

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful time over the holiday, whether you jetted off to distant climes or enjoyed all that South Wales has to offer.

It was an early start on Sunday when Mrs Sadler and members of the Co-Ed College Leadership Team boarded coaches to Falmouth with our new Year 12 cohort for a bonding trip. What a lovely group of young people they are and I know they will flourish as they begin their studies in the College. It was an action packed couple of days, during which students participated in a plethora of activities including the adventure quarry, rafted canoeing and a giant water slide. They also took part in a variety of workshops, arranged by numerous departments at Falmouth University on areas including photography, journalism, creative advertising, and games design. I would like to thank everyone involved who made the trip such a success. Do visit our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photographs of the trip.



There was a feeling of great excitement and anticipation in the Senior School as we welcomed new and returning students and staff for the first day of term. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and the opportunities it will present.

Last night, our Class of 2019 returned to celebrate their outstanding A Level results and numerous achievements during their time at Howell's at their prestigious Prizegiving ceremony. I wish this wonderful group of young people the very best of luck as they begin the next exciting chapter of their lives and look forward to seeing them back for Cocktails at Christmas on Monday 16th December. I am extremely grateful to alumna and detective in the Metropolitan Police, Anna Sambrook, who was our inspirational speaker on the evening. Thank you to everyone involved in this hugely successful occasion. Do visit our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photographs from the evening.

### **Excellent A Level and GCSE Results**

In August, we celebrated yet another outstanding set of A Level and GCSE results. [Click here](#) for more information on the A Level results and [click here](#) for more information on the GCSE results.

### **Jasmine Shines at Welsh & UK Ballroom and Latin Dance Championships**

Over the summer Jasmine W, Year 10, has competed in both the Welsh and UK Ballroom and Latin Dance Championships. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Under 16 British Girls' Chess Champion**

Susanna F, Year 10, became the Under 16 British Girls' Chess Champion on Saturday 3rd August, aged 14, after a very tough week of competition at the British Chess Championships in Torquay. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Trip to Tanzania

Over 18 months ago an excited group of students met to discuss the possibility of taking part in an expedition to Tanzania. On 16<sup>th</sup> July this planning became a reality when the group set off early to Ascot ahead of their flight the next day. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Talia Rows for Wales

Congratulations to Talia G, Year 13, who rowed for Wales in Strathclyde over the summer holiday! [Click here](#) for more information.

## Rowing Success for Katie and Lottie

Congratulations to Katie G, Year 11, and Lottie S, Year 12, who had a hugely successful time competing in the British Rowing Championships in Nottingham in July. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Parent Blog

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

## Celebrating Successes

It is wonderful to celebrate our students' numerous achievements in this weekly update, on our website and through social media. Please do send through any news of your daughter's successes outside of Howell's that you would like us to publicise by emailing Hannah Roberts on [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net).

### Diary Dates

#### Second Hand Uniform Sale - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Our next second hand uniform sale will take place in the Hub at Howell's on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 8am-9am and 3pm-5pm in the Hub@Howell's.

#### Co-ed College Open Evening - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

The Co-Ed College Open Evening will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 4pm until 6pm. It will be a chance to meet students and staff in all the departments, take a tour and learn about our unique Year 12-13 offer. There is no pre-registration for this but if you would like further information please 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 might be interested in coming along.

#### Open Doors - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Howell's will once again open its doors to the general public on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September as part of the nationwide Open Doors programme, which is a celebration of architecture and heritage. Refreshments will be served from 10am, followed by a guided tour of Howell's at 10.30am. [Click here](#) for more information.

#### Open Morning - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

We will be holding this year's first Open Morning for our Nursery, Prep School and Senior School on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 9am-11am, so why not come and see for yourself what goes on during a morning at Howell's? Call 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 interested in finding out more.

#### Open Day - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Our whole school Open Day for prospective parents and students will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00am until 2.00pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to look around the school and talk to staff members over a coffee and a Welsh cake. No booking is required for the Open Day and tours will be running until 1.00pm. For details please email [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1832.

#### Co-Ed College Taster Day, The College Experience - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our Co-Ed College taster day, The College Experience. It will be an action packed day during which prospective students will have the opportunity to attend taster lessons and current students will be on hand to take tours for parents. To book a place and for more information please email [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 02920 261832.

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### The Year 7 Experience – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, girls in Year 5 are going to take “One Giant Leap” into the Senior School to experience life in Year 7. This is also open to girls in Year 6 who have not yet attended a taster day. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in attending. For details please email [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1832.

### Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Howell's will be presenting its very own production of The Wizard of Oz featuring students from the entire school and college. Join Dorothy and friends on their exciting journey along the Yellow Brick Road. Full details and booking information will be available in the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend and I look forward to the first full week of term starting on Monday.

**Sally Davis, Principal**