

# THE AMMONITE

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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 Year Groups	Early Closure	17/01	2:45pm finish
	Inclusion Parents' Evening	23/01	6:00pm - 7:00pm
	End of Term 3	08/02	3:30pm finish
	INSET DAY – School Closed	09/02	
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9	Pathways Evening	18/01	6:30pm - 8:00pm
10	Ski Trip to Italy	09/02	
11	Parents' Evening	25/01	4:30pm – 7:30pm
	Support for Success Evening	06/02	6:30pm – 8:00pm
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## Ofsted Visit

As I'm sure you can imagine, this week has been particularly busy and it is a testament to both staff and students that school life has continued as normal, despite Tuesday's visit from Ofsted. Our students really were a credit to the school and demonstrated both the confidence and respect that we believe are vital for success in life. Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey – a letter from Ofsted will be published in due course.

It really was back to business as usual on Thursday evening with Year 9 Parents' Evening; it was a real pleasure to be able to speak to students and parents about Key Stage 4 choices being considered and I look forward to welcoming many of you back next week for our Year 9 Pathways Evening where staff will be available to discuss option choices with you in more detail. **Mr Woodville, Principal**

## Exam Information

2018 season is now available on the school website and can be found by clicking on the following link:

[www.wellswayschool.com/student-area](http://www.wellswayschool.com/student-area)

This will provide you with the date, time and duration of exams taking place. Students' individual timetables detailing just the subjects and exams they are taking will be given out in March 2018. **Mr Yockney**

## Year 9 Pathways Evening Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Further information and invitation letter to our Pathways Evening has now been emailed to you. We hope that you will be able to join us.

On this evening, you and your son or daughter will have the opportunity to find out more about individual subjects and understand the process of selecting courses for year's 10 and 11. We will also discuss future aspirations and careers.

## Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening

### Parent / Carer evenings

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 4.30pm -7.30pm

Insight is open and available for you to make your appointments. Please be reminded that all appointments must be made using the parental account only.

Insight will close on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 9.00am and all students will be sent home with appointment lists on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

If you require any help with Insight please email

[insight@wellswayschool.com](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com)

## Insight – Parent Portal

We have a small minority of parents/carers not yet engaged with Insight; therefore if you need a reminder of your Username or require any advice or guidance please contact [insight@wellswayschool.com](mailto:insight@wellswayschool.com) where we will be happy to help you.

**Mrs Pells**

## Inclusion Parents' Information Evening

We will be holding our first Wellsway Inclusion Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 6pm to 7pm. The aim of the evening is to demonstrate the ways in which we support SEN/D students at Wellsway as well as to provide clarity around our procedures.



Some of our students will be catering some light refreshments to conclude the event and I hope that you are able to stay for this; I know that they are very excited in preparing refreshments for you and helping to host the evening.

There will also be an opportunity to ask individual questions about Inclusion at Wellsway at the end of the evening. I do hope that you are able to join us for this event.

If you are able to attend, please email [enquiries@wellswayschool.com](mailto:enquiries@wellswayschool.com)  
**Mr Cooke**

### Trips and Visits

#### Year 12 Maths Inspiration

Year 12 Maths students have been given the opportunity to attend 'Maths Inspiration' at The Forum, Bath on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Three engaging speakers will present lively discussions which actively encourage students to question the maths behind our lives. This season's show is hosted by Helen Pilcher, one half of the stand-up act Comedy Research Project; Hannah Fry, the star of the You Tube channel Headsqueeze; John Roberts, one of the UK's leading theme park engineers; and Rob Eastaway, author and Director of Maths Inspiration. The letter was sent via Insight at the end of last term. The deadline for payments and forms to be returned is today. Make sure you don't miss out!

#### Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Concert

Members of our orchestras, bands and choirs will attend a concert by The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The concert, at Colston Hall, Bristol, will be an opportunity to experience the thrill of a live symphony orchestra performing some of the most memorable film and television themes ever written. It will include performances of music by multi-award winning composers from the golden age of cinema to the present: Elmer Bernstein, Hans Zimmer, Maurice Jarre, Miklos Rozsa, James Horner, Erich Korngold, Alexandre Desplat, Tan Dun and, of course, the godfather of the film score, John Williams. Remember to return your form to Student Support no later than 12 noon this Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. **Mrs Rogers**

### Drama News

#### School Production

The show is fast approaching and we're delighted to have sold so many tickets. If you would like to purchase tickets please do so through the following link

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wellsway-school>

**Rehearsals** will take place on  
*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 3.45pm-6.30pm,*  
*Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 10am-4pm and*  
*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 10am-4pm.*  
**Ms McLean and Miss Davies**

### Music News



Due to the rehearsals for the school production, there are no extra-curricular activities taking place in Music until after half term in February.

**Ms McLean**

### Prom Update

In order to celebrate the completion of GCSE examinations and to provide a lasting memory of students' time at Wellsway, a hoody is available to purchase, a yearbook will be produced and a prom night will be held. Details of these are as follows:

#### Hoody

A dark grey hoody, with the Wellsway logo embroidered on the front and the number eighteen on the back with all the students' names on, is available to purchase, costs and further details to be confirmed.

#### Yearbook

This will be a hardback, full colour book containing comments and photographs from both students and staff. Students will be invited to write a comment about their time at Wellsway and they can also submit photographs of school events which they have participated in. Costs and further details to be confirmed. More updates to follow.

**Miss Livingstone and The Prom Committee**

### Careers Update & Information



The Careers Centre is open to all Wellsway School students on Mon - Thurs, 8.45am - 3.30pm. Please just drop in or you can email me with any queries or to book an appointment:

[amillard@wellswayschool.com](mailto:amillard@wellswayschool.com)

**Mrs Millard**



**WMAT Careers, current opportunities Support Staff**

#### Support

[Wellsway HLTA \(Numeracy\)](#)

### Fundraising



**Please support your Friends of Wellsway PTA by signing up with Easyfundraising.org**

There is lots of free money out there available to the school; but we can only get it with your help!

You may remember last month we asked you to consider signing up with Easyfundraising.org so that every time you shop online, your retailer can send us a donation. We have already raised £18.79 - all the more remarkable because we only have 8 parent supporters who have signed up to this. Imagine if we had 80 supporters - after a year we could raise close to £2000. This is money that would be put to good use supporting our children and improving their school experience.

So please help us! All you need to do is:

1. Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wellswayschool/> and join as a supporter.
2. Search for your online retailer on the Easyfundraising.org site and click on the retailer's link provided.



3. Do your shop as normal and after you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

Thank you, and please encourage family and friends to sign up too.  
**Friends of Wellsway PTA**

**Keynsham Wombles and Wellsway School Litter pick - Sunday, 28 January, 11am to 1pm.**

Meeting Point - outside Wellsway's new Sports Centre.

We will have equipment for volunteers to borrow.

There will be a short briefing including what to look out for, plus health and safety tips.

The sports centre will be open for toilets/hand washing with tea and cake afterwards.