

A View FROM THE TOP



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The Principal's Update

The Sports Hall has undergone a magnificent transformation into a theatre and the final rehearsals are well underway for our production of *The Wizard of Oz*, which opens on Monday. Students throughout the School and College were spellbound when our cast and crew put on a showcase of some of the musical numbers this week. There are limited tickets still available so do buy them soon to avoid disappointment. You can see some behind the scenes photographs, as well as some video footage, by visiting our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.



The tables in the Dining Room have been groaning under the weight of some show-stopping cakes every morning this week, as students and staff have been taking part in the annual Great Howell's Bake Off. Congratulations to everyone who has embraced their inner Prue Leiths and Paul Hollywoods to produce such amazing cakes, biscuits and much more. The tasty treats have been sold at break time to raise funds to help provide a lifeboat in a box for Mozambique. Many thanks to everyone who participated and supported this important charity. [Click here](#) for more information.

Last night, I attend the inaugural WISC (Welsh Independent Schools Council) awards ceremony. I was delighted that we won the Community Engagement Initiative Award for Whizz Bang Science. Led by Mr King and a group of Co-ed College students, Whizz Bang Science takes scientific experiments out to local primary schools to engage children in Years 5 and 6 with science. Congratulations to all involved!

One Giant Leap

On Wednesday, 80 girls from Years 5 and 6 (both from Howell's and from local schools) took "one giant leap" through our Senior School doors to experience a day in Year 7. [Click here](#) for more information.

Under 18 GDST Hockey Champions!

The 1st XI Hockey Team added another title to an already impressive résumé on Tuesday 15th October, returning from Northampton High School with the Under 18 GDST Championship. [Click here](#) for more information.

Catering Team Achieves Food Hygiene Rating of 5

We would like to say a very big thank you to our Catering Team who have yet again achieved a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 (Very Good) for their fabulously well-maintained kitchens and dining rooms. [Click here](#) for more information.

Amy attends STEM day at Olympus

Congratulations to Year 9's Amy D who is attending the STEM day at Olympus today. This is a prize for competition winners from an engineering course which she attended in July. We look forward to hearing all about her day next week.

Elan's Adventures with the Air Cadets

Elan J, Year 10, has recently become an Air Cadet as part of the 372 (Barry) Squadron, No 1 West Wing. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ellie's Sailing Free

Ellie C, Year 9, has been selected to join the Optimist National Squad. Ellie finished 20th in the National Ranking for 2019 – a fantastic result. [Click here](#) for more information.

Jasmine Takes to the Floor

Last weekend, Jasmine W, Year 10, and her dance partner Maddie were crowned double champions at the Britain's Best Championships, taking both Latin and Ballroom titles for All Girls U16s. [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 9 visit the Black Country Museum

Last Wednesday, 9th October, all of Year 9 enjoyed a great day at the Black Country museum in Dudley. [Click here](#) for more information.

Falmouth University Workshop Day

Last Wednesday we were joined by Andrew Wallis, Head of School and College Partnerships at Falmouth University, and Entrepreneur and Business undergraduate, Rowan, for a day of workshops and presentations. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's Goes Green

The Eco Team would like to inform you of the forthcoming Go Green Day which will take place on Friday 25th October. Students and staff are strongly encouraged to show their support for this event by wearing their own green clothing or accessories and donating £1 for the environmental charity Size of Wales. Donations will help to support this organisation in their continued efforts to plant trees and to educate locals in sustainable farming practices within overseas countries. We welcome your support and look forward to a school clothed in green.

Parent-Ed Talks

Building on the success of our new Teachmeet events where teaching and learning ideas are shared with colleagues from across the education sector, after half term will be the first parent-focused education evening. We aim to give parents a better understanding of the classroom and school experience by attending talks by staff on, among other subjects, internet safety, coaching and mentoring, and challenging able learners. The event is aimed at parents of Years 7-9, though is open to all. Please keep an eye out for further details and how you can book a place sent via school comms. If you have any questions, do contact Mr Walters.

Diary Dates

Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Monday 21st – Thursday 24th October

There is still time to join Dorothy and friends for their journey along the Yellow Brick Road. I am delighted that so many of our community are joining us for our forthcoming production of The Wizard of Oz, which will take place from Monday 21st until Thursday 24th October at 6pm, and there are still tickets available if you would like to take trip to the Land of Oz.

Tickets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday cost £12 (£10 children) and for the gala performance all tickets cost £15 and are available from the main reception in the Senior School.

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Christmas Fair

This year, the Howell's Christmas Fair is on Friday 29th November from 2-5.30pm in our Sports Hall, and we are now taking bookings for stall-holders. It will be a wonderful, very busy shopping event, with around 40 individual stalls and Father Christmas on hand to take present requests. If you, or someone you know, would like to take a stall at our Christmas Fair, please contact Margaret Leigh in the Marketing Office on m.leigh@how.gdst.net.

Les Misérables - Limited tickets available

We are delighted that so many of our community are joining us for the special Howell's event at the performance of *Les Misérables* at the Wales Millennium Centre on Tuesday 10th December. A limited number of tickets have become available from our allocation for the Howell's Community to buy. Tickets include access to a private room before the performance where you can buy drinks and food before as well as order your interval refreshments. We will also have a private room during the interval. These tickets are available to the Howell's community on a first come first served basis; to reserve seats and arrange payment please email Hannah Roberts in the Marketing Office, hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net.

Carol Services

Llandaff Cathedral will once again provide the perfect setting for this year's Carol Services which will take place on Wednesday 11th December. More detailed information will be available after the half term break.

I very much look forward to welcoming students and staff back for the last week before half term on Monday when the curtains open for The Wizard of Oz.

Sally Davis, Principal