

A View FROM THE TOP



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The Principal's Update

As you receive this, I am travelling to London with Mrs Yilmaz and Mrs Scott because tomorrow we are attending this year's Hywelian Lunch in London, which will take place in the spectacular surroundings of the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair. I really do relish meeting Hywelians and hearing stories about their time at Howell's as well as having the opportunity to update them on life in our school and college today.

There was a real buzz in the air on Monday evening. Over 30 students, some current and some external, sat the College Scholarship Examination in the Great Hall. At the same time, over 100 Year 13 students, from Howell's and local schools, joined us for the Oxbridge Interview Workshop. Students were given tips and guidance on the interview process by experts from Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Many thanks to all the staff and students involved in these events who made them so successful.



Today, students and staff raised a magnificent £1,300 for this year's *Children in Need*. Everyone looked splendid in their finest pyjamas and onesies. At lunchtime a fair selling a huge variety of goodies took place in the Sports Hall. As ever, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Howell's community, many thanks to everyone for supporting this very important cause. Do take a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photographs from the day.

Road Closure Next Week

From Monday 20th November, a section of St Michael's Road will be closed from the junction with Palace Road to the junction with Caewal Road, due to upgrades to the gas pipes. Parents and students who usually arrive at school via Howell's Crescent may need to amend their route to school.

A Night in the Great Hall

On the evening of Wednesday 15th November, we rolled out the red carpet in celebration of the spectacular restoration of the Great Hall with an evening for major donors and VIP guests. [Click here](#) for more information.

Model UN

Two teams of Year 11 students had a very enjoyable and thought provoking day representing Bangladesh and Russia at the Model UN held at Ty Hywel in Cardiff Bay. [Click here](#) for more information.

Feeling Positive in French

Our students of French have been encouraged to pick a word out of our positivity box at the start of their lessons. [Click here](#) for more information.

Success in Swansea Schools Debating

Eight Howell's teams took part in the Schools Debating Competition run by Swansea University Debating Society on Saturday 11th November. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rotary Interact Visit Marie Curie Hospice

On Tuesday our Year 13 Rotary Interact Presidents and Year 12 Charity Prefects visited the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth. [Click here](#) for more information.

Spotlight on Languages

Last Friday 10th November, a group of Year 12 linguists travelled to Bath University to attend the annual 'Spotlight on Languages' event. [Click here](#) for more information.

Visit From the Israeli Youth Delegation

Last Thursday 9th November, Howell's College hosted its third Howell's Lecture of 2017-18. Students from Years 11-13 were joined by Israeli students Idan and Maayan, who gave an informative presentation on life in Israeli today for a typical teenager. [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 7 Poetry

Jealousy and witchcraft are two of the themes explored by 7L as part of their work on poetry. [Click here](#) for more information.

Chess Cup Comes Home

Many congratulations to our chess team, who came joint 1st with St John's College in the 2017 Welsh Secondary School Championships, hosted at Bishop Hedley High School in Merthyr on Saturday 21 October. [Click here](#) for more information.

GDST Under 15 Hockey Tournament

It was the annual Girls Day School Trust Under-15 Hockey Tournament in Oxford on Thursday 9th November. [Click here](#) for a full match report and to find out how they got on.

Netball News

The two U15 netball teams played St Teilo's, Llanishen and Whitchurch in a tournament at Llanishen on 8th November. [Click here](#) for more information.

1st XI Hockey Prelims

It was a successful afternoon at the Under 18 County Hockey Preliminary Round, with two wins from two against Whitchurch High School and Ysgol Plasmawr. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Switch-off fortnight

From Monday 20th November, Howell's is taking part in the national Switch Off Fortnight campaign. [Click here](#) for more information.

Bag-2-School

Many thanks for all the kind donations for the last Bag2School collection in October. Together, and with help from our local community, we raised £112. As this was organised as a tutor group competition we are pleased to announce Year 7H and Year 5 as the winners. Thank you all and as a reminder, our next Bag-2-School event will be held in the Spring Term.

Go Green Day

Well done and thank you to everyone who donated money and demonstrated their participation by dressing or accessorising in green for our Go Green Day. As a school we raised a fabulous £477.62. The proceeds from this event will go to support Size of Wales, an environmental charity that brings everyone in Wales together to help protect an area of tropical forest twice the size of Wales as part of a national response to climate change.

Diary Dates

St Cecilia's Day Concert

Next Wednesday, 22nd November, we will be celebrating St Cecilia's Day with a concert of performances from our music scholars. This is a free concert and you are warmly invited to attend. Drinks and canapés will be served at 6pm, and the concert will start at 6.30pm in the Great Hall. It would be marvellous if you are able to join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening of music, celebrating the talented music students that we have in school. Please could you let us know if you are able to join us by emailing Mrs Phillips at liz.phillips@how.gdst.net.

Parent Pyramid

Don't forget that our next [Parent Pyramid](#) drop in session will take place next Thursday, 23rd November at 2.30pm in the Hub @ Howell's. All parents are welcome to join us.

Call Out For Cakes for the Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is on Friday 1st December, and we will need lots of cakes to make our hugely popular cake stall a success. Homemade cakes are always the most popular with our customers, but if you don't fancy yourself as a Prue Leith-type, shop-bought cakes are also very greatly appreciated. All donations of cakes will be gratefully received, and can be brought to the Senior and Junior School offices on the morning of the fair.

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. There will be two services, one at 1.45pm and another at 7.00pm, which will include performances from the Junior School Choir (afternoon only) Senior Choir, College Choir, Youth Choir, Jazz Group and Orchestra. The services will also incorporate readings from students, staff and governors. There are no tickets required and we recommend arriving early in order to get a good seat.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Davis, Principal