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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	Mufti Day - £1 donation	Fri 19 th July	N/A
	Early Closure / last day of term	Tues 23 rd July	1.25pm
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10	Student voice breakfast	Tues 16 th July	8.45 – 9.05am, Lansdown Hall
11	GCSE Results Day	Thursday 22 nd Aug	10.00am - Mendip Hall
Sixth Form	Year 13 A Level Results Day	Thursday 15 th Aug	9.30am - Sixth Form Common Room
	Year 12 Results	Thursday 15 th Aug	From 10.45am

I was pleased that Ofsted recognised that students at Wellsway are 'well prepared for their next steps' and 'receive good-quality careers guidance and information'; we have worked hard over the last year to evaluate our provision against the Gatsby benchmarks (a national means of defining world-class career guidance) and use this to improve the support we give students. The Year 10 and 12 Look to the Future Day that Mr Bray and Mrs Millard organised on Thursday was a real success and testament to the work we have been doing in this area – I was impressed at how attentive and respectful the students were and how engaged they were with the presentations provided by a wide range of employers and education providers.

Parents may be aware that our House Councils have been involved in feeding back student views about changing the name of the Wellsway Multi Academy Trust – which staff and school councils across the trust have been contributing to. The trust's support in terms of shared resources and expertise was noted in our inspection last month, but it was clear from some of the discussions that not all students are aware of how belonging to our family of schools benefits them. We've taken this on board and will work more with the school community next year to advertise the work of the trust in improving the experience of students in the school. This year has already seen a number of conferences and cross school competitions that many students have benefitted from, but I look forward to hosting next week's WMAT Year 4 Rounders Festival and to attending the launch of the Great Western Teaching School Alliance, where a number of Wellsway's newly designated Strategic Leaders in Education will be presenting their work in education.

Matthew Woodville
Principal

School News

Poetry Slam

On Thursday 6th of July, six members of KS3 took part in a Poetry Slam - students were required to write and perform their own poems. The topics covered were as varied as the music of the rock Band queen, gender identity and drowning from the perspective of the ocean. The poems were lyrical, entertaining and thought provoking. Well done to all involved, and thank you to all who were in the audience. It was a wonderful event, highlighting the creative writing talent of our Y7s 8s and 9s.

1st Place: Elwynn (Compton)

2nd Place: (Joint): Phoebe (Compton) / Evelyn (Burnett)

3rd Place: (Joint): Andrew (Stanton) Isaac (Burnett)

Honourable Mention: Annabelle (Burnett)





Celebrating Ofsted

A keen group of Year 7s proud to have their photograph taken with Mr Woodville and to celebrate Wellsway being a 'Good' school.

Learning Group Changes

As you are hopefully aware, we continually monitor Learning Groups at Wellsway School to ensure positive learning environments that allow students to achieve their full potential and to cater for all learning needs. This monitoring is used to review and amend Year 8 and 9 Learning Groups at the start of every academic year, which continue to be mixed ability (we are not setting or streaming the students within their learning groups).

Students in Year 8 will receive a letter on Thursday informing them of their Learning Group for the 2019 - 2020 academic year. Year 7 will receive their letters on Friday.

SMSC and British Values

Community action week is taking place next week, beginning 15th July. The theme for this term's community action is linked to the national Refugee Week that took place in June. Stanton are leading the fundraising for their chosen charity Bath Welcomes Refugees. This will involve lots of fun activities taking place during lunch times and we encourage students to get involved and bring in any spare change to help raise funds for this local charity.

As part of community action week, Friday 19th July will be a mufti day. Students will need to bring in £1 if they wish to wear their own clothes. Half of the donation will go to the chosen charity and half to the PTA.

Wellsway School Kitchen Garden Design competition – Closing date 15th July

We are very excited to be launching the Wellsway School kitchen garden this year. The aim of the garden is to teach our students valuable skills of how to grow a variety of plants and vegetables which can then be used to cook dishes in food technology lessons.

Pupils of all ages are invited to design the new Wellsway school kitchen garden. I would like to challenge students to design a multi-use garden that can be used to grow vegetables, host small lessons and for pupils to enjoy all year round.

Please design your garden using the template on page 5 of this newsletter. All entries to be given to Mr Bye in M22 or submitted via e-mail to mbye@wellswayschool.com by 15th July.

If any parents, carers, grandparents or friends are able to donate gardening equipment, water butts, compost bins etc, please contact Mr Bye via e-mail. mbye@wellswayschool.com. We would be very grateful for any donations in order for us to get the kitchen garden up and running.

Sports

Request for unwanted PE Kit & Trainers

We would be very grateful for any PE kit (skorts, shorts, polo shirts or jumpers) that you have grown out of. Also any trainers which are still in good condition. If you would like to donate any items of PE kit please hand them in to any member of the PE team in the PE office.

Mrs Burston

Multi Sports Days

Wellsway Sports Centre will be hosting multi sport activity days on every Thursday of the summer holidays! For children aged 5-12 years old, the days will run 8.30am-4pm and will involve lots of fun and games to keep your little ones active and engaged. Contact scenquiries@wellswaymat.com for more details and to book! £15 per day.

Summer Passport

Wellsway Sports Centre will be offering a 'Summer Passport' for July and August, just £30 for access to the gym and exercise classes! Contact scenquiries@wellswaymat.com for more information.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Cricket Tour to Devon

Congratulations to the Sixth Form Cricket team who had fantastic success on this year's tour.

Victories again Churchers College, Clayesmore School and Beechen Cliff saw us with a 100% winning record. A fantastic team effort all around, with some great individual performances - Ben Clarke, Mahdi Saleem and James Davis all scored half-centuries, and Sam Lowe a fantastic 109 not out against Beechen! With the ball Oli Baxter to a 5-for and bowled Chruches out for just 60!

Special thanks go to Mr May and Mr Clarke for taking the students on the tour!

Sixth Form Officer and Ambassador Roles

The applications process has taken place over the last couple of weeks. All candidates submitted a detailed application form, went through a formal interview process before pitching themselves with speeches to Year 12 for the roles. Voting from staff and students has now taken place, and the results will be announced next week.

We would like to say a big thank you to all students that have put themselves forward, it is fantastic to see how many students want to be pro-actively involved. We are greatly looking forward to working with the new team over the next year.

Look to the Future Careers Event



On Thursday over 30 employers, apprenticeship providers and universities came to talk with our Year 10 and 12 students. The event covered a wide variety of sectors including the creative arts, engineering, finance, working with animals, health and social care, medicine, STEM, law, humanities, apprenticeships, university, architecture and retail, with companies ranging from Deloitte to Airbus to the University of Law to St Monica's Trust and many more! Students also received valuable mock interview practice with the experts. The day was designed to give

students invaluable first-hand knowledge and expertise to help inform them of their next steps at post-16 and post-18. A big thank you to all the providers who made this such a successful event.

Sixth Form in September

If you are still looking to apply for a place in September or have any questions about Sixth Form please email sixthform@wellswayschool.com

All applicants will have already received an email going through the enrolment process (which starts on GCSE results day, and is done online) – if you have any questions please contact Mrs Turner at sixthform@wellswayschool.com

Results Day

A Level/GCSE/vocational Results Days

We are really looking forward to meeting up again and celebrating your successes with you in the summer.

A Level Results - Thursday 15th August

Year 13 students will be able to pick up their results in the Common Room at 9.30am. Help for students needing or wishing to use the university clearing or adjustment processes will be available from 8.00am in Student Support.

Year 12 students can pick up results from 10.45am.

A Level Results will be available on Insight from Friday 16th August 2019

GCSE Results - Thursday 22nd August

Year 11 students will be able to pick up their results in Mendip Hall at 10.00am. **Enrolment** for Sixth Form can be done either in person there and then, or online – please look out for an email in your school account that morning, or contact us at sixthform@wellswayschool.com if you have any questions. If you wish to change your subject options you will be able to come in and talk to us between 12.00-1.00pm the same day, or the following morning from 9.30am-11.00am. Help will also be available online the following week.

GCSE Results will be available on Insight from Friday 23rd August 2019

For both Results Days

If students wish someone (even their parents) to collect results for them, they must provide a signed letter explaining that they give permission for that person to collect their results. The person collecting their results will need to have some official proof of photo identity with them (for example a driving license).

Careers advisers and teacher support will also be on hand to help on both results days.

Visits

Visits Round Up

This week has been particularly busy with students experiencing a wide variety of visit opportunities. On Tuesday we saw 50 Year 7s return after 4 action-packed days in Paris including the much-anticipated day at Disneyland. Year 9 students have visited the Wimbledon Tennis Championships and were able to see some first-class tennis including Sam Querrey v Rafael Nadal. Students were also delighted to spot Serena Williams 'out and about' at Wimbledon. Year 10 drama students saw a performance of 'Dead Dog in a Suitcase (and other love songs)' by the highly acclaimed *Kneehigh* theatre company at the Bristol Old Vic. Bristol Zoo was the destination for a group of KS3 students with the week ending with Year 10 and 12 Art students heading to London to visit the National Gallery and Tate Britain. A particular highlight of my week has been seeing the face of one Year 7 student who, despite travelling all through the night returning from Paris, was beaming from ear to ear and looked as though her eyes had been opened on the whole wide world!

Looking ahead, 100 Year 8 students will visit the Science Museum in London next week and a group of 40 Year 8s will begin the holidays on the ever-popular Water Sports trip in the Dordogne/Ardèche regions of France. In addition to the hard work and commitment of visit leaders, these visits would not happen without your support. Looking ahead to the new academic year, we aim to make the process simpler by enabling you to give consent electronically. More details will follow in due course. Thank you for your support of visits at Wellsway School, I look forward to giving you all more visit opportunities in 2019/20.

Science Museum, London

Thank you to all of you who applied for this visit. You will have been notified via Insight of the outcome.

Water Sports Passenger Information

Thank you for completing this form by 9.00am on Monday, 15th July.

Mrs F Rogers

Educational Visits-Co-ordinator

Careers

CAREERS UPDATE & INFORMATION

'Careers Hub' - Sixth form corridor next to M32

Open to ALL STUDENTS

Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 3.00pm

Either pop in or Email; amillard@wellswayschool.com



UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Medic Mentor** – 2 days of medical workshops; **Medicine, dentistry or veterinary**. There is a charge; Cardiff 13th & 14th July for further information <https://medicmentor.co.uk/national-healthcare-weekend/>
- **Professional Apprenticeships (IT, Business, Digital Marketing) – Open Day** Wednesday 17th July 5.30pm – 7pm call; 0117 422 4000 or email; info@professionalapprenticeships.co.uk
- **Looking to study Dentistry ?** – University of East London are holding a 2 day taster course for year 10 – 13 students, August 3rd – 4th There is a cost of £99 for both days www.londonschoolofdentistry.co.uk

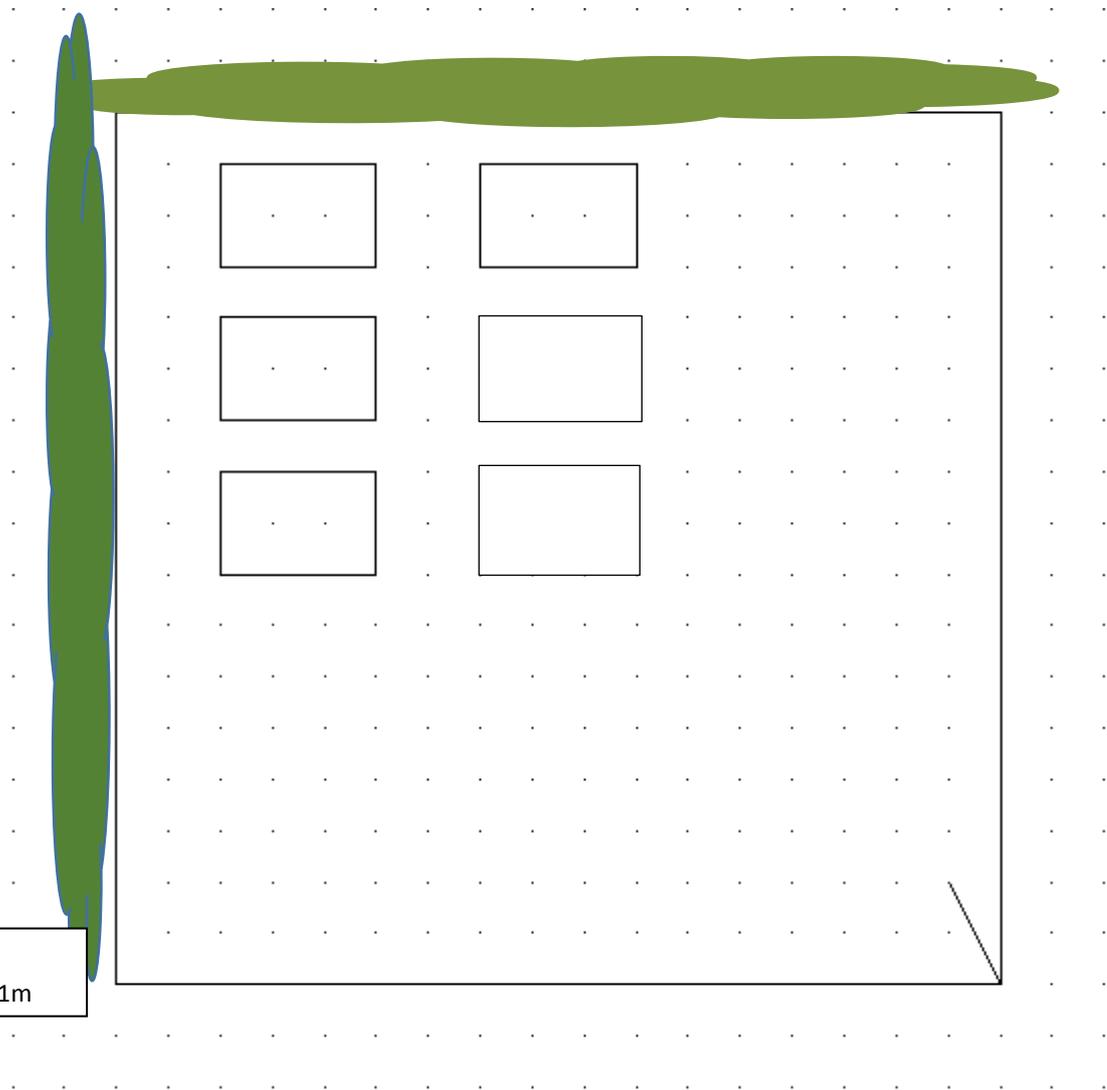
Looking for careers inspiration – www.careerpilot.org.uk OR <https://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk>

Staff Vacancies

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

The Wellsway garden design competition.

Did you know we have a garden at school? Well there is! Behind Kelston is a 17mx17m plot that with your help, has the potential to be turned into a beautiful area for learning.



School entrance / Car Park

Kelston
House

Above is the current layout of the garden. You have the exciting opportunity to design a school garden that could; be self-sufficient, provide fruit and vegetables for use of the pupils and the community, a safe relaxing area for staff, students and animals to enjoy.

Things to Consider;

- Fruits and vegetables that can be grown that are spring, early summer or late summer harvest.
- Areas for bugs and bees to nest.
- Areas to sit relax and enjoy the garden.
- An area that could be used for a whole class to be taught.