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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 5 BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed	25/05 07/05	
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As most of you will be aware, yesterday was the Service of Celebration for our Year 13 student Charlie Harris. We are sincerely grateful to his family for welcoming so many of our staff and students to join them in celebrating his life. As we say our goodbyes to Charlie our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this sad time. Throughout this week we have continued to support our students through counselling sessions and should your son/daughter need support or you have any concerns with their well-being, please speak to your child's Learning Mentor, Tutor or Head of House.

Monday this week saw the long awaited visit from 5 members of the BBC Symphony Orchestra who spent the day creating music with our Wellsway musicians. This was a real celebration and highlight for many of our talented students. Please see the full article below from Ms McLean.

Unfortunately, we have recently received many complaints about dogs being walked within the school grounds and unfortunately we have issues with dog fouling. At this point in the year especially with improving weather allowing us to open the field to students at break and lunchtimes, you will appreciate this is both unpleasant and a serious health and safety concern. Our premises team are currently looking into the perimeter of our playing fields and as a result will repair any holes in the fencing, but as a reminder can I please remind dog walkers that NO DOGS are allowed within the school grounds either in or after school hours. | **Mr Woodville**

Mental Health Awareness Spinathon

Wellsway's Wellbeing Group (Amy Spiring, Molly Hale, Jas Henry, Laurie Powell, Destiny Smith, Claudia Consiglio, Eva Difinizio, Eva Tarrant, Amy Hooper, Luke Patel) and myself ran a spinathon today to raise awareness around mental health.

We were able to hold the event outside and the enthusiastic participation of students from all houses and sixth form as well as staff groups added to the upbeat and positive atmosphere.

The Wellbeing Group were so pleased the school were able to come together over such an important issue. Thanks too to our Wellsway

Sports Ambassadors for being such a great help. **Ms J Uren**



Crowds gathered round to cheer on 4 of our Senior Leadership Team at 1.00pm.

Immunisations

The second HPV vaccinations will take place on Friday 18th May in the morning for year 8 girls and a DTP/Men ACWY mop up for selected year 9s.

If you have any specific requests concerning these immunisations please contact the School Nursing office on 01225 831666 Mon - Friday during school hours.

On the day please ensure your child eats breakfast and girls wear a short sleeved t-shirt or vest top under their school shirt to maintain their dignity whilst receiving the immunisation.

Mrs Dursley

Parent/Carer Evening

Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening

Our parent/carer evening is taking place on Thursday 14th June from 4.30pm-7.30pm. For many of you this will be the first chance you have had to meet with your child's class teachers. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and for you to ask any questions you may have, as we approach the end of their first year at Wellsway. All students are expected to attend with you.

These evenings are always a huge success and takes place in and around the Lansdown Building. All appointments are made by yourself via your **Insight** account therefore if you are unsure of your login details please contact us at insight@wellswayschool.com

Each appointment is a 5 minute slot and Insight will generate a 5 minute gap in between each appointment.

Please note appointments will become available on Insight from Friday 25th May at 4.00pm and will close on Monday 11th June at 9.00am therefore please do not attempt to book before this date as the parent evening will not be showing on your Insight account.

Nearer the time we will send a further reminder via email along with a user guide of 'How to Book' your appointments. In the meantime please ensure you are familiar with your Username and Password.

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

Mrs Millard

There are no new events or activities this week but the Careerpilot website is a fantastic place for students and parents/carers to start looking for careers inspiration, further information and ideas!

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

Mrs Millard

Music News

In September our guitar teacher, Matt Fowles, would like to set up a rock group for guitarists, bass guitarists, keyboard players and drummers.

The group would run on a Wednesday after school for approximately 45 minutes. The group would be open to anyone who can already play – a beginner is fine as long as they know a couple of chords/notes.

If you would like to register an interest in your child being involved in this, please contact Ms McLean on imclean@wellswaschool.com

Ms McLean

Bath Festival

As part of Bath Festival, Bath Philharmonic is offering 50 free tickets to students, staff and families of Wellsway for their concert on May 25th at 7.30pm in The Forum. It promises to be a wonderful evening of exceptional quality, bringing together the cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason (winner of BBC Young Musician of the Year 2016) Catriona Morison (BBC Cardiff Singer of the World) and the extraordinary Kanneh-Mason family (semi-finalists in ITV's Britain's Got Talent) in a programme of music by Shostakovich, Elgar, Rachmaninov and many more. This is not a school event, and therefore any students who wish to attend would need to be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like free tickets please contact Ms McLean on imclean@wellswayschool.com stating how many adult/children tickets you require.

BBC Symphony Orchestra – On Monday 30th April, 35 Wellsway musicians had a wonderful day of music making with five members of BBC Symphony Orchestra. The day was spent creating music on their instruments based on the inspiration of local landmarks and culminated in a performance in front of Year 4s from Chandag Junior School.

It was inspirational to work with such incredible musicians. If you would like to hear the final result, do visit www.soundcloud.com/wellswaymusic

Ms McLean

Sport Wellsway

An Afternoon of Dance

A reminder that next Wednesday, 9th May we will be holding "An afternoon of Dance" performance in Mendip Hall from 3:45-6:00pm. Families, friends and staff are welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of Dance and support our students. **Mr Evans**

Year 7 Cricket v Monkton School.

The first year 7 cricket match of the season was played against Monkton School (Bath) against a mixed team of mainly year7 and a few year 8. Charlie Husband won the toss and elected to bowl. A wise move on a soft wicket and newly mown outfield.

Monkton were slow to get off the mark, with Charlie H and Jake Stafford keeping things tidy in the first two overs. Things began to go a little wayward from then on, Monkton showing their ability to make the most of some rusty fielding. Jake Stafford being the pick of the bowlers 3 overs, 3 for 12, as Monkton set 126 for Wellsway to win.

Sadly Wellsway's run chase never really got going, with early wickets falling, tidy bowling by Monkton and some very sharp fielding meant that Wellsway finished with 58. Dan Falconer being the pick of the batsmen with 12. Overall a loss of 58 runs. A good warm up with plenty for Wellsway to ponder. **Mr Bye**

Year 11 football - B&NES League Final

On Thursday 3rd May the year 11 football team competed in the B&NES League football final against St Gregory's School, making it the fourth final they have qualified for in four years.

Wellsway started the stronger of the two teams, through an excellent moment of control saw Sam Gazzard score. Wellsway held this lead for approximately 10 minutes, but St Gregory's rallied together and scored three quick goals. Wellsway managed to score a second through Captain Zak Creatorex just before half-time.

The second half was very close fought, just like the first, but it was St Gregory's who got the better of the game and scored two further goals. The boys should be very proud of their effort throughout the game. Final score Wellsway 2 - 5 St Gregory's. Man of the match: Sam Parsons.

Mr Evans

Rounders

Over the last two weeks the Year 8 girls have played two fixtures. One against Writhlington and most recently against St Gregory's. The Wellsway girls have put in strong performances in both games.

Against Writhlington we were particularly good in our batting innings with a stand out performance from Ruby Nelmes helping the girls to their first victory of the season.

On Wednesday 1st May the team travelled to St Gregory's for their second game of the season. Wellsway begun the game with a particularly strong fielding performance limiting St Greg's to just two rounders in their first innings.

Sophie Lowe was particularly impressive in the field making it difficult for St Greg's to get on the scoresheet. The Wellsway girls put in a sound batting innings to score 5 and a half, Evie Broom showing her worth with the bat. The side however did lose concentration in the second innings letting St Greg's have a sniff of a possible victory. Wellsway however held out through some good fielding and batting from Anna Morris meaning the side claimed their second victory of the season. **Miss Porter**

Last week the year 10 girls rounders team played their first fixture of the year against Writhlington. The game started well with Wellsway showing some impressive fielding techniques

and some consistent bowling from Mariella James. Writhlington however did manage to score a number of rounders in their first innings applying the pressure on Wellsway.

Wellsway's batting unfortunately in both innings didn't quite match that of Writhlington. Lauren Scott however did show some promise with the bat troubling Writhlington at times.

Unfortunately on this occasion Wellsway did not come away with the win but the girls will be looking to improve in their upcoming fixtures. Player of the match went to Finnola Stratton. **Miss Porter**

Wellsway School Equestrian Team

It has been a turbulent start to the event season with the weather forcing many last minute cancellation of NSEA events. As frustrating as this is it hasn't stopped the team getting out for some training together. Even with the last-minute abandonments the team spirit has remained high as the team headed off to the beach to keep the horse's fitness levels to their optimum.

The team recently competed at Calmsden NSEA Inter Schools One Day Event where all riders competed over three classes. It was a challenging and competitive day with everyone completing all three phases (Dressage, Show Jumping and X Country).

It was a bonus and complete delight that Megan Tucker and Ella Kendrick qualified individually in their respective classes for the NSEA Inter Schools One Day Event Championships in July. Other students who competed included; Meg, Henry, Finnola and George Stratton and Neha Walker.

Our next team and individual event is set for May. This event takes place in Dorset where we hope to qualify our teams, so training remains our focus. If you are currently riding and competing and would like to be part of this team then please do get in touch.

Mr Evans



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

We have a range of after school clubs for all ages to get involved in, with qualified and experienced coaches to help all abilities:

Monday 3.45-4.45pm

Badminton for years 7-11, and then Family Badminton 4.45-5.45pm

Monday 3.45-4.45pm

Girls Hockey for years 7-11

Friday 3.00-4.00pm

Boys Hockey for years 7-11

Friday 4.00-5.00pm

Primary Hockey for years 3-6

£3 PAYG or £20 for a block of 10 sessions!

Pop into the Sports Centre to pick up an information leaflet. For more information please contact

kinchella@wellswaymat.com

Ms Kinchella

Free School Meals

Free School Meals – New Criteria

The eligibility criteria for Free School Meals has recently changed. A letter has been sent to the parents/carers of every student to explain the changes and how they may affect you.

As stated in the letter, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at school, frogers@wellswayschool.com We are here to help you get the most you can for your child. **Mrs Rogers**



WMAT Careers, current opportunities Support Staff

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[Wellsway Trading Sports Centre Team Member](#)