



The Principal's Update

The first full week of term has gone past in the blink of an eye and has been a hugely productive and action-packed one. It has been lovely to see students hitting the ground running in what will be a very busy term at Howell's. Year 7 had a particularly busy day on Thursday as they explored and signed up for the numerous and varied co-curricular opportunities available for them to enjoy. Rehearsals for November's production of *A Christmas Carol* have begun in earnest, and this weekend many of those involved will be in school for the first Sunday rehearsal.



There have been two exciting opportunities for our Co-Ed College students this week. On Tuesday, a group of Year 13 students attended the Anatomy Taster Day at Cardiff University. Today a group of Year 12 and Year 13 students travelled to the ATRium at the University of South Wales to attend the Creative Industries Masterclass. Thank you to Mrs Wilks and the Careers Department for organising these events which are so beneficial for our students. There are so many opportunities available to young people who are wondering which path to take after they leave Howell's, and our students are very lucky to get to take part in so many of them.

This week many students were captured on camera. On Tuesday a photographer spent the day with us, running between Nursery, Prep School, Senior School and College taking some up-to-date pictures of lessons and co-curricular activities, and yesterday we were joined by a videographer who spent the day capturing the spirit of Howell's on film. Thank you to all the students and staff who were so accommodating and I look forward to seeing the photographs and video footage in the coming weeks.

Oxbridge Interview Preparation Begins at Howell's

This week saw the first Oxbridge interview carousel of the year take place in the Hub. [Click here](#) for more information.

Welsh Tennis Championships

Congratulations to two students who took part in the Welsh Tennis Championships at the end of the summer holidays. [Click here](#) for more information.

Skiing Success for Gethin

Congratulations to skier Gethin J, Year 12, who has been selected to represent Wales as an individual and a team member in the Ski Club of Ireland International Slalom Championships at the start of October. We look forward to hearing all about it in a couple of weeks.



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Triathlon Triumph

Year 10's Fiona B has been competing nationally at triathlon this season, which requires a considerable amount of training, including an early morning swim almost every day. [Click here](#) for more information.

Show Jumping Success for Ellie

Congratulations to Year 12's Ellie M on her recent success at the Show Jumping Championships of Great Britain at the David Broome Event Centre. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

This week's Parent Blog, Friends for Life, is available for you to enjoy by [clicking here](#).

STEM Competitions

We are delighted to inform you about two exciting national engineering competitions that will be opening very soon. [Click here](#) for more information about the Talent 2030 National Engineering for Girls for aged 11 to 18. [Click here](#) for more information about the BP Ultimate STEM Challenge for aged 11 to 14. If any student is interested in participating in either of these competitions they should attend a meeting in A6 on Friday 21st September at 2.15pm.

Student runs in memory of Martha

Year 12's Meg V has been putting in the miles over the last few weeks, training for the Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday 7th October to raise funds for LATCH, one of the charities that supported Martha and her family. [Click here](#) for more information.

Nazanin's Story

On the evening of Thursday 13th September Hywelian, Emily Howell's critically acclaimed production of *Nazanin's Story* began its UK tour with a performance at Chapter Arts Centre. Awarded 4 stars by The Independent and The List, *Nazanin's Story* tells the true and ongoing struggle Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and her family face after she and her baby daughter were taken in Tehran in 2016. [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 18th September 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 nation wide 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.

Opening of Sports Complex

On Wednesday 26th September we will be opening our brand new Sports Complex. All parents are warmly invited to all or part of the afternoon. The format for the afternoon will be as follows:

- 2.30pm Opening Ceremony/Speeches – Sports Hall
- 3.00pm Whole School performance – Astro Turf
- 3.10pm Refreshments - Pavilion and Sports Hall
- 4.00pm Refreshments – Pavilion
- 5.00pm Finish

We very much hope you will be able to join us.



Diary Dates

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.

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. To book your place please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1832.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to sending you my new look View From the Top next week.

Sally Davis, Principal

