

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

Science has been at the forefront of life in the Senior School and College as we have participated in National Science Week. It has been a fascinating week that has included chemistry demonstrations, a biology challenge, dissections, an aeronautical challenge and much more. Many thanks to the Science department for all they did to make the week such a triumph.

I am enormously proud of our under 14 hockey team who won the Hockey Wales Under 14 School Girls Final on Monday and they are now the under 14 Welsh champions. Many congratulations, girls. [Click here](#) for more information.



Our HSBC scholars, accompanied by Mrs Yilmaz, had a wonderful time on Tuesday as they attended an award ceremony and lunch at HSBC's headquarter in Canary Wharf, London. It was a wonderful experience which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

On Wednesday I had great pleasure in travelling to London to support our Junior Competition Choir who competed in the GDST Youth Choir of the Year Competition in London's prestigious Cadogan Hall. The choir from Blackheath won the competition but our girls gave a superb performance which was, according to the judges, confident, bold and spontaneous with spectacular diction. Congratulations girls and thanks to Mrs Phillips, Mr Beckett, our accompanist Mr Shewring and all staff involved in this a very special occasion. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to see Howell's performance.

Yesterday, I enjoyed attending the GDST Heads' Conference before travelling across London to the Drapers' Hall for the Drapers' Educational Dinner in the evening. I was joined at dinner by our Chair of Governors, Mrs Kay Powell, our Head Girl, Charlotte C, and our Head Boy, James W. It was a lovely evening and Charlotte and James were excellent ambassadors of Howell's.

### Car Parking

Car parking in and around the school is becoming increasingly complicated. Please can I remind you to be particularly aware of our situation when dropping off and collecting students. Please be prompt when dropping off in order to maintain a steady, efficient flow of traffic. Thank you.

### Year 13 Historians Attend lectures in Head To Birmingham

On Wednesday 15th March, Year 13 History students travelled to Birmingham to attend a series of lectures on Nazi Germany. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Year 13 Talk Their Way To The Final

On Sunday 12th March, our fabulous Business and Professional Women Public Speaking team, consisting of Nia M-R, Rosie T, and Sasha Y, set off for Bristol to participate in the Area Finals of this competition. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Up For Debate

Four Key Stage 3 girls took part in the Bristol Schools Debating Competition held in the beautiful Wills Memorial Building on Saturday 11th March. [Click here](#) for more information.

## ESU Primary Schools' Public Speaking Competition

Following last week's workshop on public speaking, we welcomed back 30 local primary school children to compete in the fifth English Speaking Union Primary Schools' Public Speaking Competition on the evening of Monday 13th March. [Click here](#) for more information.

## A Celebration of Languages

On the evening of Tuesday 14th March, we held our third Celebration of Languages for Senior School students which took place in the Dining Room. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Triumph at the European Youth Parliament

On Wednesday 15th March, eight Year 12 students took part in the Regional European Youth Parliament at the Pierhead Building in Cardiff Bay. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Sport Stories

It has been another action packed week for sport in Howell's. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Many congratulations to the following Year 10 students who have recently completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award:

Tanya E  
Ritika K  
Maya W

## Celebration Tea

I was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Senior School students on Monday 13th March. [Click here](#) to find out what we celebrated.

## 'Digital World' Saturday Club

Gower College Swansea is offering Year 9 and Year 10 students the opportunity to participate in their exciting 'Digital World' Saturday Club. Your daughter should let Mrs Morrey know if she is interested as soon as possible. Students have been emailed with the details.

## Vaccinations

### Year 8 & HPV vaccination

The vaccination team will be in school on Tuesday 28th March, to deliver HPV vaccination to Year 8 students (1st vaccination) and Year 9 students (2nd vaccination).

### Year 11 Meningitis ACWY

The Vaccination team will be in school on Tuesday 4th April, to deliver meningitis ACWY vaccination to Year 11 students.

If you have any questions about the vaccinations please contact Jane Warburton from the School Nursing Service on 02920 907663.

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

### Diary Dates

#### Parent Pyramid

The next Parent Pyramid Drop In session will take place in the hub@howells on Wednesday 29th March at 7pm.

#### 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale in the hub@howells on Thursday 6th April, from 8.30am-9.30am 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.

#### Spring Concert

Tickets are selling extremely well for this year's Spring Concert on Saturday 1st April at 7pm in the magnificent setting of Llandaff Cathedral. This year we will be treated to a concert of choral and instrumental music from our Junior Competition Choir, Youth Choir, Senior Choir, College Choir and Senior Orchestra culminating with a performance of Mozart's beautiful Requiem. Tickets, costing £12 (central nave) and £10 (side), can be purchased by asking for a member of the Development and Marketing Department from the main office in the Senior School. [Click here](#) for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Sally Davis, Principal**