

# A View FROM THE TOP

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## The Principal's Update

Today, music and colour have been prevalent in Howell's as the Senior School and Co-Ed College Eisteddfod took place. Full of song and celebrations, and with all the students livening up the school in their house colours, it really is one of my favourite days of the school year, showcasing the many and varied talents of our students, and this year they did not disappoint. Following a morning of fierce competition, the day concluded with the eagerly anticipated House Choir Competition. I loved hearing the different renditions of the Beatles' hit song *All You Need Is Love*. The winner of the House Choir Competition was Kendall and the overall winner of the Eisteddfod was also Kendall. An enormous thank you to Mrs Reed, the House Captains and all students and staff who worked so hard to make the day so triumphant.



The Hub @ Howell's was a hive of activity on Tuesday when it was a pleasure to welcome families to our Senior School, Prep School and Nursery Open Morning. Visitors took tours with our exceptional tour guides from Year 6 and Year 8 and they then had the opportunity to meet with staff over a coffee and find out more about what an education at Howell's can offer.

On Wednesday morning, our Fairtrade Baking Competition took place and I was delighted to hear that it raised over £90 for the excellent work undertaken by the charity Marie Curie. Thank you to Mrs Christ and everyone who supported the competition.

I was thrilled that our U16 Hockey Team were crowned the champions at the Hockey Wales National Schoolgirl Finals that took place in Swansea yesterday. There were outstanding performances all day and I would like to congratulate the girls and Mr Baker, who coached the team to victory. [Click here](#) for more information. I look forward to learning all about their experience at a celebration tea after half term.

Last night the Year 10 Parents' Meeting took place and it was great to hear about the progress the girls are making as they approach their GCSE year.

### Wellbeing at Howell's

For several years now we have been proactive as a school in advocating the importance of good mental health. We have done this through educating our young people, creating our own bespoke wellbeing programmes, teaching and sharing helpful strategies and working collaboratively with outside agencies and the GDST to create a culture and ethos that promotes strong minds and happy hearts in our community. We have put together a leaflet to share with you some of our current strategies. [Click here](#) for more information. Do take a look and if you have any comments we would be happy to receive them. We very much value parental feedback.

## **European Youth Parliament Team**

Congratulations to the European Youth Parliament team from Year 12, who have reached the finals of the European Youth Parliament after winning the regional competition on Monday at the Pier Head in Cardiff Bay. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Swimming Success**

Congratulations to sisters Imogen F, Year 9, and Honor F, Year 7, who have been selected to swim in the National Arena Swim League Final on Sunday 3rd March, representing the A team for City of Cardiff. In further exciting news, Imogen has been selected for a warm water Winter Training Camp with City of Cardiff in Club La Santa Lanzarote over half term.

## **Parent Blog**

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

### Diary Dates

#### Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held on Thursday 28th March in the Hub, 8-9am and 3-5pm. Donations of uniform can be left with Mrs Thomas in the main reception. We are particularly in need of Prep School summer dresses and Senior School PE kit.

#### *Les Misérables*, at the WMC

After the brilliant success of our evening at the Wales Millennium Centre before Christmas watching Matilda, we will be returning to the WMC on Tuesday 10th December 2019 for the performance of *Les Misérables*, Cameron Mackintosh's acclaimed production of the musical based on the Victor Hugo novel. We have an allocation of 150 tickets for this fantastic production, which are available for the Howell's community to buy at a discounted price of £55. Tickets include access to a private room from 5pm where you can buy drinks and food as well as order your interval refreshments. We are also hoping to have the Stage Director and members of the cast come to talk to us at this time. A private room is also available during the interval. Tickets are available to the Howell's community only 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](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net). The Wales Millennium Centre recommends that the production is suitable for anyone over the age of 8.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school after half term. On Monday 4th March, I will be accompanying our Prep School Choir to London as they compete in the Barnardo's National Choral Competition in the Royal Festival Hall on the Southbank. It will be an extraordinary experience for the choir to perform at such a prestigious venue, and they have worked very hard to get this far.

**Sally Davis, Principal**