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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 End of Term 4 Start of Term 5	15/03 23/03 09/04	Finish at 2:45pm
7			
8			
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12	Parents' Evening Visit to Berlin	22/03 9/03-11/03	4:30pm – 7:30pm
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Thank you for your patience and understanding with the unavoidable disruption caused by the snow last week – it was a difficult decision to make as we had, along with other local schools hoped to remain open until at least lunchtime if not the end of the school day. Unfortunately, our hand was forced by the bus services making the decision to take students back at the start of the day. I'm glad everyone got home safely and trust families stayed safe across the weekend and hopefully managed to make the most of the rare snow day.

Please can I remind all parents of our expectations around uniform and in particular jewellery. It was disappointing to have to speak to a number of Year 11 students entering their exams with unacceptable jewellery as the year group's conduct in exams apart from this has been exemplary in virtually all cases. Students are aware that they are only allowed one set of stud earrings and that hoops must not be worn and that facial piercings such as nose studs or rings are not allowed. Thank you to all students who regularly adhere to our expectations and help to maintain our positive image in the community by looking smart. **Mr Woodville**

### Bus Permit Applications (432 Bus)

South Gloucestershire Bus Company (SGBC) provide transportation by bus for a number of students who attend Wellsway School.

From the start of Term 5 students who use this service will require a bus permit to ride on the bus.

Bus permit application forms should be collected from and returned to Student Support. A copy of the form is also available on the school website at this link:

<https://www.wellswayschool.com/parent-carer#school-buses>

**Mr Comber**

### Celebrating STEM week with Saltford School

On Monday we welcomed Year 5 students from Saltford to spend an

afternoon looking at chemical reactions. Students had the opportunity to work in our science labs, carrying out their own chemical reactions and using Bunsen burners!

The event was supported by some of our most able Year 9 students and a fantastic afternoon was had by all! We hope Saltford students enjoy the rest of their STEM week and we look forward to some exciting events of our own as next week we celebrate British Science Week. **Miss Henderson**



## 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**

### 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**

### Trips and Visits

**Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip**, which was cancelled on Friday 2nd March has been rearranged for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Parents will be contacted on Insight regarding this change.

#### Ski Trip 2019 - Now Open!

Parents have been sent a letter by email today of how to apply for this eagerly anticipated trip.

### Autism awareness

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 30 students were involved in an autism awareness workshop run by Ms Uren and Miss French. We learnt lots of things that we didn't know before about autism which we found really valuable. It was particularly interesting to know how they view the world differently to others.

We had an opportunity to create our own poster about autism explaining what it is to those who don't know and we will be displaying these in our tutor rooms and in other places across the school.

We really enjoyed the workshop and now know more about autism. It was really helpful as in the future we will be able to understand those with autism a little more and maybe change some of our actions! **By Phoebe Deason and Anna Morris – Year 8**

### Music News



If any new students wish to learn an instrument, or have singing lessons, please contact BANES Music Hub directly on [Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK) requiring further information.

Any students who missed an instrumental lesson on Thursday or Friday due to the snow day will have an additional lesson scheduled after Easter.

**Year 7 Choir** has returned - Tuesday 1.30 in M3. Our sixth form leaders were delighted to have so many turn up and to welcome some new faces.

**Ukulele Club** on Tuesday M3, 1.30pm. We had over 35 students in our first rehearsal. Everyone welcome!

**Open Mic Night** takes place in Mendip Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm. Tickets cost £1 and can be purchased on the night. This is a student led event and we're delighted that we have students from Year 7-Year 13 performing. DO come along and support. The evening will finish at 9pm. **Ms McLean**

### Sport Wellsway

#### Year 10 Football v Beechen Cliff 'B'

This week the year 10 football team played host to the travelling Beechen Cliff. Wellsway started the game very quickly and put pressure on the away team's goal very early on, with one of these chances being finished by Owen Windsor after Archie Brooke had come very close from a long range effort.

Jack Gulliford quickly doubled Wellsway's lead, although Beechen Cliff managed to pull one back just before half-time. The second half saw Wellsway increase the pressure and score 4 further goals, three from Jack and one from James Humble.

A fantastic team effort! Well done! Final score: Wellsway 6 Beechen Cliff 'B' 1. Man of the match: Jack Gulliford.

**Mr Evans**

#### U14 Hockey vs Writhlington

This week the U14's played at home against Writhlington. Wellsway started very positively with Lottie Bryan and Katie Gale linking up well in our attacking half. Katie Gale, netted two goals early on and Wellsway continued to dominate the first half.

Wellsway again began the second half well however a lapse of concentration allowed Writhlington to pull one back. A controlled performance in midfield by Anna Morris, who had stepped up from the U13's allowed Wellsway to take hold of the game in the second half and produce a convincing 4-1 win over the visitors.

Well done to Hannah Orchard who was player of the match and Hatty Foley who umpired the game and showed that she is becoming a very competent young umpire!

**Miss Porter**

#### Year 8 Football v Norton Hill

Year 8 students travelled to Norton Hill School on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, winning 5 – 3 against their opponents.

Whistle blown, Wellsway started the game slowly, playing the ball around the midfield. With ten minutes on the clock, Riley Gifford, having successfully exchanged the ball with James Burston, passed the ball to Josiah Mckayle, who proceeded to hit the ball high down the middle of goal and through the goalkeeper's arms to take 1-0.

Perhaps comfortable with their lead, Wellsway took their foot off the pedal, with Norton Hill scoring three goals in quick succession in the lead-up to half time.

After a half time talk and a few changes, Wellsway started off quick, pulling two goals back, via Max Tantram and Riley Gifford, making the score 3-3.

With some new-found confidence and playing the ball to feet, Wellsway created regular opportunities, with Mckayle, Tantram and Miller having plenty of shots on goal, only prevented through some fantastic goalkeeping from Norton Hill.

With time ticking down and the sun setting for the evening, Mckayle and Tantrum added to their tally for the game, finishing one more goal each, with some well-timed runs through Norton Hill's defence putting Wellsway into a comfortable lead.



In the final ten minutes of the match, Wellsway's midfield and attack linked well, keeping hold of the ball until the final whistle was blown.

The match saw a fantastic performance from the whole team, and an all-important win to start the football season on a high. Congratulations to Max Tantram, who took the title of Man of the Match.

**Mr Alford**

#### **Year 10 Football v Norton Hill**

On Tuesday 20th February Wellsway travelled to Norton Hill in the first game of the league season and it was the away team who started against the stronger of the two teams taking the lead through a goal from Sam Brimacombe. Norton Hill equalised, only for Wellsway to take the lead again before half-time through a goal from Joe Porton.

Unfortunately, the second half saw the home team score two further goals. Final score Wellsway 2 Norton Hill 3. Man of the match: Nick Jones.

**Mr Evans**

#### **Year 9 Football v Norton Hill**

Year 9 students were up against Norton Hill at home on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, winning 3-0 against their opponents.

The game started well for the year 9s as they passed the ball around well and frequently made their way through the Norton Hill backline. Norton Hill, with their goalkeeper quick off the mark, managed to gather the through balls before the Wellsway strikers ran forwards on goal.

The team continued a high press on Norton Hill, not allowing any space for them to run into or create opportunities. This worked well, as the midfielders intercepted the ball and played Seb Palmer-Houlden through on goal to put Wellsway 1-0 up after some good play in the first half.

As the second half began, Norton Hill started to pile pressure on the Wellsway defence, getting some crosses in and testing the goalkeeper. However, Wellsway were able to hold Norton Hill off before a quick counter after a cross from the corner, resulted in a goal, finished by Dan Jarman to put Wellsway two up.

Wellsway and Norton Hill continued to push for more goals in this game, until, finally, Wellsway finished the game off with Billy Brock putting them three goals up and finished the game with a comfortable lead.

The year 9s finished their first game of the season with three goals and a clean sheet, a superb performance!

Congratulations to Seb Palmer-Houlden, who took the title of Man of the Match. **Mr Alford**

#### **Under 14 Football - Wellsway v Ralph Allen**

Wellsway under 14 football team marched into the semi-finals of the Somerset County Cup with a comprehensive 5 v 2 victory over reigning champions Ralph Allen. Wellsway with less possession than Ralph Allen were clinical throughout the game taking every opportunity that came their way. Striker Dan Simpson - Jarman leading the way with a well taken hat trick and Seb Palmer - Houlden grabbing the other two goals. Well done boys! **Mr Ive.**

#### **Year 9 Hockey v Hayesfield**

The year 9 hockey team played Hayesfield in their first fixture of the term. The first half was a tight encounter however Hayesfield did, as the half progressed, begin to dominate possession. Hannah Orchard had a superb first half in goal making some confident saves to keep Wellsway in the game.

The side regrouped at half time and came back out looking like a much more confident and threatening side. Two fantastic finishes by Katie Gale in the second half sealed the win for Wellsway off the back of a much improved second half performance.

**Miss Porter**

#### **Multisport Camps Coming to Wellsway!**

Wellsway Sports Centre, located on the same site as Wellsway School, will be hosting multisport camps in the Easter holidays.

The camps will be ran by Procoaching, a local company with a wealth of knowledge and experience of delivering sports camps to children of all ages and abilities.

The camp will run between 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March and has spaces for children aged 5-13 years.

For more information and to book your place, please visit [www.pro-coaching.co.uk](http://www.pro-coaching.co.uk) and search for Wellsway Sports Centre.



Saturday to Sunday 10-11th March; in school on Saturday, on the Mendips on Sunday. Please note that the drop-off & pick-up point on Sunday has changed to Sandford quarry, lower quarry. Please follow this link for further guidance <http://mendip.me/locations>

### Fundraising

Please support your Friends of Wellsway PTA by signing up with [Easyfundraising.org](http://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. You 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**