

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

A very warm welcome to my first *View from the Top* of the academic year, which I hope you find interesting and informative. I also hope you had a superb summer holiday.

On Wednesday I was delighted to see students and staff, both new and returning, filling our corridors with renewed energy and I am excited for the year ahead and the opportunities it will present. It has been particularly lovely to witness new friendships forming and old friendships rekindled. You can see some photographs from the first day of school on our Twitter feed by [clicking here](#). Members of the school community have also met Disney, the new school dog. More news on Disney next week.

The Howell's Class of 2017 returned on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September for their Prizegiving Celebration in the Sports Hall. They were joined by family, members of the Drapers' Company, Governors, Hywelians, friends and staff. This year's speaker was Cheryl Giovannoni, the CEO of the GDST, whose inspirational speech focussed on gender equality as well as encouraging students to own their dreams. I wish this year group all the very best in whatever they go on to do and I know they have bright futures ahead. Look out for further information in my update next week. I look forward to catching up with them at their first alumni event, *Cocktails at Christmas*, in December.



### A Level and GCSE Results

Once again our students achieved excellent GCSE and A Level results. [Click here](#) for more information on the A level results and [click here](#) for more information on the GCSE results.

### First Fifty Fun

As part of the First 50, our new Year 12 students enjoyed a fun filled afternoon on Thursday 7th September. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Freshers Fair 2017

On Wednesday 6th September, Year 12 had a busy first lunchtime as College students, meeting up with staff and young leaders to sign up for the exciting clubs and societies that will run this year. [Click here](#) for more information

### Izzy Captains the Welsh Junior Women's Rowing Squad

At the end of July we were delighted to hear that Izzy P from the Howell's Class of 2017 was selected as Captain for the Welsh Junior Women's Rowing Squad, representing Wales at the Home International Rowing Regatta which took place in Scotland on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### Amy Jumps To Success

Many congratulations to Year 9's Amy J, who competed in Area 10 of the Pony Club Grassroots Showjumping Championships over the summer, and won. [Click here](#) for more information



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## Louise's Fencing Success

Congratulations to Louise S, Year 12, who represented Wales in girls U19 épée at the prestigious School Games, held at Loughborough University last week and won team Bronze. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Parent Blog

The first instalment of our weekly Parent Blog, *Back to School*, is available to read by [clicking here](#).

### Diary Dates

#### Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale next Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, at 8-9am and 3-5pm in the Hub @ Howell's. There is a wide range of uniform available at very reasonable prices, from Nursery through to College, so do pop in and browse the selection.

#### Open Doors at Howell's

Howell's will once again open its doors to the general public on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September as part of the nation wide Open Doors programme, which is a celebration of architecture and heritage. Refreshments will be served at 10am which will be followed by a guided tour of Howell's at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

#### Open Afternoon and College Fair

Our next Open Afternoon for prospective students and parents will take place on Thursday 28th September from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, followed by our College Fair from 4pm until 6pm. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in visiting Howell's. For further information please email [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 02920 261832.

#### Annie

We are very excited to be presenting a whole school production of the classic *Annie* for three nights from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Set in 1930s New York during The Great Depression, young Annie is forced to live a life of misery at Miss Hannigan's orphanage but her luck changes when she is chosen to spend a Christmas with famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. With lots of memorable songs including *It's The Hard-Knock Life*, *Easy Street* and *Tomorrow* it really will be a production not to be missed. Look out for further information in the coming weeks.

#### Christmas Fair

The festivities will begin in style with our Christmas Fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and will be a lovely afternoon for all the family. Look out for further information after the half term holiday.

#### The Great Hall Crystal Ball

On Friday 8th December 2017, Howell's 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 in the coming weeks.

#### Carol Services

Llandaff Cathedral will once again provide the perfect setting for this year's Carol Services which will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. More detailed information will be available after the half term break.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to the first full week of term on Monday.

## Sally Davis, Principal

### Advance Note: End of Term

On the last day of the Autumn Term, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Howell's will close at 2pm. This will also be the case on the last day of the Easter Term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the Summer Term, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. There will not be any after school care available on these days.