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The Principal's Update

This last week before half term has truly been a magical one. After seven weeks of intensive rehearsals, this week has seen the transformation of the Sports Hall into the enchanted Land of Oz for our epic production of *The Wizard of Oz*. On Monday 21st October, the cast put on a full performance to an audience of 500 children from local primary schools, and then until Thursday 24th October the show played to nearly full houses each night. Congratulations to director Mrs Rees, musical director Ms Edwards and choreographer Mrs Manning; the show was a triumph as always. My thanks also go to everyone else involved in the show; a large scale production like this is very much a team effort, both on and off the stage, and we would never pull it off without such sterling support from staff, students, parents and friends. [Click here](#) for more information.



Today, Howell's has continued to be reminiscent of the Emerald City in support of Go Green Day. Students and staff dressed in shades of jade, khaki and grass green made generous donations to the Cardiff based environmental charity *Size of Wales*, which helps protect and sustain an area of tropical rainforest now equivalent to double the size of Wales. Thank you to all students and staff who supported the day.

Today, our Charity Reps have run their Fairtrade stall at break and lunchtime. They have been selling an array of Fairtrade goods to support Fairtrade producers and farmers.

Can you Crack the Code?

Congratulations to Cerys J, Year 7, who came in the top ten in a Blue Peter competition to celebrate 100 years of GCHQ, the Government Communications Headquarters near Cheltenham. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea

Yesterday, I thoroughly enjoyed hosting a Celebration Tea at break for Senior School and College students. [Click here](#) to find out what we celebrated.

Welsh Schools Debating

We were delighted to hear this week that Alice K, Year 13, will be representing Howell's at the quarter-finals of the Welsh Schools debating competition on 3rd December.

Llandaff Cathedral Visit

On Wednesday 23rd October, Year 10's RS GCSE students enjoyed a visit to Llandaff Cathedral. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's celebrates Mole Day

From 6:02am to 6:02pm on 23rd October, scientists around the world celebrate Mole Day in recognition of Avogadro's definition of a mole as the number of atoms in 12g of Carbon-12 (6.02×10^{23}). [Click here](#) for more information.

GCHQ

On Tuesday 22nd October our GCHQ group 'Girls Contemplating Hard Questions' considered the impacts of domestication syndrome on dogs' welfare alongside the benefits of the human-canine relationship. [Click here](#) for more information.

Academic Scholars help Prep School girls develop 'Intellectual Character'

On Wednesday 23rd October, our Year 12 Academic Scholars led their first 'HotchPotch' afternoon with over 140 Prep School girls from Years 3-6. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rotary Interact Group and End Polio Now Campaign

Many thanks to the Year 6 students who accompanied our College Rotary Interact representatives to Cardiff Castle on Thursday morning. [Click here](#) for more information.

Take Your Daughter to Work Day for Year 8

Year 8 had an interesting introduction to the next stage of their career planning this week. They watched clips of the world of work and then were presented with the opportunity to go out into the work place with their parents on Take Your Daughter to Work Day, which will be held on Friday 24th January 2020. Full details will be sent to parents by email.

Careerstart

The Careers department are pleased to have Karen Kimura from GDST in school on Tuesday 12th November to deliver the Careerstart sessions to senior school. Your daughter will attend a workshop as allocated below. Please encourage her to reflect upon the session and to make active decisions about her career path.

Lesson 2: Year 9 - Decision making

Lesson 3: Year 8 - Skills for the Future

Lesson 4: Year 11 - Decision Making

Lesson 5: Year 7 - Skills for the Future

Please share your favourite puzzles

If you know any good puzzles, riddles or brain teasers, suitable for ages 7-11, 11-16 or 16+, please share them with us as we put together a range of Howell's 'Advent Challengers' which will be posted throughout December. We are hoping students in each year group will submit puzzles for younger students to complete and we will award a house point for each puzzle submitted. You can email your puzzles to Hannah.hughes@how.gdst.net or bring them down to A4a Chemistry Lab after half term (please remember to include your name, year group and house - and the answers of course!).

Diary Dates

Parent Pyramid

Join us at the next Parent Pyramid drop in session after half term, when we will be talking all things Christmas. The next Parent Pyramid session will be in the Hub at 8:45am Tuesday 12th November. For more information, please contact Rachel Eling, Communications and Engagement Officer r.eling@how.gdst.net.

Co-ed College Scholarship Examination

Our Co-Ed College academic scholarship examination for current Year 11 students will take place on Tuesday 12th November from 4pm to 6pm. Students who wish to apply for an Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Product Design or Sports Scholarship should submit their application by Monday 11th November at 4pm. Please contact Chrissie Hall-Davis for further details on 029 2026 1832 or by email at Admissions@how.gdst.net. If you know of anyone interested in applying for a scholarship do pass on the details.

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Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we will be supporting *Children in Need* by having a pyjama and onesie day for students and staff. There will also be a fair at lunchtime in the Sports Hall selling a huge variety of goodies.

St Cecilia's Day Concert

On Wednesday 20th November, we will be celebrating St Cecilia's Day with a concert of performances from our music scholars. This is a free concert and you are warmly invited to attend. Drinks and canapés will be served at 6pm, and the concert will start at 6.30pm in the Great Hall. It would be marvellous if you are able to join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening of music, celebrating the talented music students that we have in school.

Christmas Fair

This year, the Howell's Christmas Fair is on Friday 29th November from 2-5.30pm in our Sports Hall, and we are now taking bookings for stall-holders. It will be a wonderful, very busy shopping event, with around 40 individual stalls and Father Christmas on hand to take present requests. If you, or someone you know, would like to take a stall at our Christmas Fair, please contact Margaret Leigh in the Marketing Office on m.leigh@how.gdst.net.

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.

Carol Services

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

Have a wonderful break over the next two weeks; I wish Wales well in Sunday's Rugby World Cup semi-final and I look forward to welcoming students and staff back to school on Monday 11th November.

Sally Davis, Principal