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The Principal's Update

As the Spring Concert approaches magnificent music can be heard coming from rehearsal rooms, class rooms and the Sports Hall. I think we are in for a real treat on Saturday 1st April. Following on from last Tuesday's Celebration of Languages, the Languages department has had another busy week as the French and Spanish controlled assessments and orals have taken place. On Tuesday, our GCSE Product Design students had their making day and I very much look forward to seeing their creations, which I'm sure will be amazing. Last night was Parents' Evening for Year 12 and I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the students' progress. This morning we welcomed alumni for the second *Hywelians in the Hub* coffee morning. I really do enjoy meeting our former students and hearing about their time at Howell's and how it has changed over the years, as well as keeping them updated about life in our school and college today. I look forward to welcoming them back to the Hub in June.



Katie Hits The High-Notes

Musician and composer Katie J (Year 12) clearly likes to keep herself busy. [Click here](#) to find out more about her latest achievement.

Abby wins Curtiss-Wright Corporation Scholarship

Year 13's Abby T has been awarded \$1,500 scholarship from the Curtiss-Wright Corporation towards her first year at university. [Click here](#) for more information.

Saffron and Jessica To Compete At Stuttgart International Swim Gala

Congratulations and good luck to Saffron B (Year 8) and Jessica R (Year 10) who have been selected to compete at the 42nd Stuttgart International Swim Gala, which takes place over the weekend of 24th - 25th June 2017.

Eco School – Litter conference

On Friday 17th March, four students from the Howell's Eco Team, accompanied by Dr Langford and organised by Mrs Jowett, joined several schools across Cardiff at an Eco Conference in the Principality Stadium in Cardiff. [Click here](#) for more information.

Eco School: Bag-2-School charity collection event Tuesday 28th March

We would like to raise awareness of our forthcoming Bag-2-School charity collection event, the final one for this year, on **Tuesday 28th March**. Over this weekend, please have a look for any unwanted or outgrown clothing/accessories or paired shoes to donate for reuse. The Eco Team will hold a competition and will award a cake or sweets to the group with the heaviest bags, so please make sure your tutor group name/year is clearly visible. Any contributions are always most welcome and we value your continued support.

Parent Blog

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

Year 11 Work Experience

Please be aware that your daughter needs to ask her Employer to complete HSLWEXFORM2 for each placement being undertaken in her Work Experience during the period July 10th - 21st. [Click here](#) to open the form. The extended deadline for return of this form is April 3rd. Please advise me if you are awaiting an employer response. If you are taking a family holiday then you must apply to school for the holidays leave.

There are 6 placements available with BT for the week beginning July 10th - 14th. This placement will be of particular value to your daughter if she is considering Engineering, IT, computing/coding, business etc. The venue is at Watkiss Way, Grangetown and is accessible by public transport. Please encourage your daughter to take up this limited opportunity and ask her to contact Mrs House julie.house@how.gdst.net for further information.

There is a section on Barclays Life Skills highlighting banks within the Cardiff area which may be able to offer Work Experience opportunities. Please contact Mrs House if you wish to look into this further.

Cardiff University Open Day for Year 12

Cardiff University are currently promoting their next Open Day which falls in the Easter holidays on Wednesday 26th April, covering all of their academic courses. On this occasion they are promoting the University Rugby club and Sports sessions which is a focus sport at Cardiff University. For further details contact Carolyn McKenzie on 02920879120 or Email: McKenzieC@cardiff.ac.uk. Please remember that all booking and transport arrangements are your personal responsibility.

Cardiff University School of Medicine Open Days

Cardiff University School of Medicine has two intensive Medicine-only Open Days running on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June. Tickets are free but there is high demand and they must be booked by [clicking here](#). Please follow the Career department updates and opportunities which are tagged #HSLCareers on the School Twitter account [@HowellsSchool](https://twitter.com/HowellsSchool).

CyberFirst Summer Courses

Free, residential/non-residential courses for students interested in networking, cyber security, software and apps, computer science are now open for booking. For full details and to apply [click here](#). Please note that these are not GDST/Howell's run events: you will need to apply independently and if you have any questions about the schemes, please contact the provider directly at cyberfirst@smallpeicetrust.org.uk.

Hywelian Highlights

We are absolutely delighted that Hywelian Olympic gold medal winner, Hannah Mills, has been shortlisted for this year's GDST Alumna of the Year in recognition of her outstanding contribution to sport. Hannah, who left Howell's in 2006, won a gold medal at the Rio 2016 Olympics in the women's 470 sailing event and was awarded an MBE in the 2017 New Year honours for services to sailing. We really do encourage you to vote for Hannah and you can do so by [clicking here](#).

Congratulations to Hywelian Claudia H (Class of 2014), who has been accepted on an investment banking three year graduate scheme in the City of London. [Click here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

Parent Pyramid

The next Parent Pyramid Drop In session will take place in the hub@howells next Wednesday, 29th March, at 7pm-8pm.

Diary Dates Continued

Spring Concert

Central nave tickets have now sold out for the Spring Concert on Saturday 1st April at 7pm in the magnificent setting of Llandaff Cathedral. There are still £10 (side) tickets available which 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.

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.

Whole School Open Afternoon – Thursday 4th May 2017

On Thursday 4th May, 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; visitors can just turn up on the day.

Champagne Cycle Challenge – Sunday 2nd July 2017

Get ready to don your Lycra and dust off your bikes for the annual Champagne Cycle Challenge on Sunday 2nd July when the entire community comes together for a fun filled day to raise money for the Howell's Bursary Fund. There will be three routes, varying in length, so whatever your cycling ability there is a route for you. The day culminates with a glass of bubbly, barbecue and an obstacle course and bouncy castle for the younger children.

Summer Concert – Wednesday 19th July 2017

Students will take to the stage in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 19th July for this year's *Once Upon a Time* themed Summer Concert. The concert will include performances from Senior School students as well as the eagerly anticipated staff number, which always brings the house down.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sally Davis, Principal