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The Principal's Update

As we hurtle towards the end of term, this week has been particularly busy for our Careers Department. On Tuesday, Year 10 students attended Employers' Day in the Sports Hall, which I was delighted to open with my keynote speech on *What it takes to be employed by Howell's*. Students also learned about the power of body language from Mrs Chyba and how to make an impression at interview from Mrs Karen Kimura, the GDST's Learning Development Manager. [Click here](#) for more information. Wednesday was the turn of Year 12 who enjoyed inspiring and thought provoking presentations followed by a networking lunch at their Higher Education and Careers Day. You can see photographs on our Twitter feed by [clicking here](#). Many thanks to Mrs Wilks, Mrs House, Mrs Matthews and everyone involved who made the events so successful.



This week Year 9 donned their walking kit and boots as they set off to the Afon Argoed Valley for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expeditions, with lots of water and sun lotion in tow. I know they had a wonderful and beneficial time. Thank you to Mr Hughes for his hard work.

We welcomed Years 5 and 6 to the Great Hall this week for their production of *Aesop* which was a real treat and showcased the true talents of our Junior School girls.

I am delighted to announce that, following a visit from the Healthy Schools Initiative on Monday, we have passed the accreditation for the first year and have been awarded our first leaf towards our accreditation of becoming a healthy school. Many thanks to Mrs Chyba and her team for their hard work.

End of Term

As a reminder, on the last day of term, Thursday 20th July, Howell's will close at the earlier time of 2.00pm. No after school care provision is being provided.

Mindfulness Excellence

Congratulations to Years 7 and 8 for completing the Mindfulness Curriculum this year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Estate Update

The past and coming year are busier than ever as years four and five of a five year estate plan are fully implemented. [Click here](#) to see an update of the estate works which have been completed and future works taking place over the coming months.

GDST VEX Robotics and Coding Competition

On International Women in Engineering Day, Friday 23rd June, two teams from Howell's took part in the GDST VEX Robotics and Coding Competition at South Hampstead High School. [Click here](#) for more information.

European Youth Parliament Summer Nationals

A group of Year 12 students travelled to Liverpool Hope University for the European Youth Parliament Summer National Session held from Thursday June 29th - Sunday July 2nd. [Click here](#) for more information.

College Rotary Interact

Our new Rotary Interact Committee has made an excellent start to the fundraising year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Success on the Slopes

Howell's skiers had phenomenal success in the July 2017 Regional Ski Slalom Competition, winning an amazing 8 medals. [Click here](#) for more information.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Congratulations to Katherine B and Jessica C (Year 13) for completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, and to Abigail C, Martha H, Aya K and Honey P, (Year 9) who have all completed their Bronze awards.

Champagne Cycle Challenge and Summer Fair

As Howell's basked in glorious sunshine on Sunday 2nd July, over 300 students, parents, alumni, staff and friends filled up water bottles, pulled on the Lycra and checked their tyres ready for this year's Champagne Cycle Challenge, Summer Fair and Barbecue. [Click here](#) for more information.

Tea at the Palace

A group of Senior School and College music students strolled along to Llandaff village on the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd July to perform at the Llandaff Society's Strawberry Tea. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Year 11 Go To Work

Year 11 start their main two week period of work experience from Monday 10th July. A few have successfully attended the physics department at Swansea University this week thanks to a link forged by Dr Ford. An update on the progress of our students will appear in next week's newsletter.

Diary Dates

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day is taking place at Leckwith Stadium on Tuesday 11th July. [Click here](#) for full details.

Wear Navy and Gold/Yellow for Founders' Day

One of the highlights of the summer at Howell's is Founders' Day and the Thomas Howell Break, which will take place on Friday 14th July. This special morning brings the whole School and College together to celebrate the ways we have, over the last school year, built on the foundations laid by Thomas Howell more than 500 years ago, when he left provision in his will for the benefit of orphan maidens. Founders Day will be an own clothes day and the theme will be Howell's own colours, navy and gold/yellow. Students and staff are asked to contribute £1 which will go to the Howell's Bursary Fund.

Summer Concert – Wednesday 19th July 2017

Tickets (£7 for adults, free for children) are now on sale for our *Once Upon a Time* themed Summer Concert which takes place in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 19th July. Tickets are available from the main office in the Senior School and ask for a member of the Marketing team or students can buy them directly from the Marketing Office. As ever it promises to be a magical evening of music-making from students in Years 7-10.

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John Lewis Uniform Fitting Evening

On Wednesday 16th August from 3-8pm, John Lewis will be holding an exclusive uniform fitting event for Howell's at their store in Cardiff. To book please call 02920 536 088 and ask for the Schoolwear Department to make a uniform fitting appointment. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Great Hall Crystal Ball

On Friday 8th December 2017, Howell's School will be holding The Great Hall Crystal Ball, organised by the Parent Pyramid, in the magnificent surroundings of the newly restored Great Hall. Tickets will be available from September.

I hope the Howell's Class of 2017 have a wonderful time at their prom this evening and I look forward to seeing everyone for the penultimate week of term on Monday.

Sally Davis, Principal