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The Principal's Update

Christmas has arrived early in Howell's this year to coincide with our hugely successful sell-out production of *A Christmas Carol* that took place from Monday until Thursday this week. The performance on Monday morning was particularly special as we welcomed 60 Year 6 students from Llandaff City Church in Wales Primary School and our young visitors were spellbound throughout the performance. The entire cast, led magnificently by Year 12's Holly B in the role of Scrooge, gave sensationally good performances, congratulations to all. Many thanks to Mrs Rees, Mr Ralph and all the staff who made the week such a success. A special mention to Mr Cheeke who had composed and arranged the evocative music that accompanied the programme. [Click here](#) for more information.



Kindness has been at the heart of everything at Howell's this week as we have participated in nationwide Anti-Bullying Week. A series of competitions were launched to promote this hugely important initiative including a poster competition for Year 7; a poetry challenge for Years 9-11 and the *Short Video Anti-bullying: A Call to Kindness* competition for all year groups. It has also been lovely to see many random acts of kindness taking place throughout Howell's, which I am sure will continue beyond this week.

Today, students and staff raised a magnificent £1558.40 to date for this year's Children in Need. Everyone looked splendid in their finest pyjamas and onesies. At lunchtime a fair selling a huge variety of goodies took place in the Sports Hall. As ever, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Howell's community, many thanks to everyone for supporting this very important cause. Do take a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photographs from the day.

Go Green Day

We would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to our Go Green charity day on Friday 19th October. [Click here](#) for more information.

Berlin In October

Over half term, History students from Years 12 and 13 visited Berlin to build on their knowledge of life there under the Nazis and during the Cold War. [Click here](#) for more information.

Spotlight On Languages

Last Friday, a group of linguists from Howell's Co-ed College visited the University of Bath, taking part in their annual *Spotlight on Languages* conference for schools in Wales and the South West of England. [Click here](#) for more information.

Gymnastics News

Last weekend our gymnasts competed in the ISGA 2 Piece National Qualifier at the Stamford Endowed School. [Click here](#) for more information.

Careers News

On Tuesday 20th November we are fortunate to have Karen Kimura come along to deliver the Career Start programme to our Senior School students. All year groups except Year 9 will have a 1 hour interactive session from the programme during an allocated lesson time. Year 9 will have their session later in the year. Please encourage your daughter to reflect upon the ideas presented during the sessions as the journey towards and along a career path relies on this skill.

Year 8 students have been asking about Take Your Daughter to Work Day which is usually held in the spring term. There has been a change to the order of events in this year's calendar which means that it will now be held in the summer term. Full details will be sent out closer to the time.

Celebration Tea

Howell's Senior School and College students had much to celebrate on Monday when Mrs Chyba and I welcomed students to a Celebration Tea. [Click here](#) for more information.

Create the Trophy Competition

The *Create the Trophy Competition* gives students aged 14-24 the chance to put their creative skills to the test and design the next trophy for the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering. The winning entrant will receive a high-end laptop and an invitation to see their design being awarded to the next winner(s) of the QEPrize in London. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Diary Dates

Oxbridge Interview Workshop

This year's Oxbridge Interview Workshop for Co-Ed College students will be held on Monday 19th November in the Dining Room from 4pm-6pm. This year's workshop will follow a similar format to that of previous years, Dr Matthew Williams (Oxford) will be giving an overview of the admissions process then students will work in subject-themed groups on some practice interview questions. If students are interested please contact Mrs Harrison-Hughes by emailing Hannah.Hughes@how.gdst.net.

Christmas Fair

The Howell's Christmas Fair is only 2 weeks away, on Friday 30th November from 2-5.30pm in our Sports Hall. It will be a wonderful, very busy shopping event, with around 40 individual stalls and Father Christmas on hand to take present requests. Do pop in if you can and start the festive season in Howell's style.

Christmas Jumper Sale

Do you have drawers full of Christmas jumpers that your family have outgrown? On Thursday 6th December, the Parent Pyramid will be holding a Christmas jumper second hand sale, where you can donate your outgrown festive knits and pick up replacements for a small donation. Any donations of jumpers can be brought into school and left in the Main Office, or with Mrs Hatcher in the Prep School.

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. There will be two services, one at 1.45pm and another at 7.00pm, which will include performances from the Junior School Choir (afternoon only), Junior Competition Choir, Senior Choir, College Choir, Youth Choir, Wind Ensemble and Senior Orchestra. The services will also incorporate readings from students, staff and governors. There are no tickets required so we recommend arriving early in order to get a good seat.

Good luck students who are venturing on their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award training expedition this weekend. Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to Maths Week which starts on Monday.

Sally Davis, Principal