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The Principal's Update

There has been much excitement in the Senior School and College this week as it was the launch of the House Song Competition, which is one of the many highlights of the eisteddfod in March. At a special assembly on Tuesday Mrs Phillips revealed that the song this year is, *I'm a Believer* by the Monkees. I really look forward to seeing each House's interpretation of this classic song. Last night the Year 10 Parents' Meeting took place and it was great to hear about the progress the girls are making as they approach their GCSE year. This morning started with the Big Breakfast for Year 11, whose turn it was to raise funds for our Pay for a Day appeal in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.



[Year 12 Business Students experience 'The Real Thing'.](#)

On Wednesday 18th January, Year 12 Business students travelled to Milton Keynes to visit the Coca Cola Production plant. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Representing China at the Model United Nations](#)

On Friday 27th January, Year 12 students Hema N, Rosie T and Mansi V attended a model United Nations assembly to represent the views and proposals of China on the issue of climate change. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Rotary 'Youth Speaks' Competitions](#)

On Thursday 19th January, two teams made up of students from Years 10, 11 and 12 represented Howell's in the Senior 'Youth Speaks' Public Speaking Competition. [Click here](#) for more information.

Students from Years 8 and 9 put on a fabulous performance at the Rotary 'Youth Speaks' Public Speaking Competition at Llanishen High School on Tuesday, 17th January 2017. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Chrystall Prize Public Speaking Competition 2017](#)

Many congratulations to Claudia M and Ruby R who travelled to Northampton High School on Friday 27th January, for the semi-final of this prestigious Year 11 public speaking competition, the Chrystall Prize. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Oxford Debating Competition](#)

The Howell's College Debating Team were back in action on Wednesday 1st February in the Oxford Schools Competition. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Year 12 Religious Studies Trip](#)

Our Year 12 RS students attended an all-day conference lead by Professor Peter Vardy in Bristol on Tuesday 31st January. [Click here](#) for more information

Speech and Drama

All parents and friends are invited join us to support students in this competition. It will take place in the Senior School Drama Room from 10am until 4.45pm tomorrow, Saturday 4th February. We are pleased to invite Mrs Rosalind Taylor, an experienced adjudicator and LAMDA examiner to judge the competition.

Congratulations to all the girls who took LAMDA examinations in December for their excellent results. All the girls achieved either a merit or distinction in their speech examinations scoring a record number of high marks.

Mrs Jones Is On Top Of The World

We are always wondering what Mrs Jones, D of E Gold Expedition Leader, will get up to next, and were thrilled to see some pictures of her most recent adventure. [Click here](#) for more information.

Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Results

Congratulations to the following students, who have recently completed their awards:

Gold Award

Abigail B, Holly C, Sanjana D, Angharad J, Henry J, Celyn T, Nazia Z

Silver Award

Natasha Z

Bronze Award

Holly B, Josephine C, Jasneet D, Bronwen E, Gloria G, Lucy G, Eleanor H, Elen M, Imogen R, Ruby R, Jyothi S, Laraib U, Megan V, Caitlin W, Zaynah Y

Mr Hughes Heads To The Palace

We were thrilled to hear that Bronze Expedition Leader Mr Hughes has been asked to act as a marshal at the next Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ceremony, held at St James's Palace on the 8th March. [Click here](#) for more information.

One Giant Leap For Anna

If you've never been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, you might think that it's all muddy walks and nights under canvas, but you would be wrong. [Click here](#) to read more about Year 13 Anna J's adventures.

Welsh Junior Girls' Chess Championships

Hosted by Inglefield House, Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls Junior Department on 29th January, this important chess event saw a HIGH number of entries from around the country. Among them were seven girls from Howell's, playing a full day of chess in six age categories – and six of them won a trophy! [Click here](#) for more information.

College Careers Countdown

On Tuesday 31st January our annual College Careers Countdown speed-networking event took place. [Click here](#) for more information.

Bowls and Bubbly

On Friday 27th January, we returned to the splendid setting of the Lansdowne Club, in the heart of Mayfair, for our annual Bowls and Bubbly evening for Hywelians. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Pyramid

Today, it was wonderful to welcome so many parents to the first Parent Pyramid of 2017. [Click here](#) to see the talking points from today's session.

Parent Blog

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

Debate Chamber Summer Schools

The Debate Chamber Summer Schools offer students aged 15-18 the opportunity to find out more about some fascinating subjects, prepare for university applications, and experience an exciting and engaging approach to learning. Debate Chamber is strongly committed to ensuring that financial circumstances do not prevent any student from attending our events. The Debate Chamber offer fees bursaries covering up to 100% of course fees to students who would otherwise have difficulty in participating. [Click here](#) for more information on bursaries. [Click here](#) for full details of all of the courses on offer.

Diary Dates

Whole School Open Afternoon

Don't forget that next Thursday, 9th February, Howell's is holding a Whole School Open Afternoon, from Nursery to College, at 1.30-3.30pm. It 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.

Parent Pyramid

The next Parent Pyramid Drop In session will take place in the hub@howells on Wednesday 29th March at 7pm. Parents, grandparents and carers are all very welcome

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale in the hub@howells on 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.

Spring Concert

This year's Spring Concert will take place on Saturday 1st April at 7pm in the magnificent setting of Llandaff Cathedral and it promises to be a very special occasion. Look out for further information in future updates.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Davis, Principal