

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			
7			
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12	Parent/Carer Evening	29 th November	Lansdown Hall 4.00 – 7.00pm
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I trust families had a positive half term break – it definitely feels as though students made the most of the week, whether that was to catch up with family and rest or to begin revision preparation for upcoming exams. Although students' Term 2 started on Tuesday, Wellsway staff were in school on Monday for the fourth Wellsway Multi Academy Trust Conference: 'Collaboration and Growth'. It was quite a sight seeing over 650 delegates from across our family of schools sitting in the Sports Centre at the start of the day for our keynote speaker Sue Cowley, a bestselling author and expert on positive behaviour management for schools, and then again at the end of the day for a presentation on positive mental health by Tara Gretton of Solution Revolution supporting the charity Young Minds. The rest of the day was spent attending various sessions that allowed staff from across our schools to share best practice with many sessions being led by Wellsway staff.

I hope that many of you will be joining us for our annual Artisan & Craft Market this Sunday 11th November between 12 and 4pm. The PTA have worked really hard to organise this popular event, with new additions such as the food stalls promising a great opportunity to get some festive presents as well as support the school.

One of the privileges of working with young people is see them develop the skills and confidence to succeed into adult life and the launch of our Challenge Leaders programme on Tuesday is just one example of this - with over twenty students who had applied to act in this role coming together to work on developing subject specific challenge sessions to lead with other students. I am also looking forward to welcoming some students to our Academy Governor Committee next Friday to present about the various leadership opportunities our students have been getting involved in so far this year.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

News

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 16th November

There will be a non-uniform day for Years 7-11 on Friday 16th November. There is a suggested donation of £1 with 50% of funds raised going to the PTA and 50% to Children in Need. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Comber

SMSC and British Values

This week, Votes for Schools have produced a topic for Armistice and for this, the focus is on an ongoing conflict. With the help of children's charity UNICEF UK, our students have learnt about the devastating civil war in Yemen and explored the crisis this war is creating in health and education. Students have had the chance to decide what they think governments should prioritise in times of crisis and think about how they can help the so-called 'lost generation' of Yemeni children. On Monday students will have the opportunity to vote Yes or No to the question: "Should education be a top priority in times of crisis?"

Miss Pitman

PSHE Focus: Anti-Bullying

During the course of the next few weeks we will be focussing our attention on Anti-bullying week. In tutor time, students will be reflecting on why bullying is such a serious issue through exploration of the long term consequences on many of its victims. Students will then be participating in a school wide tutor competition to design a poster that will be placed all over Wellsway School to help inform students of how to get help if they are bullied, are a bully or know someone who is being bullied. During assemblies students will be reflecting on the value of good friendships and the idea that a positive social circle can have great consequences for your academic and personal success in life. It would be excellent if you could continue this conversation at home and there are some useful resources that can be found using the links below if you would like to find out more about this year's Anti-bullying campaign.

Miss McNamara



Advice for parents/carers:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

Anti-Bullying Alliance:

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Year 12 & Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening – Thursday 29th November 2018 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Insight will be available for parents/carers to make bookings from Monday 12th November until Monday 26th November. Please ensure you are able to log onto Insight successfully prior to this date. If you require any assistance with your login details please email insight@wellswayschool.com

Mrs Pells



Friends of Wellsway School Artisan & Craft Market - Sunday 11th November 1200pm – 4.00pm

Don't miss this year's fantastic Artisan and Craft Market with over 80 stalls across 3 halls. This year we are introducing a brand new local artisan food market in Lansdown Hall. Make this a date to start your Christmas shopping.

Friends of Wellsway PTA

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Important reminder - Bronze and Silver awards

Please note that the deadline for handing in completed programme planners is **Thursday 15th November**. These can be e-mailed to me or printed out and handed in to student support, named and marked clearly: **DofE FAO Mr Sage**. If you have any problems completing the programme planner, please e-mail me at school as a matter of priority. Once the programme planners are in, I will contact all participants by e-mail with details of the first meetings in school to register for eDofE. Therefore, after 15th November, please check regularly the e-mail accounts you gave me on the enrolment form.

Mr Sage

Advance notice

Silver Award - first meetings in school: Tuesday 4th Dec &/or Thursday 6th Dec, 3.15pm – 5.00pm.

Bronze Award - first meetings in school: Tuesday 11th Dec (40 students) or Thursday 13th Dec, 3.15pm – 5.00pm (40 students).

I will e-mail all bronze participants separately to confirm who should attend on each day. Purpose of each meeting is to register for eDofE, complete personal details and complete programme planners online.

Mr Sage

Sixth Form News

Sixth Form – Applications for September 2019

A quick reminder that students are still able to apply to our Sixth Form for September next year; it is a very quick and simple process, just log in to Insight and then select - General – Options offer – and then click on the blue puzzle icon by each subject to select it. It will save automatically.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at sixthform@wellswayschool.com



Sixth Form Icebreaker Party

Thank you to the Events and Enrichment Officer team for organising the Sixth Form Icebreaker in Bath over the half term. Great to hear that you all had a good time, a lovely way to get set up for Term 2!

Mr Bray

Visits

Cricket Tour 2019

Don't forget that today is the deadline for this visit. Thank you to everyone who has already paid the deposit and returned the consent form.

Mr May

Geography Lectures

Year 13 geography students have been given the opportunity to attend a series of geography lectures at the Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution on Thursday 15th November. Topics include "Coastal Erosion in East Devon: A Case Study", "Algae Growth and the Greenland Ice Sheet" and "Cities, Superpowers and Multilateral Systems". Please make sure you make payment and return the consent form as a priority next week.

Mrs Hazell

Water Sports 2019

This visit has now been launched via Insight to students who are currently in Year 8. If you wish to apply a £75 deposit and consent form is required no later than 9.00am, Monday 19th November.

Mr Melhuish

Year 8 Arnos Vale

Students are looking forward to visiting Arnos Vale Cemetery on Wednesday 14th November to link with the topic of *Life after Death* which is part of the KS3 Curriculum. Be at school at 6.00pm for a prompt 6.15pm departure. We expect to be back at school at approximately 8.15pm. This is a reminder to wear suitable clothes for the visit. It is likely to be cold, the ground can be muddy and uneven, so please ensure that you have warm clothing and sensible footwear.

Miss McNamara

Music & Drama

Grease Rehearsals

Tuesday 13th November

Act 2 Scene 4 – T Birds and Pink Ladies (Miss Davies)

Teen Angel and Teen Queens Beauty School Drop Out – Drama Studio (Miss McLean)

Wednesday 14th November

Teen Angel and Teen Queens/Beauty School Dropout (Miss Davies)

Grease Lightning/T Birds (Miss McLean)

Cheerleaders (Miss Coles)

Chorus/Grease is the word (Mr Mills)



Sport Wellsway

Year 9 Girls' Rugby

There will be an opportunity for girl's rugby after school on a Monday on the astro initially. This will run from 3:15pm – 4:15pm. You do not need to sign up in advance, just turn up on the day. It is open to all girls in year 9 and is being ran by Bath Rugby coaches.

Mr Evans

Extra Curricular Sports Programme – Term 2

This is now available on the school website under the 'Student Area'. All clubs will start from Monday 12th November.

Mr Evans

Careers

'Careers Hub' - Based in the sixth form corridor next to M32

Open to ALL STUDENTS - Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 3.00pm

Drop in to make an appointment, pick up information, ask a question OR

Email; amillard@wellswayschool.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wellsway School Careers Hub ** Wednesday Lunch-time Employer 'Pop-Up' sessions**

Employers confirmed so far; MoD, KPMG, Waitrose, Bath Royal Science & Literary Institute . . . with further employers awaiting confirmation. Dates to follow! If you are interested in any of the employer sessions please let me know at: amillard@wellswayschool.com

- **Interested in Law? Burges Salmon** are holding a **Year 10/11 information day** for their Higher apprenticeship roles on Tuesday 19th February 2019 (10.30am – 3.00pm) Places are limited so book early! Email: corporate.resp@burges-salmon.com
- **NHS North Bristol – Careers Open Evening**, Monday 12th November 5.30pm – 8.00pm. For further information please call 0117 414240 or email workexperience@nbt.nhs.uk
- **Bristol BBC Digital cities Bristol** – Boost your digital skills at this free event, 26th – 30th November <https://www.bbc.co.uk/academy/en/collections/digital-cities-bristol#>
- **Construction Apprenticeships July 2019? – On-site Bristol Open Evening**, Wednesday 28th November 5.00pm – 7.30pm. The Create Centre, Bristol. www.onsitebristol.co.uk Bristol City Council, Taylor Wimpey plus more construction organisations will be recruiting for July 2019 apprentices; bricklaying, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, bench joinery, plastering, painting & decorating July 2019. No need to book just turn up on the evening

For further information on any of these events just drop in to the Careers Hub.

Looking for careers inspiration – www.careerpilot.org.uk OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

Parent Governor

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have an exciting opportunity for two parents to join the Academy Governance Committee of Wellsway School.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school;
- Has spare time and the energy for the role;
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school.

What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the schools strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement;
- Monitoring educational performance and welfare of pupils;
- Holding the Principal and school leaders to account by being a "critical friend."

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills;
- Access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters;
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential.

Please email enquiries@wellswayschool.com with the subject FAO: Clerk to the Governors for further information.

PTA

New Members

We are always looking for new members to give a little time or lend their expertise; so if you are interested in joining us, please send us a message at pta@wellswayschool.com or via Facebook here: www.facebook.com/wellswaypta/

Tracy Wadsworth, Friends of Wellsway PTA Chair

Staff Vacancies

For more information please go to <https://www.wellswaymat.com/careers>