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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	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed	07/05	
7			
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9	Internal Exams	24/04 to 27/04	
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11			
12	Internal Exams	30/04 to 04/05	
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Start of Term 5

We welcome back students and hope you have enjoyed your Easter break. In this term, one of our priority areas of focus will be to put the finishing touches to exam preparations. We are delighted with the efforts of these students and we feel very confident that if the advice on revision and preparation is followed, outcomes should be very pleasing for this cohort of students. I would like to thank staff for the significant numbers of additional revision lessons that have taken place during the Easter holidays. Year 11 students have shown an excellent work ethic in lessons and I would like to remind them to maintain these levels of commitment outside of lessons. All Year 11 students have attended a session led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team to ensure they have accessed GCSEPod, which we are sure they will make good use of. Already over 1,000 podcasts have been downloaded!

I have been really impressed with how students have responded to our reinforcement of expectations around behaviour at unstructured time. The corridors have been much calmer and free of litter making the school site a much more positive learning environment for all. I have been addressing this in assemblies this week.

432 (Yellow) Bus

The driver of the 432 is reporting he is spending an increasing amount of time most evenings clearing up after the children. It has not been every night. I would ask that you support the Bus Company in reinforcing the message at home that the students be respectful of the driver and the vehicle and keep the bus free from litter. The cost of the extra time the driver spends comes directly out of the taking for that coach and does impact the financial viability of the service. Permits for the service were due to be issued this week. However, the recent inspection of IKB School has caused a delay. Plus, we have received a further 90 applicants for bus passes for on top of the ones completed before half term. Permits will be issued as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter. | **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

Rewards system launch

We have been working hard with students and staff to update our rewards system at Wellsway, which

we will be launching in the near future.

As part of this new system, we want to encourage local businesses to support our students in recognising their confidence, respect and success.

As a close-knit community, with thriving local businesses, building links with the school would really impact on the lives of our students. If you are willing to support the rewards

system, please contact the school to discuss any proposal in further detail.

Mr Turner

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**

School Photos

Year 11 and 13 Year Group Photographs – Friday 20th April 2018

Year 11 and Year 13 Year Group Photographs will be taken during Period 2 on Friday 20th April.

All Students are to report to their Period 2 lesson as normal for registration. Please note, in order to be included in this photograph, Year 11 students are to be in full, correct school uniform and Year 13 students are to wear appropriate clothing (no crop tops).

Trips and Visits

Strasbourg 2018

Date for your diary: Wednesday 6th June, 6.00-7.00pm – visit information

evening in Lansdown Hall. Thank you to parents and carers for paying the final instalment this week.

Water Sports 2018

Date for your diary: Wednesday 20th June, 6.00-7.00pm – visit information evening in Lansdown Hall. Thank you to parents and carers for paying the final instalment this week.

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

OPEN DAYS & EVENTS

Pilot Careers Live – Aerospace career exhibition; Saturday 14th April, 10am – 4.30pm, Sofitel Terminal 5, Heathrow Airport

www.pilotcareernews.com/live

HE Open day – University Centre WSM;

(UCW provide local higher & degree apprenticeships) Saturday 14th April 10am – 2pm

<http://www.ucw.ac.uk/events/category/open-days-and-tasters/>

www.ucw.ac.uk

Upcoming Events - University Centre Weston
We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Day – the best way to find out more about UCW. Please sign up using the form below and we'll send out detailed information to you closer to the time.

Well worth a look at their website, they offer a wide variety of vocations from Engineering to creative industries

YEAR 11, 12 & 13 - A Day in the Life of a Midwife – RUH, Bath are holding an information day 9.30am – 3.30pm, Friday 29th June. For further information email;

Rachel.coleman@nhs.net *There is a cost of £25 per student. Closing date 31.05.18 **Ann Millard**

Music News



Tea-Time Concert

Calling all KS3 instrumentalists! We are planning a Tea-Time Concert at St Monica's Trust at the Chocolate Quarter on June 12th. This is a chance for our instrumentalists to perform in front of an appreciative crowd. Performers do not have to have lessons in school so if your child plays the piano, a woodwind, brass or stringed instrument we would love them to perform. Please contact Ms McLean if you would like further details.

Lunchtime clubs 1.30-2pm

Monday Years 7 and 8 Samba Band in M3;

Tuesday Year 7 Choir in M3;
Wednesdays Soul and Funk Band in M3; Ukulele Club in Q3;

Thursday Whole School Choir in M3.

New members to any of these groups are always welcome. Orchestra has returned Thursdays 3.30-4.45 open to all woodwind, brass and string players.

Ms McLean

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.

Ms McLean

Sport Wellsway

Sports Ambassadors Training Session

There will be a training session for all current sports ambassadors on Tuesday 17th April after school (venue tbc) from 3:45-4:45. All current Sports Ambassadors must attend. If for any important reason you cannot attend please let Miss Porter know as soon as possible. Applications for new Sports Ambassadors will be open shortly, details to follow.

Miss Porter



Fundraising

Friends of Wellsway PTA second hand uniform sale – Saturday 21st April 2018 11am – 1pm

The PTA are raising funds to improve lunchtime and break facilities for students. We would very much appreciate donations of unwanted uniform (please deposit these at Student Support prior to the event). The sale will be open to all parents/carers and will run from 11am to 1pm on the school site. **Mr Cooper**



The Voice is coming to BSS Digital Media & Film academy. Do you have what it takes to be part of the ITV show? If you've got what it takes to make the Coaches' chairs spin, audition for The Voice 2019! We would welcome solo artists, duos and trios from local schools to join us for auditions.

Auditions will take place on 19th April from 2pm at BSS. You will need to pre-register with us and have a backing track or live accompaniment. Spaces are limited so please contact us to secure your place.

"We are extremely excited to see the plethora of talent that Bath has to offer. Opportunities such as this provide a platform to let students' creativity shine!"

Miss Dare Creative Director at BSS

DATE AND TIME:

Thursday 19th April 2pm.

CONTACT DETAILS OF ORGANISER:

marketing@thebathstudioschool.org.uk

Tel: 01225 831 933

You must be 16 years of age by 1st October 2016. Students from year 10, 11, 12 & 13 are encouraged to audition.

We wish you all the best of luck!
BSS Digital Media & Film academy