

A weekly newsletter for students, parents, carers, families and friends of Wellsway School

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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	PTA Meeting Early Closure End of Term 4	26/02 15/03 23/03	7.00pm Conference Room Finish at 2:45pm
7			
8	Parents' Evening	08/03	4:30pm – 7:30pm
9			
10			
11			
12	Parents' Evening Visit to Berlin	22/03 9/03-11/03	4:30pm – 7:30pm
13	Supporting for Success evening Parents' Evening Visit to Berlin	28/02 22/03 9/03-11/03	6:00pm – 7:00pm LH 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Our aim is to develop confident, respectful and successful young people. Success is about so much more than exam preparation and Thursday evening really exemplified what this means for both our school and wider community. It was great to welcome parents and students to our Challenge Information evening, one of the many information evenings we're holding to give an insight into opportunities available to students.

I was then pleased to attend the Keynsham Town Council Antisocial Behaviour Facilitation Meeting where representatives from Wellsway joined other school leaders and community groups to consider how we can work together as a community to have a positive impact on the lives of young people and support them in making the right decisions in life. We are fortunate at Wellsway that the vast majority of our students do show the respect and courtesy we expect, but it was sad to hear of some of the experiences our town's community have had with some young people. We look forward to working with our partners in the community on some of the solutions that were suggested last night.

As you'd expect, Year 11 and Year 13 are now fully focused on their upcoming exams, with Year 11's assembly providing top tips for revision and a great many putting a lot of effort into their language speaking exams. I hope the Year 13 Supporting for Success evening that runs next week will be as well attended as the one we ran last term for Year 11. | **Mr Woodville**

### Uniform Supplier

All parents have been emailed to inform you of the change of uniform supplier. With immediate effect Initially Yours will no longer stock Wellsway school uniform. If you have any enquiries regarding the purchasing of uniform, please contact Scholars:

<http://scholars-uk.com/index.php>

Scholars - Bath Shop Outlet  
4 Terrace Walk  
Bath  
BA1 1LN  
(01225) 462206

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in ensuring the students of Wellsway School maintain high standards of school uniform. **Mr Woodville**

### Exam Information

#### Exam timetables

Individual exam timetables are now visible on students' and parents' Insight accounts for all students in KS4 and KS5 taking public exams this summer. Please be aware that the duration shown is the default exam length, this will be updated for students entitled to extra time before

the final exam timetables are printed and issued to students in mid-April.

Some students have more than one exam scheduled at the same time (for example GCSE PE and Drama on 18<sup>th</sup> May). Alternate start times for these 'clash exams' will be identified and communicated to students before the final timetables are printed.

**Mrs Waldock**

### Parent / Carer Evenings

#### Year 8 – 8<sup>th</sup> March

Insight is now open for you to make appointments.

**Year 12 & Year 13 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Insight will open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm for you to make appointments. **Mrs Pells**

### 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**

### OPEN DAYS & EVENTS

The career centre holds further information on all of these events.

**Access to Music (Media, Music and Gaming specialists) – Taster Day**  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
[www.accesstomusic.ac.uk](http://www.accesstomusic.ac.uk)

**Bath College Futures Apprenticeship & Jobs Fair** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 12pm – 6pm, the Assembly Rooms, Bath. For further information; [futures@bathcollege.ac.uk](mailto:futures@bathcollege.ac.uk)

**ULaw – (University of Law)** are running a variety of free events for next year; Explore Law; Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 16.00 – 18.45 (year 10, 11, 12 students)  
Get Into Law; Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 – 16.00 (year 11 & 12 students)  
<http://cc.law.ac.uk> **Mrs Millard**

### Trips and Visits

#### Ski Trip 2018

Over the half term break, fifty year 10 students and six staff enjoyed a week of skiing in Aprica, Italy. Beautiful weather, lots of skiing, and only one visit to the medical centre meant a great week was had by all!

Students had the opportunity to improve their skiing skills as well as sample plenty of the local cuisine including lots of pasta and gelato and try their talents at ice skating.

At the awards ceremony each evening, students (and staff!) were always hoping to avoid the dangerous skier award (a high visibility jacket to be worn at all times).

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for supporting a fantastic week! **Miss Henderson**



#### Ski Trip 2019

Following the success of our recent visit to Italy, we are delighted to confirm that details of how to apply for the 2019 Ski Trip will be sent via Insight later today. The trip is open to students who are currently in Year 9 and will therefore be in Year 10 in February 2019.

**Mrs Rogers**

### Music News



#### Instrumental Lessons

If you would like your child to start singing or instrumental lessons after school please contact [Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK) stating that your child attends Wellsway School and which instrument they would like to learn. The Music Hub will then contact you regarding payment details.

We can lend instruments to students. Students can learn the following instruments, in addition to singing: violin, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, classical guitar, bass guitar, rock guitar, piano, drums.

#### Ukulele Group:

We now have 30 brand new ukuleles thank to a grant from EMI. Our new ukulele group starts on Monday 1.30pm in M3, run by Mr Mills. No prior experience necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn a new skill!

#### Choir

Choir has returned and we'd love to welcome back the 80 plus members we had before Christmas. Rehearsals take place on Thursdays 1.30pm in M3. New members are always welcome.

#### Orchestra

Due to Parents' Evenings, staff meetings and GCSE coursework, orchestra will resume after the Easter holiday – this will be in preparation for our visit from the BBC Symphony Orchestra in April!

#### Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night takes place on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm. We've had lots of students sign up. Anyone can perform, solos or bands. Please sign up by the Performing Arts Office ASAP.

#### Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip

We are delighted to be taking 50 students to watch Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform music from the movies. Please note all students who applied to go on this trip were successful in their application. Our coach will leave on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm prompt and we anticipate returning at 10.45pm. No school uniform is necessary. Students might wish to bring some money for an ice-cream in the interval. **Ms McLean**

### Sport Wellsway

#### Year 11 Football Wellsway v Norton Hill.

Wellsway year 11 Football team got their league campaign off to a great start on Tuesday this week with an excellent 2-1 win against last year's B&NES champions Norton Hill.

Wellsway executed a perfect game plan by soaking up Norton Hill pressure through strong and organised defence from James Davis, Sam Parsons, Zac Greatorex and Evan Garton. Despite the majority of possession Norton Hill created no real clear chances, whilst Wellsway always looked dangerous on the break.

Wellsway got their reward midway through the second half with goals from Sam Lowe and a screaming 25 yard volley from Harry Hale. Norton Hill scored a late consolation goal but Wellsway were good for their 2-1 win. Well done boys! **Mr Ive.**

#### Pool

Congratulations to Mitch Hooper who recently competed in 'The Under 18's England Pool Trials' in Leicester where he competed as an individual winning all 6 matches and receiving the first place in 'The Under 18's England Pool Team'.



Mitch has been playing pool since he was 8 years old and with great passion and determination has worked hard to first become Captain of the 'Bristol Youth County Pool Team' and now also one of the top 16 youth players in the Country. **Mr Evans**

#### Fry's Football Club

Fry's football club are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping to develop and grow the football club.

Students are very welcome to join the club and parents/students are welcome to assist the club in a supporting capacity.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact **Mr Evans**.

### Sixth Form News



#### Year 13 Supporting for Success Evening

We welcome all parents and carers of our year 13 students to come for an interactive presentation.

This interactive presentation from Mr Bray is designed to give practical help and tips that will enable parents and carers to support Year 13 students in the final few months of exam preparation and during the exam period itself.

Students do not need to come to this event, which starts at 6pm in Lansdown Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. **Mr Bray**

#### Sixth Form Support Sessions

Years 12 & 13 will have received a schedule for Terms 3 & 4 this week and should refer to this for relevant subjects where additional support is required. **Ms Turner**



**WMAT Careers, current opportunities Support Staff**

[St Johns Clerical Assistant](#)

[St Johns SMSA x 2 vacancies](#)

[SBL SMSA](#)

[Wellsway Art, DT Technician](#)

### 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**



#### Wellsway School – Lunch Food Serving Pod

Tesco Bags of Help Scheme Wellsway School PTA are pleased to announce that the application for the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme has been successful and the project was been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during January and February 2018. We are delighted confirm that we have secured £2000; thank you for helping us achieve this

and for your continued support for our school. **Friends of Wellsway PTA**