

A View FROM THE TOP



Friday 26th November 2021

The Principal's Update

It's beginning to look, and sound, a lot like Christmas in Howell's. Rehearsals for the Carol Services are in full swing and from the snippets I have heard from the rehearsal rooms, we are in for a treat when we return to the Cathedral in December. Yesterday morning our head students decorated the huge Christmas tree in the Stone Hall and it is looking absolutely beautiful. The festive period is one of my favourite times in the Howell's calendar and I'm really looking forward to all the events and activities that will be taking place in the coming weeks. Tickets for the Carol Service are available from Reception.



Maths has been in the spotlight in Howell's, as this week we have celebrated Maths Week. It has been a fun filled week of activities including a bubble shape masterclass, a mathematical puzzle extravaganza, an online lecture given by Birmingham University's Professor Dave Smith entitled *Differential Equations: From Newton's Laws to the Frontiers of Medicine* for College students, an origami cubes session and Ms Edwards explored the connection between music and maths in her In Harmony session with Year 7. Many thanks to the Maths department, prefects and everyone who worked so hard to make the week such a success.

On Monday evening we welcomed Year 11 students, from Howell's and from local schools, to sit the Co-Ed College Scholarship Examination. Many thanks to everyone who supported this important evening.

English Speaking Union-Churchill Public Speaking Competition

On the evening of Tuesday 23rd November, students from Year 12 and Year 11 competed online in the English-Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking Competition's South Wales heat. [Click here](#) for more information.

Warwick University Schools Debate

Howell's fielded three teams at the Warwick University Schools Debate on Saturday 20th November. [Click here](#) for more information.

St Cecilia's Day Concert raises £160 for City Hospice

On Thursday 18th November, we celebrated St Cecilia's Day with a special recital given by our music scholars in the Great Hall. [Click here](#) for more information.

Children In Need

On Friday 19th November, Howell's was delighted to participate in and raise funds for Children In Need. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Champions' Dinner

On the evening of Friday 19th November, the red carpet was rolled out for the fourth and final Champions' Dinner in aid of the Martha Bursary Award. [Click here](#) for more information.

Creative Crunch

Creative Crunch club wrote 'Praise Poems' last week on a range of topics. Praise poems are a tribute to a person or thing and the exercise students took part in was based on an activity run by the 'Being Human' festival 2021.

Students tried to pick an object that was a little bit out of the ordinary for the subject of their poems. Florence C in Year 9, wrote brilliantly about her watch:

*O watch you tick away, counting every second as if it is your last
You will never be late. Always perfectly on time,
The colours you wear, shine in the light.
I will never be lost in time.*

Youth Speaks KS3 team announced

Congratulations to our new KS3 Youth Speaks team, Lota and Pihu in Year 7 and Poppy M in Year 8 together with our vital reserve, Rucha. The team will be working hard from now until January to write and practise their speeches in preparation for the competition. They will be learning about ways to construct a successful persuasive argument, answer questions and organise themselves as a team. Congratulations to all who entered the trials, the standard was excellent.

Music Management

Georgia K, from the Howell's class of 2021, has just started studying for a BA in Management of Music, Entertainment, Theatre & Events at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts. [Click here](#) for more information.

Charity Update

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or was involved in Friday's Children in Need day. The stalls, coin art and Just Dance event raised £416.69. The Children in Need JustGiving page (Kendall) is currently on £520 and the catering team raised £96 selling cookies at breaktime.

On the 3rd of December we would like to start our Christmas celebrations by holding a Festive Christmas Jumper Day. We invite all members of the school community to wear their Christmas jumpers and would also like to take some festive photos on that day. This is as well as the Christmas Jumper Day we will be having on Friday 17th December in aid of City Hospice.

A reminder that each student is invited to donate £5 to their house page. Please give name and first letter of surname as well as form group when you make the donation. The donations will then be sent to the different charities:

- Trotter – [click here to donate](#) (currently £390)
- Kendall – [click here to donate](#) (currently £520)
- Baldwin – [click here to donate](#) (currently £640)
- Lewis – [click here to donate](#) (currently £583)

Note that we will be postponing collections for the Toy Box Project until the new year as currently the charity has been inundated with donations.

Eco School-Water bottle use

We would like to remind all students to bring their own water bottle to School/College every day. Throughout the day they can refill at the water fountains around the school.

Please also remember to take water bottles into lunch, in order to reduce our use of plastic cups.

As a school we are all trying our best to reduce our carbon footprint and act in a sustainable way, and we feel this is one of many ways we can make a difference on an individual basis.

Thank you for your support.

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Opening Doors to Accountancy Competition.

Introducing a nationwide student competition: Opening Doors To Accountancy.

This competition is a game of matching pairs, with the following prizes on offer:

- £200 Curry's voucher
- 1 year subscription to Calm or Headspace
- Sustainability prizes, such as a Chilly's bottle or a solar-powered phone charger
- AND employability prizes with an accountancy organisation

[Click here](#) to enter.

Success Beyond School

InvestIn is thrilled to announce the last in its Success Beyond School series for 2021; free-of-charge events specifically designed to enhance your child's career potential. [Click here](#) for more information.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Sally Davis, Principal