



HOWELL'S COLLEGE

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HONOURS PROGRAMME

The Honours Programme aims to:

- recognise individual achievement and potential
- identify the top students in the College
- publicise these students to staff so that they are challenged to do their best
- provide and promote opportunities that motivate and encourage students to be aspirational

The following scholars are invited to participate in the Honours Programme:

- Academic and General Scholarship holders
- HSBC Scholarship holders
- Students awarded a Music, Drama, Art, Product Design or Sport Scholarship
- Honorary Scholars who achieved a significant number of A*s or 8/9 at GCSE level

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GDST Prizes and Scholarships

As well as funding financial scholarships and our Honours Programme, the GDST provide a wealth of opportunities for ambitious and talented students. The following prizes and scholarships are some of those available from the GDST.

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| Somerville and Gurney Award | An essay based examination for all scholars in Year 12 |
| Johnston Memorial Scholarship | For Year 13 students intending to read Law at university |
| Frederica Lord University Scholarship | For Year 13 students pursuing a recognised course of academic study at one of the universities specified by the founder |
| Nomura GDST Scholarship | An opportunity for Year 13 students to win a scholarship and secure a place on Nomura's highly competitive two-week immersion programme |

Lecture Programme 2017/18

- Tuesday 10th October, 3.45-4.45pm – **Physical Literacy and Holistic Health – Fiona Diffey** (Cardiff Metropolitan University)
- Thursday 9th November, 3.45-4.45pm – **Israeli Youth Delegation**
- Thursday 1st February, 3.45-4.45pm – **Sports Development – Dawn Mitchell-Williams** (Cardiff Metropolitan University)
- Thursday 19th April 3.45-4.45pm – **Karen Kimura** (GDST Trust Office)

Scholars' Programme

There will be a timetabled Scholars' programme in place where students will meet with their line manager for one hour a fortnight for stretch and challenge activities including visiting speakers, off site visits e.g. to Cardiff Met, Chapter, Off the Wall Arts Centre in Llandaff, Cardiff Museum.

World Class Universities Programme and Careers Guidance

Our students are ambitious aiming for prestigious courses, universities and careers. Support and guidance is provided by our specialists including mock interviews and audition practice, careers specialist interviews and a personalised programme for UCAS applications to ensure our students are accepted at top national and international universities. Whatever your ambition, we will help you be the best you can be.

Oxbridge



A number of Honours Students will want to take advantage of our Oxbridge programme. We organise presentations from both Cambridge and Oxford, including a visit to the Oxbridge Student Conference in the Spring Term. In addition, students will receive information regarding the Trust Oxbridge conference held in the Summer Term and our Oxbridge coordinator arranges mentors to support students with their applications.

Congratulations to Honours students who have taken up the following places for 2017:

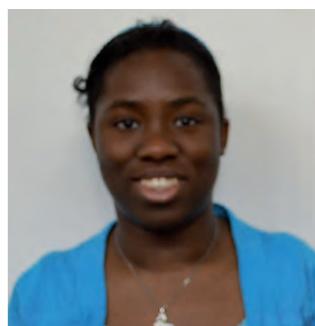
Cambridge

Ffion Edwards



Oxford

Desirée Wilson



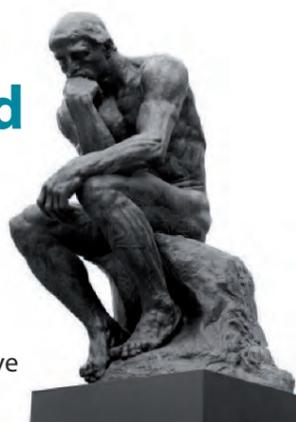
FutureLearn and MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses)

These free opportunities to pursue learning at undergraduate level may be of interest to scholars.



FutureLearn, in particular, is an excellent online social learning opportunity with some of the top Russell Group universities. For those looking to challenge themselves and demonstrate engagement with learning beyond the classroom, this is an excellent way forward.

Critical Thinking and Extended Project



In **Critical Thinking** students learn how to construct effective arguments and how to identify flaws in reasoning, our own as well as others. The aim of the course is to encourage a creative, open-minded and flexible approach to thinking.

The Extended Project is an opportunity for motivated students to design and carry out a research project of their own choice. A successful project allows students to demonstrate that they are creative learners with the ability to research, think critically and evaluate evidence to an advanced level, independently.

Debating

The best students learn how to debate! As well as being fun, students who participate in debating are often better prepared for demanding interviews. Our debating teams have been very successful taking part in a number of prestigious competitions including:



- The Wales Schools' Debating Competition
- SOAS Competition
- Oxford Debating Competition
- Cambridge Debating Competition
- Bristol Competition
- Debating Matters



Academic, General, HSBC and Honorary Scholars' Programme

Students who hold these scholarships are invited to attend our lecture programme and other super-curricular activities. Emails of events are sent directly to students with details.

"I really valued the willingness of the teachers to help with super-curricular activities/preparation for applying to university."



Art Scholars' Programme

Students are encouraged to visit exhibitions and galleries both locally and further afield. We highly recommend that the students attend one of the local life drawing classes to enhance their drawing skills. They also have the opportunity of working with the younger students through our clubs and dedicated extra study/tuition sessions are available for Art Scholars.

Students are also encouraged to contribute to the set designs for the school's drama productions. This year it's "Annie". We have an established link with Cardiff Metropolitan University with lecturers coming into school annually to talk to students about portfolios, personal statements, courses for further education and careers in the creative arts.



Drama Scholars' Programme

The Drama Scholars' Programme provides opportunities for the students to develop their individual talents as well as improving and enhancing their creative and collaborative skills.



We have strong links with the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and students are encouraged to watch rehearsals of current productions. This allows a wonderful opportunity to evaluate the process of rehearsing and has an informative impact on their own practical work.

All Drama students want to perform! There are opportunities to showcase their talents in the annual School Play, the Sixth Form Performance Evening as well as directing younger students in the House Pantomime Competition and the Year 7 Play. We are also fortunate to have specialised teachers who organise and co-ordinate a series of LAMDA lessons which focus even further on the development of specific and vital performance skills.

Music Scholars' Programme

We are proud to offer our Music Scholars the opportunity to perform and further their musicianship through attending a variety of ensembles led by very experienced music staff and participating in our extra-curricular programme. A busy schedule of high calibre concerts at prestigious venues are arranged annually. Students are encouraged to take part in competition (performing and composing), attend concerts in the city's many venues and are regularly advised of relevant master classes/lectures that are being held. The Department

has close links with Cardiff University Music Department and the Royal Welsh College of Music. The Music Scholars' Programme is designed to further extend our students' knowledge and passion for the subject, to have as much experience in performing and composing as possible.



Product Design Scholars' Programme

Product Design Scholars are mentored by the Head of Department. They are given opportunities to meet and discuss the areas of design and products that inspire them. Independent tutorials are used to consolidate ways to

develop their skills. Opportunities are arranged for scholars to lead on developing the design skills of younger students. There are dedicated extra study/tuition sessions available for students to attend where personalised advice and guidance is given.

Students are encouraged to contribute to the prop and set designs for the school's drama productions.

Sports Scholars' Programme

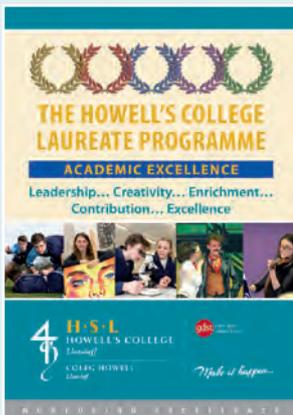
Our Sports Scholars' Development Programme is designed to equip our students with the knowledge, understanding and ability to sustain a long, healthy, prosperous career as an athlete in a highly demanding and competitive industry. The programme involves the psychological, emotional and physical development of our athletes.

We are proud to offer our students expert coaching

and advice through organised activities and visiting key speakers. All students receive one to one mentoring. Sports Scholars are expected to join school teams, participate in House events and work with younger students as role models.



"Howell's offers an incredible range of choice of sporting activities to take part in. The biennial Sports Awards Dinner is definitely a highlight of the year celebrating the amazing successes of our peers."



The Laureate Programme

All Scholars are expected to pursue a Laureate. The Laureates fall into five categories:

- Academic Excellence
- Artistic Excellence
- Dramatic Excellence
- Musical Excellence
- Sporting Excellence

Involved in each laureate is a common core of experiences:

Leadership, Creativity, Enrichment, Contribution, Excellence

Successful students will receive a certificate and a letter from the Principal. The Laureate is included in all references and Prizegiving.

Sign up for a Laureate at the launch in October

Congratulations to all students joining our Honours Programme this year. There is something to inspire and challenge everyone!

"Doing a Laureate made me realise how important it is to get involved and learn with others. It was a great help when I applied to university."



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