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The Principal's Update

It has been a busy week in the Senior School and College. Last night was the Parents' Evening for Year 9 during which we discussed their GCSE option choices. Today, it has been a pleasure to meet Year 6 girls, both from Howell's and from other local schools, to sit the Year 7 Entrance Examination and we hope they had a good time with us. Many thanks to all the staff for making the day such a success. We are also very grateful to the girls from Year 7 who were superb tour guides for parents at the end of the day. Year 8 girls have had an insight into the world of work today, as they have accompanied their parents to work on *Take Your Daughter to Work Day*. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return to school on Monday.



[Success at the International Competition for Young Debaters](#)

Bravely taking on the 6.00am meeting time at Cardiff Central Station, Year 9 students Dani K, Izzy H, Ayesha A, Anoushka S, Siani K and Angona S, joined by Himani K of Year 7, travelled to Solihull School to take part in the regional round of the International Competition for Young Debaters. [Click here](#) for more information.

[English Literature](#)

Congratulations to Year 10 students for the enthusiasm and energy shown in their recent study of challenging texts for GCSE English Literature. [Click here](#) to read one inspiring example that reveals interest, commitment and perception in a response to A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

[Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Gold

Abigail B, Sanjan D, Celyn T, Nazia Z

Silver

Natasha Z

Bronze

Lucy G, Eleanor H, Elen M, Megan V, Caitlin W

[India and Marnie swim to success](#)

Many congratulations to India B and Marnie B who have been selected to represent Wales in swimming in March. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Louise Makes A Splash](#)

Congratulations to Louise S (Year 11) on her recent swimming achievements. [Click here](#) for more information.

Chess Success

The Southern Semi Finals of the English Chess Federation National Schools Girls Chess Championships were held on Sunday 15th January at St Catherine's School in Bramley, Surrey. The team from Howell's won the under 19s section last year, so the pressure was on for our girls to defend their title. [Click here](#) for more information.

Big Breakfast

On Tuesday 17th January, Year 12 supported the 'Pay for a Day' Appeal. Their 'Big Breakfast' raised £51.46 towards the target we have at school to raise £6,600—the cost of running the Marie Curie Cardiff & the Vale Hospice in Penarth for a single day. [Click here](#) for more information.

College Careers Breakfasts & Breaks

2017 is going to be an important year for Year 12 students as they start their career planning in earnest. To help students make informed decisions and consider all of the options available, our College Tutors have kindly agreed to host informal 'Careers Breakfasts & Breaks'. Students can come along to as many of these as they like to find out about the opportunities a range of subjects can offer. This may include; following a traditional academic route into University pursuing a subject they are already studying; taking a vocational career focused pathway including healthcare routes, Engineering or Law; considering Drama School and Music Conservatoires; picking up a new subject such as Philosophy or even taking a year out from education to work, travel or volunteer on a Gap Year.

Year 12 students are encouraged to come along with their questions and an open mind and find out more about the opportunities available to them following their A levels. Refreshments will be provided. These sessions start next week with more to follow – students should keep an eye on their emails for updates.

Monday 23rd January

- Business & Management with Mr Allen and Mrs Jowett at 11.00am in the Careers Centre

Tuesday 24th January

- Considering a Gap Year with Mrs Wilks at 11.00am in the Careers Centre

Wednesday 25th January

- Geography with Mr Biebrach at 8.20am in the Careers Centre
- Law & Legal Careers with Mrs Wilks at 11.00am in the Careers Centre

Thursday 26th January

- History, Politics & International Relations with Mrs George at 8.20am in the Careers Centre
- Modern Foreign Languages with Mr Morgan at 11.00am in the Careers Centre
- Healthcare Professions (Pharmacy, Nursing, Midwifery, Physio, Dental Therapies/Hygiene/Nursing, Vet Nursing, Radiography) with Dr Tamplin, Miss Jenkins & Dr Lewis at 11.00am in the Silent Study Room
- Friday 27th January
- ICT & Computing with Mrs Darnton and Mrs Jowett at 11.00am in the Careers Centre
- And coming up in the following weeks...
- Drama, Music and Performing Arts; Engineering; English Language, Literature, Classics and Communications; Religious Studies, Ethics and Philosophy; Accountancy, Banking, Finance and Economics; Art, Design & Architecture; Mathematics; Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences

Celebration Tea

On Wednesday 18th January, Mrs Ashill was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Senior School students to celebrate their outstanding achievements. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

The latest instalment of our Parent Blog is available to read by [clicking here](#).

National Medic Mentor Weekend

The Careers Department have been informed about the National Medic Mentor Weekend which is taking place on the 18th and 19th March 2017 in 4 locations across the UK: London, Cardiff, Lancaster and Birmingham. Parents are also encouraged to attend as there will be dedicated talks for them too. It is a highly valuable opportunity for students to network with doctors and medical students, learn about work experience opportunities and how to make a successful application. Please be reminded that any arrangements or costs are your private responsibility. [Click here](#) for more information.

Hywelian News

Ben's Album Launch

We are delighted that Hywelian and musician Ben C-G will launch his album, 1 Man Band, at an exciting event at 8pm on Saturday 4th February at the Acapela Studio in Pentrych. [Click here](#) for more information.

Exciting times for Hywelian author Angela Fish

Hywelian author Angela Fish, whose publications include non-fiction, short stories and poetry, will appear on the Roy Noble show on BBC Radio Wales on Sunday, 22nd January. [Click here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

Parent Pyramid – Save the Dates!

The next Parent Pyramid Drop In sessions will take place in the hub@howells on the following dates:

Friday 3rd Feb at 9am

Wednesday 29th March at 7pm

Whole School Open Afternoon - Thursday 9th February

On Thursday 9th February, Howell's will be holding a Whole School Open Afternoon, from Nursery right through to College, at 1.30-3.30pm. It is always a pleasure to welcome guests to Howell's and show them around our lovely school. There is no need to book; guests can just turn up on the day. For more information, please contact Hannah Roberts at hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1825. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in visiting Howell's.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale in the hub@howells next Thursday 6th April, from 8.30am-9.30pm and then from 3pm-5pm. Cash only, prices start from £1

Any donations of uniform can be brought to the hub@howells during the sale, or left at the Junior or Senior School offices next week.

The week culminates this evening with the Volvo Presents: Evening with Hannah Mills and I hope those of you who attend have a wonderful time. I look forward to seeing staff and students on Monday.

Sally Davis, Principal