

A View FROM THE TOP



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The Principal's Update

After just 6 weeks of intensive rehearsals, this week has seen the transformation of the Sports Hall into 1930s New York during the Great Depression, for our whole school production of Annie. On Monday 16th October, the cast put on a full performance to an audience of 500 children from local Junior Schools, and then from Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th the show played to a full house each night. Congratulations to director Mrs Rees, musical director Mrs Phillips and choreographer Mrs Manning, the show was a triumph as always. My thanks also go to everyone else involved in the show; a large scale production like this is very much a team effort, both on and off the stage, and we would never pull it off without such sterling support from staff, students, parents and friends. [Click here](#) for more information.



Today, Howell's has been a sea of green in support of Go Green Day. Students and staff have been clad in all shades of green and made generous donations to the Cardiff based environmental charity *Size of Wales*, which helps protect and sustain an area of tropical rainforest now equivalent to double the size of Wales. Thank you to all students and staff who supported the day.

Many thanks to everyone who donated items of clothing for today's Bag2School collection. As ever I was overwhelmed by the generosity of our community.

Nut Allergies

Please may we remind you that Howell's is a nut free school, as we have students with severe nut allergies in the Junior School, Senior School and College. Nuts as a snack or snacks containing nuts are not permitted at any time in school or on the buses. I would be very grateful for your support with this matter.

Bringing History To Life

On Tuesday 3rd October, Year 9 enjoyed an exciting day at the Black Country Living Museum in the West Midlands. [Click here](#) for more information.

Cosmeston and Caerphilly

On Wednesday 18th October, Year 7 enjoyed a busy day visiting both Cosmeston Medieval Village and Caerphilly Castle, learning about life during the Middle Ages. [Click here](#) for more information.

Politics and Power in the Drama Room

Following some magnificent performances of an extract from 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell, 8Q Drama began to discuss ideas of inequality in contemporary Britain. [Click here](#) for more information.

Skills Cymru Exhibition

Year 10 attended the lively and informative Skills Cymru exhibition at the Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's Lecture Programme

On Tuesday 10th October, our College hosted the second event in the Howell's Lecture programme for this academic year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea

On Wednesday, Mrs Chyba was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Senior School and College students. [Click here](#) to find out what they celebrated.

Parent Blog

This week's instalment of our Parent Blog is available to read by [clicking here](#).

Careers Corner

When we come back to school after half term on Monday 6th November, Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 will be engaging in their Careerstart guidance sessions run by Karen Kimura, Skills and Development Manager for the GDST. Each session will last for one lesson and the students will be directed to these on the day.

Work Experience

This week has been National Work Experience Week and students in Years 11 - 13 have been receiving electronic resources containing some great tips and ideas on how to find work experience. Our Year 11 students will go out on July 2nd - 14th 2018 and will receive further information after half term. [Click here](#) for further information about how to apply for work experience placements. Students who are unsure about what sort of work experience they would like to do should [click here](#) for ideas.

Baby and Parent Music Classes

One of our excellent piano teachers, Sue Bird, will be starting baby and parent music classes after half term on Saturday morning. [Click here](#) for more information.

Half Term Gymnastics Camp

Gymnastics4schools are running a three day gymnastics camp at Howell's during the first week of half term, from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th October 9.30-3.30, and there are still a few spaces left. All age groups welcome. There are lots of trophies to be won and every child takes home a medal at the end of the final day. To book a place please text or ring 07894585014.

Diary Dates

Wellies Walk Time Nursery Open Morning

On Thursday 9th November, Howell's School, Llandaff is holding a Wellies Walk Time themed Open Morning in the Nursery from 10.00am – 11.15am. The Open Morning will provide an excellent opportunity for little girls to explore the creative, stimulating and nurturing environment of the Howell's Nursery, where we plant the seeds of curiosity, nourish them with experience and care and watch as our girls grow in confidence, compassion and knowledge.

If you know of anyone who would like to join us please email hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1825.

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Parent Pyramid

Our next [Parent Pyramid](#) drop in session will take place on the following day in the Hub @ Howell's:

Thursday 23rd November at 2.30pm

Christmas Fair

This year, the Howell's School Christmas Fair is on Friday 1st December from 1.30-5.30pm in our Sports Hall, and we are now taking bookings for stall-holders. It is a wonderful, very busy shopping event, with around 40 individual stalls, Father Christmas on hand to take present requests and our well known, and very well-stocked, cake stall! Booking is now open for stall holders so if you, or someone you know, would like to take a stall at the Christmas Fair, please email Rachel Eling in the Marketing Department on r.eling@how.gdst.net.

Great Hall Crystal Ball Sold Out

Thanks to a fantastic level of interest, The Great Hall Crystal Ball on 8th December has completely sold out. On the night, as well as having a fantastic party, we hope to raise money for the Bursary Fund, so we are now securing a wide range of impressive raffle prizes. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, please contact: Katrina.manuel123@yahoo.co.uk. If you are joining us on the night, please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements by emailing: joannajessicahurley@gmail.com before 17th November. We look forward to welcoming you!

Carol Services

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

I hope everyone has a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing staff and students on Monday 6th November.

Sally Davis, Principal