

A View FROM THE TOP



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The Principal's Update

A very warm welcome to the first edition of my *View from the Top* for this term. The summer holiday seems to have flown by and I hope you all had a fantastic break, in spite of the unpredictable Welsh weather. Following two inset days for staff, it was wonderful to welcome new and returning students back to Howell's yesterday refreshed and ready for a happy and successful 2015/16. We have managed to squeeze a lot in to these first two days including a picnic and Freshers' Fair for Year 12 students, which took place yesterday, and today's welcome lunch and Clubs' Fair for girls in Year 7.



New dropping off system

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting the new system at the front of the school, which worked incredibly well. I would be very grateful if parents could use the pedestrian entrance into the school and follow the marked path. The safety of students is my absolute priority. The Pencisely Road entrance was particularly busy yesterday so if you are using this entrance, please can you 'drop and go'. A large number of parents took the opportunity to catch up with each other in the car park and we had cars queuing onto the road. Thank you everyone for your patience.

Results Success

Many congratulations to last year's Year 13 and Year 11 students who achieved an exceptional sets of results. Students had worked incredibly hard and their success is richly deserved. [Click here](#) for more information about A-Level results and [click here](#) for more information about GCSE results.

Sabbatical

During the spring term (January until Easter) I will be taking a sabbatical. In my absence my Deputy Principals, Mrs Ashill (Junior School), Mrs Chyba (College) and Dr Southern (Senior School), will be taking on my roles and responsibilities. I know that Howell's will be in very safe hands.

Nia M-R wins HG Wells Writing Competition

Over the summer holiday Nia M-R in Year 12 entered the HG Wells Writing Competition. We were delighted to hear that she won a prize of £1,000 in the competition. [Click here](#) for more information.

Izzy P. rows for Wales at Home International Regatta

Many congratulations to Izzy P (Year 12) who donned her Welsh kit and rowed extremely well at the Home International Rowing Regatta in Strathclyde on July 25th 2015. [Click here](#) for more information.

Tennis success for Sophie

Congratulations to Sophie S (Year 8), who has enjoyed a great start to the summer season rising to the third-ranked player in Wales for her age group. [Click here](#) for more information.

Chess success for sisters Shayanna and Venetia

During the summer break, sisters Shayanna (Year 8) and Venetia (Year 6) S. both competed in the British Chess Championships held at Warwick University. [Click here](#) for more information about their amazing achievements.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Completions

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

Bronze

Amrutha K (Year 11)

Silver

Naomi M (Year 13)

Knit and Natter

The Howell's *Knit and Natter* group begins again this term. If you have any spare bits of wool that you would like to donate to the group please leave it at the main office in the Senior School.

Students take part in an adaptation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Several of our Junior and Senior School students took part in an adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* over the summer holiday. [Click here](#) for more information.

Open Doors Events

The school is taking part, as usual, in the annual nationwide Open Doors events this month. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in having a look at our school museum, followed by a historical tour of the school, on the morning of Friday 18th September, we would love to see you. Please [click here](#) for more details and to find out about other Open Doors events in Llandaff between 10th and 19th September.

The Saturday Circle

The Saturday Circle provides immersive, play-based group language tuition in Howell's on Saturdays during term-time for children aged between 0 and 12. Sessions, led by native speakers, focus on having fun, making friends and learning through crafts, songs, games and play. All age groups for a single language are held simultaneously, creating a whole-family solution to learning languages! [Click here](#) for more information.

Suzuki Piano School

From Saturday 12th September, Howell's will be hosting the Suzuki Piano School. The Suzuki method is based on the fact that all children learn to speak their first language without difficulty or tuition of any sort. Suzuki believed that every young child has an enormous potential for learning and that no quality, talent or otherwise, is innate; it is simply a question of creating a nurturing environment to facilitate and fuel this process of learning, reinforced by daily training. The school will be led by piano teacher Sue Bird. [Click here](#) for more information.

Twitter and Facebook

The best way to keep up-to-date with Howell's news is to follow our Twitter feed which you can do by [clicking here](#). You can also like us on Facebook by [clicking here](#).

Students' News

Please do send us news and photographs of your daughter's or son's achievements as we love to share our students' successes with the Howell's family. News can be sent to Hannah Roberts at hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net.

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

Sally Davis, Principal