice

We have recently received a report of head lice. For advice on how to tackle them please follow the NHS link for advice <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Mrs Dursley

Lost Property – Last Chance

Last call for the following items of lost property which will be disposed of next week if not claimed:

- Black Karrimor jacket aged 13
- Pink 'icecream is my bestie' lunch bag and water bottle
- Boy's PE kit and Black Sandico bootbag in yellow JD Sports bag
- Red Team GB shoe bag containing football boots

Mrs Dursley

Year 9 – KS4 Pathways Evening – Thursday 6th 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 marked for the attention of Mrs T Pells.

Mrs Pells

WriteWest Workshop

We are lucky enough to be involved with a WriteWest writing workshop run and organised by theatre company, *Papatango*. Some of our hardworking Year 9 students had the fantastic opportunity to work with a professional playwright to practise their skill of writing. The group have a week to submit their finished scripts as next month, the company will be back with actors to perform their scripts. Such an exciting experience for our Wellsway students to be involved with.



Miss Mondair

Year 8 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 5th March 4.00pm-7.00pm

You will be able to book your appointments via Insight from 4.00pm on Monday 10th February - 9.00am on Friday 28th Feb. Please be reminded that appointments can only be made using the parental login and not the student log in. If you need a reminder of your username please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Year 10 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 12th March 4.00pm-7.00pm

You will be able to book your appointments via Insight from 4.00pm on Tuesday 25th February – 9.00am on Friday 6th March. Please be reminded that appointments can only be made using the parental login and not the student log in. If you need a reminder of your username please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Communications

We are always trying to improve our communications and since the launch of Insight in 2015 we have received many positive comments from parents and carers who really appreciate and value this means of communication. As you can imagine, communicating electronically has made a huge difference to our paper usage and this can only be a good thing. However, as always, we are open to any suggestions or comments you may have where you feel we could improve our communications even further.

Please email your comments to communications@wellswayschool.com We cannot guarantee a response to every email we receive but can assure you we will take your comments on board.



In the event of a school closure

BaNES council have recently contacted us to advise they will no longer be publishing a list of school closures on their website, however they will publish a page signposting parents and carers to their own school website.

In the rare event we should need to close the whole school we will update our website by 7.30am on the day, announce the closure on twitter, plus send an email via Insight as soon as possible.

Twitter Information

If you currently follow us on twitter you may have noticed that over the last several months we have increased our tweets far more often than we have done so in the past. As a parent myself I found I was following several different twitter accounts which I feel was quite confusing. Therefore, moving forward we can confirm only the following accounts will be used:



Wellsway School <https://twitter.com/WellswaySchool>

(Including tweets from school visits)

Wellsway Sixth <https://twitter.com/WellswaySixth>

Wellsway Sports Centre <https://twitter.com/WellswaySC>

Media Team

This term myself, along with a team of really enthusiastic students from across the school, have joined up to run a new school media team. Our main aim is to increase our current presence on social media, showing activities going on in school that parents and carers *often* don't get to see, including what we call the 'fun stuff'. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see or hear about please let us know by emailing communications@wellswayschool.com

GDPR

If we are to use images on social media obviously GDPR plays a huge part in what students can and can't be involved in. If you haven't done so already, please log into your Insight account to update your parental consent. You do this by clicking on the 'General' tab, 'Personal Details' and then scroll down to 'Parental consent'.

Mrs Pells

Green Team

Green Team/Chandag Infants School garden working party

The next garden working party is on **Saturday 1st 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

Music & Performing Arts News

Lord of the Flies Production

Congratulations to everyone involved in Lord of the Flies. Tonight is the final performance and we're incredibly proud of the hard work that the students have put in since September in order to produce such a stunning show. We hope you all have a well-deserved rest over the weekend.

Miss Coles

Musicals Club

Following on from the wonderful school play, the Drama and Music Department are already looking into which musical to do next year! Therefore we're excited to launch a new Musicals Club which will meet in M31 every Wednesday lunchtime. Feel free to bring your packed lunch. We're going to explore a number of musical songs and there will be opportunities for solos for those who wish. Everyone is welcome, please don't be shy!

Instrumental Lessons

Thanks to all who have emailed the Music Department reporting that their child is still waiting instrumental lessons. I have had a discussion with BANES Music Hub who have stated that everyone who has applied to have lessons should start after Easter. I know this is frustrating and hope this will be resolved as soon as possible.

Ms McLean

Sports News

Fencing Competition

Congratulations to Oliver Wilson for coming third in the U14 South West Regional foil competition at Millfield at the weekend. He will now represent the South West in the British Youth Fencing Championships in May. Good luck Oliver!

Mr Evans

Fit for Sport back at Wellsway Sports Centre!

Nationally recognised holiday camp providers Fit For Sport will be back at Wellsway this February half term offering sports and activities to 5-12 year olds! With a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, there is something for everyone.

Visit www.fitforsport.co.uk to see more information about what

they do and to book your place! **Book by 31st January and save 10%! Just use promotional code FEB10**

Facility Block Cards

Looking for something to do this half term? Buy a Facility Block Card for £20 and receive 10 sessions on either the astro, tennis courts, or in the sports hall. Over 14's only.

Teen Gym

Wellsway Sports Centre offer 'Teen Gym' every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3.15-4pm. The sessions are for that age

group only, with staff on hand to offer advice and support if needed. £3 pay as you go, or £24 for a clock of 10. 14-16 yr's only.

Sports England Support Pitch Refurbishment



We are so pleased to announce that Wellsway Sports Centre has been awarded £60,000 towards the cost of refurbishing the astro pitch. The works will take place over the summer – watch this space for more updates!

Mrs Gaiger



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.

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 in touch with all applicants again very shortly.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Bath College Open Day (Main campus)** - Saturday 1st February 10am – 1pm
- **University of Law** – Years 10 – 13 'Explore law tour' event, 18th March 4pm – 7pm. To book a place 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
- **Bath College**, half day taster workshop 'Experience' days during February holiday www.bathcollege.ac.uk/experience
- **Access Creative College (Creative Media)** – Taster day, Friday 21st February 10am – 1.30pm, head to the website www.accesscreative.ac.uk for further information
- **Access Creative (Creative Media)** – Open Evening Tuesday 25th February 5pm – 6.30pm www.accesscreative.ac.uk/events
- **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](#)

