

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

Yesterday, I was pleased to return to Howell's, having spent the first half of the week in London at the HMC (the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference) Autumn Conference, which was held at the O2 in Greenwich. It was a fascinating three days, during which I had the chance to meet with Heads from a variety of schools from across the UK and hear from inspirational speakers including broadcaster, journalist and author Clare Balding and psychologist Robert Plomin.

Last Saturday's Open Day and College Taster Day was the busiest Open Day I have known here at Howell's. There really was a buzz in the building as we welcomed prospective students and parents to experience life at Howell's and everyone left with a smile on their face. I am very grateful to all the staff and current students who made the day such a success.

This morning we held our annual Harvest Festivals, and my thanks to students, staff and parents for their generous offerings, which will be shared between the Cardiff Foodbank, Barnardo's and City Hospice. Thank you to Mrs Christ, students, staff and everyone who made it such a special occasion. Do visit our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photographs from the day.

As I send you this update, our extremely talented GCSE music students are delighting an audience of parents, staff, students and friends with an informal tea concert in the Great Hall. I look forward to sharing a full account of this superb concert next week.

### HeadsUp@Howell's

Next week will be HeadsUp@Howell's week. This is where we remind everyone in our school community of the importance of looking after their wellbeing, in particular mental and emotional. There will be a programme of extra activities running to encourage our students to put their wellbeing first. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Year 7 Archaeology Experience

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Year 7 were fortunate enough to be able to experience an archaeological dig during their History lessons. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Tilly Takes To The Floor

Congratulations to Tilly T, Year 10, who danced to victory at the SSD Autumn Dance and Super League Trophy competition in Berkshire on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Lucy nominated for WJEC Innovation Award

Congratulations to Year 12's Lucy C, whose GCSE DT project has been nominated by the external verifier for a WJEC Innovation Award 2019. [Click here](#) for more information.



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## Corsets and Cold Baths

Year 9 enjoyed an interesting and enjoyable visit to the Roman Baths and the Fashion Museum in Bath on Thursday 3rd October. [Click here](#) for more information.

## National Poetry Day

Bathing in poetry...Thursday 3rd October was National Poetry Day and many students are all busily writing their poems on the theme of 'Truth'. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Rotary Interact

Last week, our College Rotary Interact Club worked very hard on a number of fundraising initiatives. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Diary Dates

#### The Year 7 Experience – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1832.

#### Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Tickets are flying out of the door for our forthcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz* which will take place from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. 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.

#### Dads' Lunch - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

As the mornings are getting chillier and the nights increasingly darker, what better way to brighten the outlook than a winter lunch for dads and male carers. Lunch will take place in Bully's restaurant in Pontcanna on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Bully's will create a three course menu plus half a bottle of wine per person for £35 per head. Lunch is planned to start at 1pm, but there will be drinks in the Romilly pub from 12pm for those who are able to make it. If you would like to attend please email Mr Dino Bartholomew, [dino@bartholomewifa.co.uk](mailto:dino@bartholomewifa.co.uk).

#### Christmas Fair

This year, the Howell's Christmas Fair is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 will be on hand to take present requests.

#### *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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net).

#### Carol Services

Llandaff Cathedral will once again provide the perfect setting for this year's Carol Services which will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. More detailed information will be available after the half term break.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward Book Week and HeadsUp@Howell's Week which both start on Monday.

**Sally Davis, Principal**