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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	End of Term 4 Start of Term 5	23/03 09/04	
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9	Deadline for Ski Trip 2019 applications	19/03	12noon
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12	Parents' Evening	22/03	4:30pm – 7:30pm
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You may remember my entry from the 23rd February where I attended a Meeting in Keynsham to consider means of reducing incidents of antisocial behaviour in the local community. This week has seen one such development in how Wellsway School is working with our local residents on this area. Having been informed by a local resident about some antisocial behaviour on streets near to our school, my senior leadership team and I have been monitoring the behaviour of young people in that area in addition to our usual presence around the school entrances at the start of the school day.

As part of our work to develop recognise, praise and celebrate students for their achievements, such as getting involved in opportunities to develop their confidence, being respectful and succeeding in all aspects of their school life, we are looking at developing our rewards system. More to come on this in the future.

I'm sure Year 11 and 13 won't need reminding about how near their exams now are! But, just in case, it may be worth parents of students who have upcoming exams reminding children that next week is vital for ensuring they have everything they need for a productive two weeks of revision. If they have any concerns about what they should be revising, they should speak to their teachers and/ or Learning Mentors for advice. **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

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 18th May). Alternate start times for these 'clash exams' will be identified and communicated to students before the final timetables are printed.

Mrs Waldock

Internal assessment appeals

Any student completing a Key Stage 4 or 5 course at the end of this academic year has the right to appeal for a change in marking of any non-examined assessment which has been completed for submission to an examination board.

If any student believes that an appeal is warranted, he or she should email enquiries@wellswayschool.com explaining the reason for their concern and clearly identifying the piece of work in question. **Mr Cooper**

Trips and Visits

Strasbourg 2018

Polite reminder that the final payment of £164.50 is due no later than Monday 9th April.

Don't forget, if you were applying for a new passport or EHIC, please send a copy of the document(s) to us also by 9th April.

We will be contacting you shortly to confirm the date of a pre-visit meeting, it is likely that this will take place one evening during the week beginning 4th June, 6.00-7.00pm. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Ewins & Mrs Rogers

Battlefields 2019

Following the highly successful visit to the First World War Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium in October 2018, we are pleased to share that we will shortly be launching Battlefields 2019. This visit will be open to students who will be in Year 9 in February 2019. For those who are interested, a deposit of £70.00 will be required once this is launched.

Mr Turner

Iceland Trip 2019

Born out of volcanic fire and fashioned by ice, Iceland is a rugged land of breath-taking beauty. As well as a unique eco system, discover volcanic craters, spouting geysers, cascading waterfalls and magnificent glaciers all wrapped around breath-taking scenery.

We will shortly be launching a visit to Iceland for students who will be studying in Year 12 or 13 at Wellsway Sixth Form or a WMAT Sixth form in February 2019 and who have studied Geography in Year 11. Advanced warning that the deposit will be £100 for those who wish to sign up once this is launched. | **Miss Brownlie & Mrs Rogers**

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

Mrs Millard

Music News



If any new students wish to learn an instrument, or have singing lessons, please contact B&NES Music Hub directly on Music@BATHNES.GOV.UK requiring further information.

Open Mic Night takes place in Mendip Hall on Tuesday 20th 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**

Sixth Form News



Careers

For students who are still a little unsure about their Year 12 destination, B&NES are producing a booklet called "Your Pathway" to provide information about different educational pathways. Every household within B&NES who has a child in year 10 - 13 will receive a copy in the post, and can also be [viewed here](#). **Mr Bray**

Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

This will take place on Thursday 22nd March, in Lansdown Hall/Glastonbury as usual. Bookings with teachers should be made via Insight now.

This will be our first WMAT KS5 Parents' Evening. SBL and IKB teachers will be joining Wellsway teachers on our site and will be located in the IKB building.

Extra parking will be available on Mendip Courts (accessed by the gate near the shops) and we encourage parents and carers to park here.

Mr Bray

Sport Wellsway

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 run 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 26th-28th 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 and search for Wellsway Sports Centre.

Student Support

Student Support has a bag of lost property left over from the Year 10 ski trip. Please come and look through it next week if you have lost anything. Unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.

Mrs Dursley



Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Training

On the 10th and 11th March, approximately 60 Year 9 students completed their Duke of Edinburgh weekend expedition training.

On the first day we spent the day at school learning basic skills we will need for the expedition, such as: how to put up a tent, map reading, bearings, contour lines and how to visualise them, how to use a compass to orientate a map, how to use a Trangia stove to cook food, appropriate foods to bring to the expedition, how to pack a rucksack and clothing to bring.

On the second day of our training we went to Sandford Lower Quarry and put the skills we had learnt the previous day into action as well as new ones. We went on various short hikes around the surrounding areas of the quarry; practising first aid and also what to do in an emergency when we do our actual expedition.

Overall, we learnt (or re-learnt in some people's cases) important skills that we will need for our expedition with the help of adults such as Mr Sage and the helpful Mendip staff!

The Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh group

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

Community News

Julian House

We have had a busy year working with the homeless and vulnerable across B&NES and Wiltshire, focusing more than ever on homeless prevention work. We rely on the wonderful energy and contributions of volunteers to support our work.

If you are a parent with a spare afternoon and are interested in volunteering we would love to hear from you. Contact volunteering@julianhouse.org.uk for more information.

Bethany Morton,
Volunteer Coordinator
01225 354651 / 07931967922

Sculling Club

Sculling (rowing) club is running on Friday afternoons from 3:30pm–5:15pm at Avon County Rowing Club in Saltford (The Saltford Rowing Centre). New recruits are welcome to come and have a go.

It is fine to just turn up but better if you can email juniors@avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk or phone 0117 986 7934 to let us know you are planning to attend.

Penny Senior
Junior Coordinator, Avon County Rowing Club