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The Principal's Update

Friday the 13th may be unlucky for some, but today comes at the end of a fabulously festive and busy week at Howell's. On Tuesday it was a pleasure to see so many of the Howell's community at the Wales Millennium Centre for the performance of *Les Misérables*, it was a wonderful and very memorable evening. Wednesday saw us return to the splendid setting of Llandaff Cathedral for this year's Carol Services, a highlight of the festive calendar for me. You can read more about both of these events later on in this update. This afternoon, a very festive Year 7 enjoyed their Christmas party and much fun and laughter could be heard coming from the Sports Pavilion.

As the country headed to the polling stations yesterday, election fever also hit Howell's. Senior School and College Students were out in force at the ballot box, voting in our own mock election. Turnout was very high with the vast majority of students casting a ballot. The results were announced and the winning party was Liberal Democrats with 31.3% of the vote.

Year 8 Film Night
On Tuesday 10th December, our Year 12 and 13 Rotary Interact club organised a film night as an end of term treat for our Year 8 students. Click here for more information.

WDC Amateur League Open World Championships
Dancer Jasmine W, Year 10, travelled to Dublin at the weekend to compete in the WDC Amateur League Open World Championships. Click here for more information.

Dance Day at Pineapple Studios
On Monday 9th December, a group of Howell's dancers visited Pineapple Studios in London. Click here for more information.

Creative Writing
Year 7's Emma B has produced an excellent piece of creative writing which was inspired by a piece of flamenco music. Click here to read her work.

Les Misérables
The torrential rain on Wednesday 10th December didn't stop 160 members of the Howell's community from enjoying a very special evening at the Wales Millennium Centre for an incredible performance of *Les Misérables*. Click here for more information.

Carols in the Cathedral
On Wednesday 11th December, the services of nine lessons and carols, a highlight in the Howell's calendar, took place in the stunning surroundings of Llandaff Cathedral. Click here for more information.

Careers Update
Mrs House would like to thank parents/guardians for completing the necessary information on the recent Evolve forms for Year 8's Take Your Daughter to Work Day and Year 11's 2020 work experience. If you have yet to do so, it would be much appreciated if it could be completed immediately. If any information changes or you have any outstanding queries or problems please contact julie.house@how.gdst.net.

Dates for 2020:
Year 8's Take Your Daughter to Work Day: Friday 24th January
Year 11 's work experience: Monday 29th June – Friday 10th July

Diary Dates

Co-Ed College Taster Evening
Our second Co-Ed College Open Evening of the academic year will take place on Thursday 23rd January from 4pm until 6.30pm. It will be an action packed evening providing prospective students the opportunity to attend taster lessons. Parents can attend information sessions, during which they can find out more about College life and the opportunities it brings. To book a place and for more information please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 02920 261832. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in coming along.

Year 7 Entrance Examination
Our Year 7 Entrance Examination will take place on Friday 24th January 2020. 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.

Whole School Open Morning
We will be holding our next Open Morning for our Nursery, Prep School and Senior School on Tuesday 25th February from 9am-11am, so why not come and see for yourself what goes on during a morning at Howell's? Call 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 interested in finding out more.

Fusion Dance Show - Save the Date
On Thursday 30th January at 6-8pm, Howell's will present its first dance show, *Dance Fusion,* in The Warehouse venue off Penarth Road. Involving over 60 Senior School students, the evening will showcase a wide variety of dance styles. Tickets will be available to buy when we come back to school in January.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for the last week of the Autumn Term.

Mrs Sally Davis, Principal

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