



29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear parents / carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer and that your son/daughter has had a positive start to year 8. I am writing to you to share an overview of some key dates that we have taken from our school calendar as well as some information on what our year 8 students will be learning during the year.

We hope this will help you with planning and organisation as well as keeping you informed of what students will be learning in the classroom. Please be reassured that there is no immediate action required as we will contact you with further details in advance of each event.

We also hope you understand that although this is correct at the time of printing, there may be times when we may have to alter arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances. In this event, we will send information as soon as we are able.

**Term Dates:**

Term 1	6th September 2023 – 20th October 2023
Term 2	30th October 2023 - 15th December 2023 (Early Closure for students: Friday 15th December 2023)
Term 3	3rd January 2024 - 9th February 2024 (INSET: Tuesday 2nd January 2024)
Term 4	20th February 2024 – 28th March 2024 (INSET: Monday 19th February 2024)
Term 5	15th April 2024 - 24th May 2024
Term 6	3rd June 2024 – 23rd July 2024 (INSET: Friday 21st June 2024 and Monday 8th July 2024) (Early Closure for students Tuesday 23rd July 2024)

**Parent/ Carer Information Evenings and Evening Events**

14 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Meet the Tutor Evening	Tutor Bases – appointments via School Cloud
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Parent/Carer Information evening (all years) -Mental Health	5pm-6pm Lansdown Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas concert	6.00pm - 8.00pm Mendip Hall
29th January to 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	School Production	7.00pm - 9.00pm Mendip Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent/ carer evening – Subject Specific	4.00 – 7.00pm SchoolCloud (online)

6th June 2023	Parent/ carer information evening (all years) – PSHE and tutor time	6.00 – 7.00pm
3rd July 2024	Summer Concert	6.00 – 7.00pm (Outside)

### Assessments

29th to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024: Mid-year assessments

17th to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024: End of year internal exams

### What will my child be learning?

Each subject has provided for you a breakdown of what will be studied in each subject per term. This can also be found on our website here in the form of a curriculum map:

<https://www.wellswayschool.com/assets/uploads/files/curriculum/KS3%20curriculum%20map.pdf>

Within this document you will find information relating to:

- A summary of the topic studied in each term in Year 8
- Other information such as any resources our students may need for the duration of the course, how the students will be assessed and homework expectations.

Some teams have also added some additional information which is attached in separate documents.

### Extra-Curricular

We have a fantastic range of extra-curricular opportunities for our students across all year groups. Please use the following link to explore our offer:

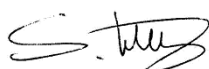
<https://www.wellswayschool.com/assets/uploads/files/Docs/Extra-Curricular-Clubs/Extra%20Curricular%20Presentation%202023.pdf>

### Contacting Staff

For any queries, please use the general enquiries email, and we will pass your query onto the relevant member of staff ([enquiries@wellswayschool.com](mailto:enquiries@wellswayschool.com))

I hope the above enables you to support your child with their learning. Please keep a close eye on My Child At School to view your child's behaviour points (positive and negative), homework and timetables.

Kind regards,



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Deputy Headteacher