

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful time over the festive period, with plenty of time to relax and recharge the batteries. I wish you a very happy and healthy 2019, and look forward to what the next year will bring.

You may notice you are receiving my update early this week; I am currently travelling to the Lansdowne Club for the annual alumni reunion in London. This year's Cava and Canapés event promises to be an excellent gathering, with over 70 alumni of all ages joining us, and I am grateful to Mrs Thomas, Mr Cheeke and the Performing Arts Group, who are also making the journey to London to entertain us this evening. I really do enjoy catching up with our alumni and seeing friendships rekindled and new connections formed across different age groups.



While the majority of students enjoyed their last lie-in of the holiday on Wednesday, Year 11 returned on Monday when their mock GCSE examinations began. They all arrived looking refreshed and ready to face the challenges their teachers had set them, and I wish them all the very best of luck.

There was certainly a renewed vitality in the corridors on Thursday when all students returned following a well-deserved break with holiday tales and excitement about what the new term has in store.

### **Fun on and off the slopes**

Thirty-nine students from Year 13 headed for the ski slopes in Switzerland during the Christmas holidays. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 12 Visit the University of Bristol**

On Wednesday 10th January, our Year 12 students spent the day at the University of Bristol. They attended a KS5 conference, aimed at giving sixth form students a university taster experience. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Parent Blog**

The first Parent Blog of 2019 is available to read by [clicking here](#).

### **Former Art Teacher Featured on the Saatchi Art Gallery Website**

Our extremely talented former Art Teacher, Emma Connolly, has been selected as one of the featured artist on the prestigious Saatchi Art Gallery website. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Diary Dates

### Year 7 Entrance Examination

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

### 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, from 4pm. It will be an action packed evening beginning with an introduction to our Co-Ed College from Mrs Davis at 4.30pm. This is open to all students who didn't attend the first Open Night and also to those who want to try some different taster lessons. While prospective students attend taster lessons, parents will be offered tours with some of our current College students. There will also be Parent Carousels manned by College staff giving further information 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

The second Co-Ed College Scholarship Examination for current Year 11 students will take place 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 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.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to the first full week of term on Monday when mock examinations begin for Year 13.

**Sally Davis, Principal**