

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

I can't believe we have reached the end of the autumn term, it really does feel like yesterday that we welcomed students back after the summer holiday. This week we have been fully immersed in all things festive. On Monday, I loved welcoming back Hywelians, spanning nine decades, for our established *Cocktails at Christmas* evening in the Great Hall and you can read more about this event later in this update.

Yesterday, I led a joyful and entertaining assembly when we were joined by the whole school from Nursery through to the Co-Ed College. It really is very special for the entire community to come together for a final celebration before everyone enjoys a well-earned break. This jam packed assembly included the announcement of the winners of the amazing Christmas tree competition, the anti-bullying competitions, which were part of our initiative this term led by Mrs Chyba, our Deputy Principal, and festive performances from girls in the Prep School, Senior School and Co-Ed College. One of the many highlights had to be the excellent film of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* produced by Mrs Flynn in the Marketing department, which included staff and students from all areas of the School and Co-Ed College as well as Disney. Everyone was also entertained and amused by the live version which involved many keen staff and students.



Today has been one of my favourite days of the school year as it has been Christmas Jumper and Pantomime Day. As always, I was hugely impressed by our students' creative and very varied interpretations of *Beauty and the Beast*. It was wonderful to spot so many staff taking extremely memorable cameo roles; the students are always delighted to see them take part. Congratulations to everyone involved, particularly to the winning House, Lewis. If you would like to see some photographs from the day please do visit our [Twitter](#) page.

### Anti-bullying Action

Congratulations to Maryam M-L and Stephanie W in Year 7, Acadia t'H in Year 8, Simone I in Year 9 and the Head Students in the College who were all winners in the anti-bullying competitions we have run this term. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Cocktails @ Christmas

On Monday 17th December, the Great Hall was once again transformed into a sophisticated cocktail lounge for our sixth Cocktails at Christmas event for Hywelians. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Raleigh 400 at Drapers' Hall

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, four Year 12 historians had the pleasure of attending Drapers' Hall for the launch of Raleigh 400, an event organised by the Drapers in collaboration with academics. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Celebration Tea

Mrs Davis hosted a lovely Celebration Tea for Senior School students at break on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Parent Blog

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

## Calling all readers of historical fiction

History Club will have a great new initiative in the New Year; we have been asked to review new historical fiction aimed at teenagers for the Historical Association. To be part of this exciting new opportunity come to History Club next term.

## Careers in Finance and Economics

Students in Years 11-13 who are interested in gaining an insight into careers in Finance or Economics can find out more [click here](#). This is not a school run event and students will need to make their own arrangements.

## Music Matters

[Click here](#) to read the latest edition of our Music Newsletter, *Music Matters*.

### Diary Dates

#### Year 7 Entrance Examination

Our Year 7 Entrance Examination will take place on Friday 25th January 2019. For more information or to register please contact our Admissions Officer, Chrissie Hall-Davis, at [Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net](mailto:Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net). If you know of anyone who may be interested in sitting the examination please do pass on the information.

#### Howell's Co-Ed College Open Night

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 we will be holding our second Co-Ed College Open Night, The College Experience, between 4pm and 7pm. It will be an action packed evening beginning with an introduction to our Co-Ed College from Sally Davis (Principal) at 4.30pm. This is open to Howell's students who didn't attend the first Open Night and also to those who perhaps might like to try some more lessons. Prospective students will then have the opportunity to attend taster lessons and current students will be on hand to take tours for parents. There will also be Parent Carousels which will be manned by various staff members and current parents to find out more about College life and the opportunities it brings. To book a place and for more information please email [Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net](mailto:Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net) or telephone 02920 261832.

#### Howell's Co-Ed College Scholarship Examination

There will be another opportunity for current Year 11 students into sit our Co-Ed College Scholarship Examination on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm – 6pm. Please contact Mrs Hall-Davis for details on 029 2026 1832 or by email at [Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net](mailto:Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net). If you know of anyone interested in sitting the examination please do pass on the details. Please be aware that this is an opportunity only for students who were unable to sit the examination in November.

#### Whole School Open Afternoon

Keen to know what goes on behind the doors at Howell's? Our next Open Afternoon for Nursery right through to our Co-Ed College is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 1.30-3.30pm, so why not come and see for yourself? Just pop in on the day, or for further information email [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1832. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think may be interesting in finding out more about life in Howell's School.

Wishing you all a lovely holiday and a happy and healthy 2019. Howell's reopens on Monday 7th January for Year 11 mocks and for the rest of the school on Thursday 10th January. Have a very merry Christmas.

**Sally Davis, Principal**