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The Principal's Update

What an exciting and productive week it has been in Howell's, starting last Saturday with our Whole School Open Day and "Hogwarts at Howell's" Year 7 Taster Day. There really was a buzz in the building as we welcomed prospective students and parents to experience life at Howell's and everyone left with a smile on their face. I am enormously grateful to all the staff and current students who made the day such a success.

Hot on the heels of the Open Day, on Tuesday evening we had our inaugural Co-Ed College Open Night for current Year 11 students. We were absolutely delighted that over 100 families joined us to find out more about life in the sixth form. It really was an action packed evening beginning with a welcome from me, before students attended taster lessons. There were also Parent Carousels which were manned by various staff members where parents learned more about College life and the opportunities it brings. Many thanks to all the staff and current College students who worked so hard to make the evening such a triumph.



Our thriving Library is the heart of Howell's and this week it has been the focus of our fantastic *Food, Glorious Food* themed Book Week. There have been a vast array of exciting events and competitions which have taken place throughout the week including: a House Spelling Bee, a pop-up book shop, VIP Book Club, a foodie themed own clothes day, a visit from author Laurel Remington and a highly competitive Book Week Big House Quiz. I was particularly partial to this morning's Principal's Pudding Tasting. It really has been a superb week and I am enormously grateful to Mrs Wilks, Mrs Norman and Miss Davis for all the hard work they put in to make the week so special.

This morning we held our annual Harvest Festival for the whole school and Co-Ed College in the Sports Hall. I am extremely grateful to students, staff and parents for their generous offerings, which will be shared between the Cardiff Food Bank, Barnardo's and the City Hospice. During assembly we were entertained royally by our Prep School Choir and Whole School and Co-Ed College Orchestra. Thank you to Mrs Christ and everyone who made it such a special occasion.

Next week will be HeadsUp@Howell's week. This is where we remind everyone in our school community of the importance of looking after their wellbeing, in particular mental and emotional. There will be a programme of extra activities running to encourage our students to put their wellbeing first. [Click here](#) to see our poster.

GDST Young Leaders' Conference

The GDST Young Leaders' Conference took place at the Royal High School Bath from 28th - 30th September and was attended by more than 130 Head Students and Senior Prefects from across the GDST. [Click here](#) for more information.

Languages Week

Last week we celebrated the European Day of Languages with Languages Week. Students took part in a range of activities including French Boules, poster competitions, carnival mask designing, making Welsh love spoons and much more. Key stage 3 enjoyed finding out more about Brittany and the links between Breton and Welsh, in an enlightening assembly taken by Madame Jourdren. The catering staff once again helped us celebrate with a range of international cuisine which was accompanied by a colourful photo slide show and music. A fun week was had by all. Huge thanks to everyone involved.

Celebration Tea

Mrs Chyba was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Senior School students on Monday this week. [Click here](#) to find out what they celebrated.

Parent Blog

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

Stay +

At Howell's we run weekly Stay + Play, Stay + Sing and Stay + Swim groups for children between the ages of 0 and 3. [Click here](#) for more information about these groups. There are spaces available on each of the groups so if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining please do pass on the information.

Kings Camps

Kings Camps run camps for children between the ages of 4 and 14 at Howell's during the holidays. [Click here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

Christian Malcolm Speed and Training Pop Up Comes to Howell's

Olympic Sprinter and Great Britain Men's Relay Team coach, Christian Malcolm, will be running a *Speed and Accelerator* training pop up experience at Howell's on 30th and 31st October. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Pyramid

Would you like to know more about what goes on at Howell's? Are you keen to get involved in the events that we run at school? Join us at the next Parent Pyramid drop in session this term and find out about how you can get involved. The sessions are hosted by Vanessa Yilmaz, Director of External Relations, together with the Marketing and Development team and held in the Hub@Howell's. We look forward to seeing you there. The next Parent Pyramid drop in session is on Tuesday 6th November at 8.45am-9.45am.

A Christmas Carol

From Monday 12th until Thursday 15th November Howell's will present a new production of the Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*, in the Great Hall. Tickets will go on general sale on **Monday 15th October** and will be available from Mrs Thomas at Reception Office. Full details will be included in my update next week.

Wellies Walk Nursery Open Morning

On Thursday 15th November, Howell's School, Llandaff is holding a *Wellies Walk* themed Open Morning in the Nursery from 10.00am – 11.15am. The open morning will provide an excellent opportunity for little girls to explore the creative, stimulating and nurturing environment of the Howell's Nursery, where we plant the seeds of curiosity, nourish them with experience and care and watch as our girls grow in confidence, compassion and knowledge. If you know of anyone who would like to join us please email hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1825.

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Christmas Fair

This year, the Howell's Christmas Fair is on Friday 30th November from 2-5.30pm in our Sports Hall, and we are now taking bookings for stall-holders. It will be a wonderful, very busy shopping event, with around 40 individual stalls and Father Christmas on hand to take present requests. If you, or someone you know, would like to take a stall at our Christmas Fair, please contact Rachel Eling in the Marketing Office on r.eling@how.gdst.net.

Carol Services

Llandaff Cathedral will once again provide the perfect setting for this year's Carol Services which will take place on Tuesday 11th December. More detailed information will be available after the half term break.

Have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday which marks the beginning of HeadsUp@Howell's Week.

Mrs Sally Davis, Principal