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Wellsway School is a high performing, OFSTED judged ‘good’ school, with the vision of becoming an outstanding school at the heart of our Multi – Academy Trust and wider community. We are passionate about serving our community and providing the best possible experience for our young people, ensuring they feel safe, happy and empowered to succeed. Our values of confidence, respect and success provide a firm foundation on which to achieve our vision. Success at Wellsway is based on much more than our excellent exam results. As school life slowly returns to normal after COVID19 we are relaunching our full, action packed extra-curricular programme with events such as the Christmas concert, the school production of Disco Inferno, the summer concert, The Duke of Edinburgh Award and Sports Day. These events will be organised alongside a wide variety of subject specific lunchtime and afterschool clubs. We already have our Year 10 Ski Trip to Italy and Sixth Form Humanities trip to Iceland booked for next academic year, with the plan to get a range of other inclusive trips and visits back up and running.
We are delighted to confirm that gymnastics will be back on the PE curriculum this academic year after having our gymnasium floor renovated and purchasing new specialist equipment. This will be a welcome addition to the PE timetable alongside dance and many other sports including our Sports Leadership qualification and Sports Ambassador programme.

We are extremely lucky to have Mr Pearsall joining us as our new Principal in September, alongside our newly appointed Transition Coordinator: Mrs Joseph. We are delighted that Miss O’Malley, our current Transition Coordinator will remain at Wellsway as Head of Compton House. I’m also really excited to announce that from September we will have number of newly appointed Curriculum Transition Leaders who will be working with our local primaries and community to strengthen and promote curriculum and enrichment links.

During Terms 1 and 2 we will be running a number open events, to help you with your decision making process. Our Year 6 Open Evening is taking place on 23rd September 6-8pm and Year 6 Open Morning will be taking place on 28th September. During these open events you and your child will have a chance look around the school, meet staff and students, join in with interactive activities and get a flavour of Wellsway School.
At Wellsway we understand how vital the transition process is to secondary school. Next academic year we are proposing to run the following transition events to ensure our primary children are excited, confident and supported when joining Wellsway:

**Induction and Familiarisation Events:**

- Year 6 transition day for all students attending the next academic year.
- Year 6 Inclusion transition day for SEN students attending next academic year.
- Year 6 transition information evening for all parents whose children are attending the next academic year.
- Year 6-7 induction day.
- Year 6-7 team building day at Wild Place, Bristol.

**Sports, Performing Arts & Leadership Festivals:**

- Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival.
- Year 6 Kwik Cricket/Rounders Festival.
- Year 6 Transition Choir – performance at Wellsway summer concert.
- Year 6 Art, music and drama – performing arts exhibition.
- This girl can at Wellsway – Year 6 girls afternoon at Wellsway promoting participation, excellence and leadership through science/technology/PE/Dance/performing arts.
- A number of exciting subject specific transition festivals to boost confidence and excitement amongst our primary children.

**Visits, Information and Celebration Events:**

- Autumn and Summer Transition Visits – Mr Pearsall, Miss Joseph, current students and members of the pastoral team will visit primary schools to meet with year 6 students.
- Sharing of a year 6 Transition celebration video, highlighting the transition experience of current year 6-7 students at Wellsway.
- A brochure outlining the full transition experience that you and your child will receive if you choose Wellsway as your secondary school.

I look forward to meeting many of over the coming year and getting to know your children as they start the exciting transition journey to Wellsway School. Have a great summer!

Best Wishes

Mr Steven Ive
Assistant Principal: Student Support