

# Wellsway Sixth Form

## Newsletter



**A message from the Publications Team – Jess and Joe**  
Welcome back!

Over the past term the Officer and Ambassador team have been busy organising Challenge Cup events, charity fundraisers such as the Christmas Jumper Day, helping out at Open and Parents Evenings, working with the School Council and House Leaders and organising/taking/supporting enrichment activities both in sixth form and around the school.

The Officer Team meet weekly to develop the sixth form and organise things. If anyone has any ideas that they would like to put forward please talk to anyone in the team.

### **Events – Icebreaker Party**

This year our Icebreaker event at Second Bridge nightclub in Bath on the 30<sup>th</sup> October was a huge success! It was great to get out and relax, get to know new people in Sixth Form and have a good dance.

Thank you to Jas Williams and George Martin for taking so much time to organize it and thank you to everyone to buying tickets and coming along.

### **Business Team**

It has been a busy time, supporting students and for events like the Christmas Music Concert.

Looking forward, our main focus in the New Year will be to start up sessions for BASE competition. This is an accounting competition that's in association with the ICAEW. It's great to put on personal statements and is a group based competition so lots of fun!

It will be open to all of year 12, not just Business and Economics students. We will be sending out more information in the New Year about how to enter!



### **Events - Christmas Jumper Day!**

We held a Christmas Jumper Day on 14<sup>th</sup> December to raise money for Save the Children.

It was a huge success this year, thank you to everyone (staff and students) who showed up in your festive jumpers!

### **Events - Open Evening**

Thank you to everyone who came to help at the Year 11 into Year 12 Open Evening this year.

It was a lovely event and a fantastic turn out from students and staff. The Officer Team ran the Student Experience stall, there to help students understand what sixth form life was like with some lovely resources and chats on offer.

We had over 80 students helping out at the event, so a massive thank you to you all.

You can, of course, still apply to Wellsway if you would like to come here next year, by visiting the website here.

### **Performing and Visual Arts**

We have had a busy month preparing for the Christmas Concert and the school musical Grease!



We have run the ukulele group, Year 7 choir and folk group, as well as creating a sixth form band. All of our efforts seem to have paid off, as we have just performed two nights to packed out houses, and it was a great success ( despite Amelia having very bruised legs from playing the boom whackers!).

On top of that, Charlie has been the main organiser of Christmas Jumper Day, where the whole school and sixth form wore their cheesiest Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children. Grease rehearsals are in also full swing, so make sure to keep an eye out for tickets going on sale in January.

### **Challenge Cup - Pantomime**

At Christmas everyone looks forward to time off with friends and family and, of course, the gifts. The sixth form, however, get to look forward to creating pantomimes as part of the Challenge Cup!



With titles such as Barry Potter you knew it might not quite be the Hippodrome or the Theatre Royal, but it was a lot of fun. We had wizards, pantomime donkeys, dragons, pantomime dames, teachers performing alongside students, fabulous costumes, not so fabulous costumes, some very dodgy set design, some even dodgier acting and, of course, a few gags at the expense of our teachers

Overall, it was a great afternoon of entertainment with tons of audience participation with a load of laughs. Thank you to everyone who performed (over 50 of us), those who worked backstage in various roles (about 150 of us!), to Mr Bray and Mr Shafto for organising, and to Mrs Turner for judging.

And the deserving winners were NLN and SWL!

### **Key Stage 5 Reunion and Presentation Evening**

It was our great pleasure to welcome back our ex-Year 13 students to catch up and exchange stories, pick up their hard earned examination certificates and some special awards besides.

Thank you to all who came, and especially to Rob and Nathan who picked up the Jack Boulton and Principal's awards respectively.

### Challenge Cup – Chess

The world may have had Caruana vs Carlsen, a tense and tremendously close World Championship pairing that went down to the wire, but WellsWay has.....the Challenge Cup – Chess Round!

With both Caruana and Carlsen invited but too afraid of being beaten by the might of WellsWay, tutor groups each sent year 12 and 13 representatives to do battle for a week long competition.

With matches held at lunchtime and drawing some excellent crowds cheering the action on (no, seriously, they were!) there were tears, tantrums and terrific play.

In the end, just like Highlander, there could be only one! And the winner was the mighty LWS!

### Community Action Charity Week

On Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December the sixth form team were happy to support and help Burnett House run their charity week.

A 'Soak the Teacher's event saw a number of teachers volunteering themselves to be in the line of fire! They were hit with sponges and soaked all the way through... but remember, all for a good cause!

On Tuesday there was a sports event with games on the Astro-Turf with everyone getting involved, and on Wednesday Burnett set up market stalls in Mendip Foyer selling various items including sweets, with fairground style stalls like tombola and hook a duck! Thursday saw Burnett run an obstacle course like no other - designed to reduce your sensory perception by blindfolding participants and reducing their hearing so we could start to think and reflect on what life is like for some others. On Friday, the team ran a quiz.

During charity week the sixth form and Burnett raised a grand total of £330!!!



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### Sports

The first two terms of the school year have been packed full of sporting events.

Starting with the Benchball, as part of the Challenge Cup, this was a great afternoon which allowed our Sixth Form tutor groups to work together and to show off their competitive spirit!

At the beginning of the term two the WellsWay Netball team competed in the County Schools tournament, the girls put in 100%, which resulted in two wins and a draw. Although we didn't progress to the Regional Round it was a fantastic effort by all.

### Enrichment and Community Action

This term Year 12 have moved from the transition module into their selected enrichment programme.

Students have been able to choose from individual fitness, debating, Spanish for beginners, media and technology, mindfulness, team sport and healthy living (aka cooking on a budget!) in order to gain skills outside of the classroom.

We have also had both Year 12 and 13 students involved in the Environmental Health strand of Community Action, working with the Green Team to make sure the school environment is as environmentally clean as possible, and also in classes in Years 7-11, sharing their academic expertise with younger students.

### Challenge Cup Standings

It is tense, it is tight, and it is highly competitive. Thank you to everyone (i.e. the whole sixth form) for taking part in events.

4 events one, 1 ongoing, and all still to play for.

Coming next term we have the Bake-off and the continuation of the quiz league. Results from the events so far.....

Sixth Form Quiz League Standings		
	Tutor	Points
1st	CMC	91
2nd	RTH	88
3rd	HKS	86
4th	NLN	85
5th	SRV	84
6th	OST	83
7th	JSF	79
8th	LWS	78
9th	SWL	78

	Quiz league Overall	Quiz league Christmas	Benchball	Mega Quiz	Panto	Chess
LWS		27	250	200	100	250
CMC		83	160	160	80	200
HKS		53	160	110	65	100
JSF		30	70	100	100	110
NLN		43	200	250	125	130
OST		33	90	90	80	80
RTH		67	110	130	90	70
SRV		37	70	70	65	160
SWL		23	90	90	125	90

Sixth Form Challenge Cup Standings		
	Tutor	Points
1st	LWS	800
2nd	NLN	705
3rd	CMC	600
4th	HKS	435
5th	RTH	400
6th	SWL	395
7th	JSF	380
8th	SRV	365
9th	OST	340