

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

Another extremely busy and fruitful term has finished and this final week has been no exception. Examinations have continued this week. Year 9 sat their ICT mock while the Welsh orals and the Art examination for GCSE students came to an end.

The little bandstand next to the visitors' car park was bursting at the seams with generous donations of clothing for the last Bag2School collection of the year. I am enormously grateful to everyone who supported this excellent cause.

On Wednesday, students and staff gathered on the playing field for the whole school and Co-Ed College photograph. It was a very special occasion, which only takes place every 5 years and was meticulously organised by Tempest photography and Howell's staff members. The timing really could not have been better as we missed the spectacular hailstorm by about half an hour. I am looking forward to seeing the photographs, which will be available to order after Easter.



This morning the entire student body congregated in the Sports Hall for Easter Assembly. We were treated to magnificent musical performances from the Prep School, the Prep Competition Choir and the Whole School Orchestra. Our amazing Year 8 and Elite Dance Groups also displayed their dance talents. During assembly, we said goodbye to four staff members who leave us today: Mrs Lawless (Welsh), Mrs Malloy (Prep School), Mrs Jarvis (Swimming) and Mrs Yilmaz (Director of External Relations). I wish them well in the future and look forward to welcoming them back to events. At the end of assembly, our Year 12 Easter bunnies handed out Easter treats to delighted students and staff.

### **Dressage Success for Francesca**

Congratulations to Year 8's Francesca C, who had tremendous success at the Winter League Dressage Finals which took place at the David Broome Events Centre over the weekend of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Tilly and Jasmine Take To the Floor**

Congratulations to Year 9 students Jasmine and Tilly, who were recently presented with certificates for their Latin dancing. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Cardiff Games 2019**

The Year 8 Dance Squad and the Elite Dance Squad showcased their talents in the recent Cardiff Games Dance Festival held at The Warehouse, Freedom Church on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Spectacular Spring Concert

An audience of parents, students, staff, governors, alumni and friends enjoyed a mixed programme of musical items at this year's Spring Concert which took place in the Great Hall on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Celebration Teas

Mrs Davis and Mr Walters enjoyed hosting Celebration Teas for students this week. [Click here](#) to find out what was celebrated during Monday's tea and [click here](#) to find out more about the tea on Thursday.

## Parent Blog

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

## Zoe stars in CBBC Drama, Jamie Johnson

Year 10's Zoe H spent last summer filming the CBBC drama *Jamie Johnson* and I am delighted to announce that the series will be aired on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Zoe's character will be introduced in the third episode, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, and in every following episode.

## Careers Update

Year 11 students are reminded that they need to finalise their work placement details for any work experience during the two week period July 8<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. Please prompt your proposed employer to return the [HSLWEXFORM2](#) to Mrs House by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. If any student needs confirmation that they attend our school during the Easter holiday period, then please contact the school office who will be able to confirm that you are currently on our school roll. Copies of the employer forms and a journal will be made available for your daughter prior to her visit.

Year 10 students are reminded that they must hand in their CV on the first day of next term to their form tutors. Information to support writing a CV and how to dress for an interview can be found on Firefly pages by [clicking here](#).

Thank you to parents in Year 8 for their support in securing exciting opportunities for their daughters on May 17<sup>th</sup> "Take Your Daughter To Work Day". If there are any last minute changes please let Mrs House know in the first week of the summer term. An assembly will be held with Year 8 at the start of the summer term to highlight our expectations and to give your daughter an opportunity to ask any questions prior to her visit. Copies of a journal will be made available to help your daughter reflect upon her experiences as part of her career planning journey.

## Diary Dates

### Save The Date: Informal Tea Concert—Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

There will be an informal tea concert in the Great Hall given by Eisteddfod music finalists in both solo and ensemble categories on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm. This is an open event and all parents/staff/friends are invited to come along and enjoy tea, biscuits and wonderful music.

### Champion's Dinner 2019 – An Audience with Sam Warburton

We are delighted to announce that this year's Champions' Dinner will be held in the Great Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. This year's champion is former rugby Wales Captain Sam Warburton, who will join us for the whole evening, and will be taking question from guests. The event will be hosted by Welsh tenor and BBC Radio Wales presenter Wynne Evans.

The Champions' Dinner fundraises for the Martha Bursary Award in memory of Martha Pugh, which provides a place for a student to study at Howell's Co-Ed College for two years, providing a Howell's education to a student who would otherwise not be able to come to Howell's.

Tables of ten and twelve are available to book now. Tickets are £60 per person, which includes a drinks reception, three course dinner and, of course, an audience with Sam Warburton.

To reserve tickets, or for further information, please email Rachel Eling in the marketing department.

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## Diary Dates

Reserve your tickets for *Les Misérables*, at the WMC

Thank you to everyone who has already reserved tickets for the production of *Les Misérables* on **Tuesday 10th December 2019** at the Wales Millennium Centre. There are still tickets available for the Howell's community to buy at a discounted price of £55, so do reserve them soon to avoid disappointment as after the Easter holiday we will be offering them to Howell's alumni. Tickets are available to the Howell's community only 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). The Wales Millennium Centre recommends that the production is suitable for anyone over the age of 8.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of the Summer Term on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**Sally Davis, Principal**