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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			
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10	Parent/Carer Evening	12 th March	4.00pm-7.00pm Lansdown
11			
Sixth Form	Parent/Carer Evening	26 th March	4.00pm – 7.00pm Lansdown

Parents of Year 11 will know that this week has been a busy week as they completed internal exams in preparation for the summer. Teachers will be spending a lot of hours marking the papers over the next week or so and I am confident the year group will act positively and productively on the papers looking at their strengths and areas of weakness to make the most of this feedback. As parents of the year group are aware, Year 11 were also involved in the NFER National Reference Tests this week, and the visitors who ran the tests were extremely impressed with how they approached and conducted themselves. The year group were scored as 'highly engaged', which apparently happens very rarely and our visitors remarked on how as a school, they were as good as they had seen when running the tests. I would like to extend a big congratulation to the students for representing the school in such a positive light – they were clearly a credit to Wellsway.

We regularly talk to students about the importance of community action and how they conduct themselves out of school, so it was a pleasure to hear from a local resident who had a nasty fall and had five Wellsway students rush to help. We will be mentioning this in assemblies as we would like to congratulate and thank them for their kind actions, so if you know who these students were, please do let us know.

Parent and Carer Evenings are always a highlight of my week at school and Year 8's last night was no exception. It was lovely to see so many engaged and happy students across the evening and to have the chance to speak to so many parents and carers. We have already collated the questionnaires that so many of you completed – thank you – and it is great to know that we had 100% of parents say their child is happy at Wellsway and 98% feel their child is doing well with us. Thank you also for all of the lovely comments, such as "my daughter thoroughly enjoys her education here and feels safe in a secure and supportive environment"; "we felt the teachers really knew our child" and "we have just had an amazing parents evening". We are not, however, complacent, and I thank parents also for the suggestions and comments about where we can improve. We look at both results and comments as a Senior Leadership Team and this is on the agenda for our next governor meeting as we continue to strive to make Wellsway the very best it can be for the community we serve.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

DTP/MenACWY vaccinations for year 9 students

If your child did **not** have the DTP and MenACWY vaccinations last week it was because the Schools Immunisation Team did not receive your consent. The Team will be back in school later in the year to give the vaccinations to those students who did not have it the first time round. Please follow the link sent to you via Insight this week to read the information and sign the consent form. Please do this ASAP. If you are unable to access the consent via the electronic link then please call the **SPA (single point of access) on 0300 247 0082** and the team will support you in completing the consent over the phone. If you do NOT want your child to receive the vaccine then please also complete the form stating that you do not want him/her to receive it, this means the Team will not chase further

Mrs Dursley

The Challenge Programme – Update for Parents

As you may be aware of from information evenings or our website, the Challenge Programme is a series of extra-curricular activities designed to enhance our provision for those students looking to extend their learning beyond the classroom. The aim is to give students the skills and motivation to deepen their understanding and inspire their ambitions to apply for the most competitive destinations and support them in achieving their ambitions. The programme is open to all, but most appropriate for more able students aiming to achieve the highest grades at GCSE and beyond.

Our next event is on Wednesday 18th March 3:15-4:15pm in Lansdown Hall where we will be looking at the Science behind the headlines of Climate Change. This event is open to all students – just turn up!

The Challenge Programme is open to all students – find out more including how to join on the presentation that can be found [HERE](#)

Dr Hambidge

Passport to Prom

After a busy week sitting their mock exams students in Year 11 can look forward to receiving their 'passport to prom booklet' from their tutor next week.

Mr Knowles

Thursday 12th March, 4.00pm-7.00pm

This is now closed for bookings, and we look forward to welcoming you on 12th March

Sixth Form Parent/Carer Evening - Thursday 26th March, 4.00pm-7.00pm

You will be able to book your appointments via Insight from 4.00pm on Monday 9th March – 9.00am on Friday 20th 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

Wizards Wonders at Wellsway

Students came together on Monday this week to help celebrate World Book Week, by celebrating all things Harry Potter. The students joined together in games, a scavenger hunt, a big quiz and an even bigger feast. Potions were made, spells were cast and prizes won. After a hard fought battle between the Hogwarts houses, congratulations go to the Slytherin house team for being the Harry Potter tournament winners 2020.

Many students commented that they would like to go on and read more of the Harry Potter book series, or for some, re-read these much loved books again. One student said they thought it was amazing and wished we could have a Harry Potter Party every day!

If your child is interested in Harry Potter, then the books are available in the library to borrow and every Friday lunchtime there is a Harry Potter Club run in L2 by Miss Wainwright.

Mrs Youle



Green Team / Chandag Infant & Junior School Garden Working Party

The next meeting in Wellsway school garden will take place on **SATURDAY 21st MARCH**, from 9.00am – 11.00am. The session will be supervised by Ms Stone and Tania Orgill, Forest school coordinator. All students and their families are welcome to come along and help continue the restoration of the garden into a Forest school; no previous experience necessary. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. The meeting will go ahead except in the event of extreme weather conditions.

Mr Sage

Sports

Lydia Green - Baton Twirling

Congratulations to Lydia Green who has been selected to represent England in Baton Twirling (solo) at the NBTA World Championships in Eindhoven during the upcoming Easter holiday. She will be one of the youngest competitors in her age category, which is a massive achievement. She will also be taking part in the team competition with a Pom Pom routine, again representing England.

Lydia has previously represented England coming 7th in last year's World Championships and 4th in the European Championships. Good luck for the competition and we hope to hear all about it!

Mr Evans

Wellsway Sports Centre Awarded £60,000

We are very pleased to announce that following a bid to Sport England as part of their Community Asset Fund, we have successfully been awarded £60,000.

The funding will go towards the costs of refurbishing the astro pitch, which will take place in the summer.

The current pitch is approaching 15 years old and

currently hosts a wide variety of community sports teams including hockey, football, rugby, and baseball, as well as all the children of Wellsway School. The astro is also used to host primary school festivals throughout the year as part of the School Sport Partnership.

Laura Gaiger, Community and Business Development Manager, said '*We are so pleased with the outcome of the funding bid. The astro is heavily used all day everyday by so many members of the local community; we are really pleased that we will be able to keep on providing a fantastic facility to so many. A huge thank you to Sport England for supporting this project.*'

A big thank you also to Keynsham Hockey Club for their support with the funding bid, we look forward to working closely with them for years to come.



WELLSWAY SPORTS
Sport • Community • Lettings

Special 15 March Membership Offer!

Join Wellsway Sports Centre today on a 6 month contract and pay only £15 per month! (Usually £21 per month). We have also decreased the joining fee to just £10. Come and see us in club to sign up now!

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Applications for Year 12

A quick reminder that students can still apply for a sixth form place in September 2020 by contacting us at sixthform@wellswayschool.com.

BANES Oxbridge Conference

Great to see our Year 12 students taking advantage of the fantastic opportunity to speak to admissions tutors, current Oxbridge students, current offer holders and attend sample lectures at this great event on Monday. Another important step on their paths to deciding what to do post-18!

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 –

- **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'
- **University of Law** – Years 10 – 13 'Explore law tour' event, 18th March 4pm – 7pm. To book a place www.law.ac.uk/events
- **Interested in the world of Cyber Security ?** The National Cyber Security Centre are providing FREE short courses at UWE Saturday 28th March; Trailblazers – **year 8** students, 9am – 12.30pm, Adventurers – **Year 9** students 1.30pm – 5pm https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/education-skills/11-19-year-olds#section_3

For further information on any of the events drop into the Careers Hub

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

PTA News



Uniform Sale

The Wellsway PTA is planning to hold a used uniform sale on a Saturday morning in early June (date still to be confirmed).

If you have any out-grown uniform - please donate it to us! Just pop the clean clothing into a bag with 'PTA uniform donation' written on it and hand it into student support. (Year 11 parents, please bear us in mind when your children leave in the summer 😊)

Thank you!

Friends of Wellsway PTA

Community News



The Rock Project

Spaces are now available to join The Rock Project School of Rock and Pop, lessons in Singing, Guitar, Bass or Drums, AND perform as part of a band! Currently offering a **FREE Taster Session**, The Rock Project are recruiting 7-11 and 12-18 year olds to join their two-hour weekly sessions running in **Bath, Trowbridge, Chippenham and Corsham**. Spaces are limited so get in touch now to secure your place. Would you like to be playing or singing on stage at our big summer gig and other events? All abilities welcome from beginners to experienced. To book a space, or for more information, visit www.therockproject.com/book-a-taster-south-west Email bath@therockproject.com also check out our Facebook page, The Rock Project Bath, or The Rock Project Chippenham and Corsham.

Staff Vacancies

For current vacancies please click [here](#)