

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

The spirit of Christmas has continued to fill every inch of Howell's this week, from the top of the clock tower to the bottom of the swimming pool. On Monday, the final preparations took place for Tuesday's outstanding Carol Services. You can read more about our celebrations in Llandaff Cathedral later on in my update.

Monday also saw the launch of the Christmas Tree competition in the Senior School. Each form is tasked with decorating their own Christmas tree and this year we are going green with the theme, *I'm Dreaming of A Green Christmas*. I do so enjoy seeing their artistic skills come to fruition and look forward to seeing their creations, which I am sure will be spectacular.



There was a real sense of excitement among students and staff on Wednesday lunchtime, when the rehearsals for the House Panto Competition started with a bang. Our House Captains have penned their scripts, all based on *Beauty and the Beast*, and I really look forward to seeing what they come up with next Wednesday; it is always an extremely enjoyable and memorable day.

Yesterday, our unbeatable catering team—in a selection of Christmassy outfits—served students and staff a delicious Christmas lunch of turkey and all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding and mince pies, which we enjoyed to a soundtrack of cheery Christmas hits. Thank you so much to Mrs Price and her team, they really are wonderful. Do take a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photographs of the lunch.

Many thanks to our volunteer staff and friends and family of Howell's for manning the stations of the final Healthcare MMI circuit of the year which took place on Thursday. Well done to our future nurses, doctors, dentists, and pharmacists for rising to the challenge.

This afternoon, Year 7 were looking bright eyed and full of festive cheer as they headed to the Hub for their Christmas party. Thank you to Mrs Reed, Mrs Pritchard and everyone who made the celebration such a success.

### **Carols in Llandaff Cathedral**

It was a crisp and clear winter day on Tuesday 11th December as the services of nine lessons and carols took place in the stunning surroundings of Llandaff Cathedral. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Eco School Litter Pick**

We would like to extend a big thank you to the Howell's Eco Team who went out into the local community and around the school grounds during their lunch time on Tuesday 11th December to pick up litter. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Bag-2-School Collection

Many thanks for all the kind Bag-2-School clothing donations on Thursday 6th December. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Senior Schools' Challenge Quiz

Well done to all the Senior School and Co-Ed College students who travelled to the Senior Schools' Challenge Quiz, held in Hereford, recently. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Celebration Tea, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Mrs Davis hosted a lovely Celebration Tea for Senior School and College students at break on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Parent Blog

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

### Diary Dates

#### Year 7 Entrance Examination

Our Year 7 Entrance Examination will take place on Friday 26th January 2019. For more information or to register please contact our Admissions Officer, Chrissie Hall-Davis, at [Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net](mailto:Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net). If you know of anyone who may be interested in sitting the examination please do pass on the information.

#### 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, between 4pm and 7pm. It will be an action packed evening beginning with an introduction to our Co-Ed College from Sally Davis (Principal) at 4.30pm. This is open to Howell's students who didn't attend the first Open Night and also to those who perhaps might like to try some more lessons. Prospective students will then have the opportunity to attend taster lessons and current students will be on hand to take tours for parents. There will also be Parent Carousels which will be manned by various staff members to find out more 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

There will be another opportunity for current Year 11 students into sit our Co-Ed College Scholarship Examination 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 of 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.

#### Whole School Open Afternoon

Keen to know what goes on behind the doors at Howell's? Our next Open Afternoon for Nursery right through to our Co-Ed College is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 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](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1832. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think may be interesting in finding out more about life in Howell's School.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to the festivities continuing next week when we welcome back over 100 alumni for Cocktails at Christmas on Monday evening; celebrate the end of term at Christmas Assembly on Tuesday; and ending the term in true Howell's style with Panto and Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday.

## Sally Davis, Principal

Reminder: On the last day of term, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, there will be no after school provision in the Library and Howell's will close at the earlier time of 2.00pm. Reminder: Howell's reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January for Year 11 mocks and to the rest of the school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January.