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The Principal's Update

Howell's was full of excitement this week when the eagerly anticipated House Pantomime Competition was launched on Monday — oh yes it was! This year I am delighted to announce that the chosen pantomime is *Beauty and the Beast* so I'm sure that our House Captains' creative juices are flowing as they prepare the scripts before rehearsals start in earnest next Wednesday. I look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours on the last day of term; their efforts never disappoint.

Monday was a long and busy day for the Year 11 art students who sat their GCSE mock examination. I know they have worked very hard and hope they achieve the results they deserve.

Last night, I was delighted to welcome back the English-Speaking Union for their annual Carol Concert and Dinner. The evening began with a drinks reception before guests took to their seats in the Great Hall for a concert which included performances of some Christmas classics from our Senior Choir. Everyone had dusted off their vocal chords for the communal carols, led by the Senior Choir. Following the concert, a delicious dinner was served by our outstanding catering team. Thank you to Mrs Clouter, Mrs Yilmaz and all the students and staff who worked so hard to create a magical, musical evening.



Anti-Bullying Month ends with *The Power of Muzik*

Our anti-bullying month culminated on Wednesday 5th December when Years 7-9 took part in *The Power of Muzik* workshop in the Sports Hall. [Click here](#) for more information.

When I Grow Up!

On the evening of Wednesday 5th December, we launched our partnership with the Wales Millennium Centre when 150 members of the Howell's family, from Nursery through to our Co-Ed Sixth Form College, enjoyed the RSC's superb production of *Matilda the Musical*. [Click here](#) for more information.

Christmas Jumper Exchange

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Parent Pyramid's Christmas Jumper Exchange on Thursday. The few jumpers that remained at the end of the day will be donated to charity. This will be an annual event, so please to hang on to any festive knits that are looking a little snug after the 12 days of Christmas, we will be delighted to help you pass them on to a new home next year.

The Fun of the Fair comes to Howell's

It certainly was feeling a lot like Christmas at Howell's on Friday 30th November when we kicked off the festive season in style with the Howell's Christmas Fair which took place in the Sports Hall, Drama Room and Day Room. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rotary Interact

Rotary Interact finished their fundraising activity for this term. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea, Monday 3rd December

Mrs Davis hosted a lovely Celebration Tea for Senior School students at break on Monday 3rd December. [Click here](#) for more information.

Term Dates

As the end of term approaches, we would like to remind you of the term dates for the remainder of the academic year which you can find by [clicking here](#).

Parent Blog

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

Diary Dates

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 Year 5 and 6 Choir (afternoon only), Prep Competition Choir (evening only), 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.

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. 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 31st 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 and current parents 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 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 11th 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. 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 19th 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 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 fantastic weekend and I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday when we will launch the House Christmas Tree Competition.

Sally Davis, Principal

Reminder: On the last day of term, Wednesday 19th December, there will be no after school provision in the Library and Howell's will close at the earlier time of 2.00pm.