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The Principal's Update

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful time over the holiday, whether you flew off to distant climes or basked in the wonderful Welsh sunshine we have had this summer.

It was an early start on Sunday, when Mrs Sadler and I, along with members of the College Leadership Team, boarded a coach to Falmouth with our new Howell's Co-ed College Year 12 cohort for a freshers' weekend. What a lovely group of young people they are and I know they will thrive as they begin their college studies. It was an action packed weekend during which students participated in a plethora of fun activities including the adventure quarry, rafted canoeing and giant catapult building. On Monday, they took part in two half-day workshops arranged by a range of Falmouth University departments before enjoying a delicious buffet and evening entertainment. On Tuesday, there were talks on finance, an introduction to UCAS and employability, as well as a general Q&A session with university staff. The trip was a triumph and I would like to thank everyone involved who made it such a success.



There was a feeling of great excitement and anticipation in the Senior School and Co-ed College on Wednesday 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 2018 returned to celebrate their outstanding A Level results and numerous achievements during their time at Howell's at their prestigious Prize Giving 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 at school for Cocktails at Christmas in December. I am extremely grateful to alumna and retail entrepreneur, Emma Leeke, who was our inspirational speaker on the evening. Thank you to everyone involved in this hugely successful occasion.

I would like to remind you that there is no right hand turn into the front entrance of Howell's between 8.00am and 9.00am. This is a matter South Wales Police are monitoring and they will issue penalty notices to drivers who ignore the signs. I would appreciate it if everyone would adhere to the signs, our school is on one of the main arteries into and out of the city, and we need to do our best to keep the traffic flowing freely.

A Level and GCSE Results

In August we celebrated an outstanding set of A Level and GCSE results and for GCSE received the best results in Wales. [Click here](#) for more information on the A Level results and [click here](#) for more information on the GCSE results.



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Susanna's Chess Success

We were delighted to hear that, after seven tough rounds over seven days in the grand surroundings of Hull City Hall, Susanna F, Year 9, became joint under 14 British Girls Chess Champion on Saturday 4th August. [Click here](#) for more information.

Home International Rowing Regatta

Talia G (Year 12) and Caitlan W (Year 13) had a wonderful time representing Wales at the Home International Rowing Regatta which took place in Cork on Saturday 21st July. [Click here](#) for more information.

British Junior Rowing Championships

Katie G, Year 10, travelled to Nottingham at the end of July, where she took part in the British Junior Rowing Championships at the National Water Sports Centre. [Click here](#) for more information.

Francesca Rides To Victory

Over the summer Francesca C, Year 8, represented British Dressage Wales at The Sheepgate Equestrian Centre under 25s National Dressage Championships. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dance Development Day

A selection of girls were invited to join a tailored dance educational programme in conjunction with the National Dance Company Wales on Thursday 16th August. [Click here](#) for more information.

Music Matters

The Summer Term and Mrs Phillips' final edition of our whole school music newsletter, *Music Matters*, is available to read by [clicking here](#).

Parent Blog

Our first Parent Blog of the autumn term is available for you to enjoy by [clicking here](#).

Hywelian Sophia Wins Two Art Awards

We were delighted to hear that alumna Sophia Pauley (Class of 2013), who recently gained a first class Honours degree in Art (painting) from the Edinburgh College of Art at University of Edinburgh, has won two prestigious awards this year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

Howell's Whole School and Co-ed College Open Afternoon

Keen to know what goes on behind the doors at Howell's? Our next Open Afternoon for Nursery to our Co-ed College on Tuesday from 1.30-3.30pm, so why not come and see for yourself? Just pop in on the day, or for further information email 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

Howell's will once again open its doors to the general public on Friday 21st September as part of the nationwide Open Doors programme, which is a celebration of architecture and heritage. Refreshments will be served at 10am which will be followed by a guided tour of Howell's at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us so do pass the message on to anyone who may be interested in visiting our lovely school.

Whole School and Co-ed College Open Day

Our next whole school Open Day for prospective parents and students will take place on Saturday 29th September from 9.00am until 2.00pm. Visitors will register in the Hub @ Howell's before being taken on tours by our current students. Following the tour, visitors will have the opportunity to talk to staff members over a coffee and a Welsh cake. No booking is required for the Open Day, and tours will be running all day. The last tour will start at 1.00pm. For details please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1832.



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Hogwarts at Howell's Taster Day

There will be magic in the air at Howell's on Saturday 29th September from 9.30am – 12.30pm for our Hogwarts at Howell's taster day for prospective Year 5 and 6 girls to experience life in Year 7. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in attending. For details please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1832.

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

Sally Davis, Principal

