

A View FROM THE TOP



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The Principal's Update

Howell's has been full of excitement this week as auditions have been taking place for the eagerly anticipated House Pantomime Competition, which is most definitely a highlight of the festive season. This year I am delighted to announce that the chosen pantomime is *Aladdin* so I'm sure that our House Captains' creative juices are flowing (Oh yes they are!) as they prepare the scripts before rehearsals start in earnest next week. I look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours on the last day of term; their efforts never disappoint.



Last night, I was delighted to welcome back the English-Speaking Union for their annual Carol Concert and Dinner. The evening began with a drinks reception before guests took to their seats in the Great Hall for a concert which included performances of some Christmas classics from our Senior Choir. Everyone had dusted off their vocal chords for the communal carols, led by the Senior Choir. Following the concert, a delicious dinner was served. Thank you to Ms Edwards and all the students and staff who worked so hard to create a magical, musical evening.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Parent Pyramid's Christmas Jumper Exchange today. The few jumpers that remained at the end of the day will be donated to charity.

Wand Wizards

On Thursday 28th November, as part of a national competition offered by Apple, 10 of our keen Year 7 coding students volunteered to take part in a two-hour event where they learnt how to code spells on the iPad which they implemented with a Bluetooth wand. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mrs Chyba nominated for i25 Award

Congratulations to Mrs Chyba who is on the shortlist for the next i25 Awards, which recognises the independent sector's leading influencers and innovators who have had a positive impact on children or independent education. [Click here](#) for more information.

Kindness Champions

Following on from Anti-Bullying Week, Howell's has finished the selection process for our new Kindness Champions and we are delighted that over thirty students will take on this role effective immediately. The team met with Mrs Chyba today to celebrate their roles and receive the new Kindness Champion lanyard which they will wear to promote kindness around the school. My thanks to all the wonderful students who work so hard to put kind words and actions at the heart of the school. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rotary Breakfast

On Wednesday 4th December, Rotary Interact Co-president Megan V and members of the committee, Miriam R and Natasha S were invited to the Rotary Club of Cardiff breakfast meeting at Whitchurch Golf Club. [Click here](#) for more information.

Tibetan Buddhism Centre Visit

Year 12 RS students visited the Tibetan Buddhism Centre in Brynmawr on Friday 29th November in order to develop their knowledge and understanding of their A-Level Buddhism Course. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's Lecture Programme

On Tuesday 3rd December we were delighted to welcome Dr Peter Randerson and John Young from the School of Bio Sciences at Cardiff University to present to our College students. [Click here](#) for more information.

Drapers' Lecture 2019

On Tuesday 3rd December, seven College Economics & Business students travelled to the magnificent Drapers' Hall in the City of London for the annual Raleigh Lecture given by the Guild of Entrepreneurs. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea

Mr Walters was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Senior School students at break time on Wednesday 4th December. [Click here](#) to find out what we celebrated.

Carols for Christmas

Mrs Gaynor Howard, a former Director of Music at Howell's of 19 years, is delighted that one of her carols has been chosen to be performed in the BBC Wales Carols for Christmas concert at 3.00pm on Saturday 14th December in St David's Hall. [Click here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

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. There will be two services, one at 1.45pm and another at 6.30pm, which will include performances from the Year 5 and 6 Choir (afternoon only), Junior Competition Choir (evening only), Senior Choir, College Choir, Youth Choir, Wind Ensemble and Senior Orchestra. The services will also incorporate readings from students, staff and governors. There are no tickets required so we recommend arriving early in order to get a good seat.

Fusion Dance Show - Save the Date

On Thursday 30th January at 6-8pm, Howell's will present its first dance show, *Dance Fusion*, in The Warehouse venue off Penarth Road. Involving over 60 Senior School students, the evening will showcase a wide variety of dance styles. Tickets will be available to buy when we come back to school in January.

I hope everyone coming to this evening's Glitter Ball has a wonderful and festive time and I look forward to the penultimate week of term starting on Monday.

Mrs Sally Davis, Principal

Reminder: On the last day of term, Thursday 19th December, there will be no after school provision in the Library and Howell's will close at the earlier time of 2.00pm.