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The Principal's Update

On Wednesday I was delighted to attend the GDST's Annual Conference in London. The conference was particularly appropriate for us this year, as it focussed on the importance of sport for girls. It was an excellent conference with engaging speakers including the keynote speaker, Jennie Price from Sport England. Croydon's Year 12 student and competitive diver, Jess Riley, questioned why female sport gets less media coverage. Helen Fraser's speech can be found by [clicking here](#). The conference was followed by a reception during which the award for the GDST Alumna of the Year was presented. I am absolutely delighted that this year's award was won by former Howell's student, Ann Cotton, in recognition of the wonderful work she has done for the education of girls in Africa. Many congratulations to Ann and thank you to everyone who voted! [Click here](#) for more information.



Final chance to register for the Champagne Cycle Challenge on Sunday 22nd June

I am delighted that so many of you have signed up for the Champagne Cycle Challenge and/or Barbecue on Sunday 22nd June. If you are planning to take part in the in the day but haven't yet signed up, we have extended the registration deadline to the end of **Monday 16th June**. We are currently looking into staffing and pod leaders for this event, so registration is essential. An email to hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net to confirm would be gratefully received. Friends and family are welcome! Full details and the registration form can be found by [clicking here](#).

Events on Thursday 26th June

On Thursday 26th June there are two exciting events taking place at Howell's.

Garden Party in aid of Noah's Ark at 2.15pm

At 2.15pm a concert will take place in the Senior School Sports Hall followed by a delicious Vintage Tea. Tickets cost £20 (free for children). The concert will include performances from our Youth Choir, Jazz Group, Orchestra and Junior School. To book tickets either email Hannah Roberts at hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or buy them from the main office in the Senior School. Please make cheques payable to Howell's School Llandaff. All proceeds will go to the Noah's Ark appeal.

Middle School Summer Concert at 6.00pm

At 6.00pm Years 7 – 10 will perform in our Middle School Summer Concert in the Senior School Sports Hall. Tickets cost £10 (free for children) and include a drink in the interval. The concert will include performances from our Youth Group, Jazz Group, Orchestra, soloists and a special performance from staff. Tickets can be purchased from the main office in the Senior School. Please make cheques payable to Howell's School Llandaff.

Sunday 8th June saw Howell's Equestrian Team competing at the National Schools' Equestrian Association show jumping competition at King's Equestrian Centre, Bromyard. Very well done to the team. [Click here](#) to find out how they got on.

On Friday 6th June, staff and students took part in a First World War day, which was organised as a cross-curricular event to commemorate the war, which began one hundred years ago. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mrs Chyba was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Senior School students at break today. [Click here](#) to find out what they celebrated.

To celebrate the upcoming National Women in Engineering Day, Christine Thomas, Chartered Engineer at Tata Steel in Port Talbot, will be coming in to speak to students interested in engineering from all age groups. It will be at 2.00pm in A6 on Thursday 19th June. All students are welcome to come along!

On Thursday 22nd May, we watched anxiously as the rain fell, or rather, poured - we were supposed to be camping on the field for the Howell's Award residential! [Click here](#) to see what happened in spite of the inclement weather.

In last week's update I referred to Howell's success in the Team Tennis Schools' National Championship. [Click here](#) to read an article about it on Sport Wales' website.

This week we welcomed over 100 children from local schools to host the first day of the Carnegie Shadowing Event. The prestigious annual Carnegie Medal is awarded to the best book for children or young people as voted for by Librarians. Taking over the whole of Oaklands for the day, children were put into 'book groups' with students they hadn't met before to begin the two day process of discussing, devising and performing a 'mini-play' based on the themes explored in their book. Using their teamwork skills, Angela M, Barooj M, Ellie M, Elysia G, Grace M, Mansi V, Nia M and Sonali S from the Senior School, all took to the challenge with great enthusiasm and energy. We will report back on their final performances next week. Thank you to College student Caitlin J for all of her help on day one. This year's nominated books can be seen here http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/carnegie/current_shortlist.php and the winner will be announced on Monday 23rd June.

Don't forget that our Parents' Association is holding a Summer Fair at Howell's on Thursday 19th June from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. [Click here](#) for full details and the wrist band form. The wristband form enables you to purchase a wristband for £10 as a pre-payment for all the rides.

I am delighted to let you know about Theatre Bunker's Performing Arts Summer School for children aged 6 – 13, is taking place at Howell's from Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August. [Click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) for the booking form.

On Thursday 12th June we celebrated the 75th birthday of a very special lady in the Howell's family, Miss Jean Ballinger. [Click here](#) to find out more about the celebrations. Happy birthday, Jean!

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week which will be week B, when Year 12 will return to lessons following their exams and will now be called Year 13. Friday 13th may be unlucky for some but there has been a lovely atmosphere in school on this sunny day.

Mrs Sally Davis, Principal

