

A View FROM THE TOP



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The Principal's Update

Willkommen, bienvenue and welcome to this week's *View from the Top*, on the final day of what has been a very busy Languages Week. Numerous events and activities have been taking place including French and Latin film workshops, poster competitions, Welsh singing, Italian taster lessons and much more. The catering staff once again helped us celebrate with a triumphant range of international cuisine and a gloriously decorated dining room. A fun, interesting and very international, week has been had by all. [Click here](#) for more information.

At break on Monday, the Senior School Staff Room and Day Room were piled high with cakes for this year's MacMillan Coffee morning to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Care, a charity that provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer. Many thanks to students and staff for their amazing generosity.



On Tuesday, our Year 8 STEM ambassadors hot-footed it to Imperial College, London for this year's GDST STEM Conference. It really was an inspirational day which included a fascinating keynote speech from Dr Helen Sharman CMG OBE, the first Briton in space when, in May 1991, she launched on a Soyuz spacecraft to spend eight days orbiting the Earth.

The Hub @ Howell's was the meeting point for families joining us for our Open Morning on Tuesday. Visitors enjoyed tours with our tremendous tour guides from Year 6 and Year 8, and they then had the opportunity to meet with staff over a coffee and find out more about what an education at Howell's can offer. Thank you so much to all the students and staff who gave our visitors such a warm welcome.

On Wednesday morning, we held a GCSE revision breakfast for students in Year 10. During breakfast students were given many useful tips for revision which I hope they will take on board.

There was competition in the air at lunchtime in the Sports Hall today, when the annual staff v students' charity netball match took place. Organised by our Rotary Team, this popular event raised funds for ALALAY, a charity which helps to get Bolivian children off the streets, providing them with an education and a home. Everyone played extremely well and I am enormously grateful to all the students and staff involved in making the event a roaring success.

GDST Summit

Last Thursday, five of our Year 13 students (Will F, Amelia H, Ffion H, Will M-R and Dylan P) participated in the GDST Summit in London. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Dressage Success for Francesca

Many congratulations to Francesca H (Year 9) who, along with her new competition horse, won the Elementary dressage class at the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA). [Click here](#) for more information.

Are you off to see the Wizard?

Rehearsals for the Wizard of Oz are going extremely well and the cast have shown real maturity in their commitment, energy and enthusiasm in all the after-school, lunchtime and weekend rehearsals. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea

On Monday, Mrs Chyba was delighted to host the first Celebration Tea of the Autumn Term. [Click here](#) to find out what they celebrated.

Parent Blog

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

Harvest Festival—Friday 4th October

We are really looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival with a special assembly next Friday 4th October. Please support our charities by reminding your child to bring their Harvest Festival donations straight to the Boardroom on Friday morning, before going to assembly or tutor time. Donations should be non-perishable goods, such as tea, coffee, biscuits, pasta or rice, any tinned goods (fruit, vegetables, rice pudding etc.) or UHT milk. This year all donations will be shared between the Cardiff Foodbank, Barnardo's and City Hospice. Thank you for your support as always.

Swansea Science Festival

This year's Swansea Science Festival is taking place from Saturday 26th October until Friday 1st November. [Click here](#) for full details.

Diary Dates

Parent Pyramid – Tuesday 1st October

Would you like to know more about what goes on at Howell's? Are you keen to get involved in the events that we run at school? Join us at the next Parent Pyramid drop in session this term and find out about how you can get involved.

The next Parent Pyramid session will be in the Hub at 8:45am next Tuesday 1st October, and we will be discussing the upcoming Christmas Fair, which is on Friday 29th November, as well as making plans for the Glitter Ball on Friday 6th December. For more information, please contact Rachel Eling, Communications and Engagement Officer. r.eling@how.gdst.net.

Tea Concert

On Friday 4th October at 4pm, our GCSE music students will be performing at an informal tea concert in the Great Hall. Refreshments will be available in the Great Hall from 3.45pm, along with a chance to meet the GCSE music students and music staff. We very much hope you will be able to join us and support you're able to come along and support what promises to be a lovely event. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Year 7 Experience – Wednesday 16th October

On Wednesday 16th October, girls in Year 5 are going to take "One Giant Leap" into the Senior School to experience life in Year 7. This is also open to girls in Year 6 who have not yet attended a taster day. 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.

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Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Monday 21st – Thursday 24th October

From Monday 21st until Thursday 24th October Howell's will be presenting its very own production of The Wizard of Oz featuring students from the entire school and college. Join Dorothy and friends on their exciting journey along the Yellow Brick Road. Tickets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday cost £12 (£10 children) and for the gala performance all tickets cost £15 and are available from the main reception in the Senior School.

The Glitter Ball 2019 – Friday 6th December

Tickets have flown out of the door for this year's Glitter Ball which will take place on Friday 6th December. There are limited tickets available (£650 for a table of ten, or £70 individually) so if you would like to join us contact Mrs Thomas on bethan.thomas@how.gdst.net. The shimmering evening will include a drinks reception followed by a three course dinner and dancing, and for those who wish to continue the party after hours we have reserved the private room at the Cameo Club in Pontcanna, and will run a shuttle bus from Howell's to Pontcanna.

Les Misérables - Limited tickets available!

We are delighted that so many of our community are joining us for the special Howell's event at the performance of *Les Misérables* at the Wales Millennium Centre on Tuesday 10th December. A limited number of tickets have become available from our allocation for the Howell's Community to buy. Tickets include access to a private room before the performance where you can buy drinks and food before as well as order your interval refreshments. We will also have a private room during the interval. These tickets are available to the Howell's community on a first come first served basis; to reserve seats and arrange payment please email Hannah Roberts in the Marketing Office, hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming prospective students and parents to our Open Day and Co-ed College taster day tomorrow.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Davis, Principal