

A View FROM THE TOP

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The Principal's Update

Welcome to the 200th edition of *A View From the Top*! I hope you all had a wonderful half term holiday and that you were able to enjoy the unseasonably warm weather at the beginning of the week; it really feels like spring may be on its way to Wales, with the daffodils doing sterling work all around Cardiff and the days getting lighter and longer.

Today is International Women's Day, and to mark this important day, we have spent the week celebrating the diverse achievements of women and girls in the Howell's community. On Monday, we were delighted to welcome back alumna Lily Eckersley-Jones who inspired students to make their mark on the world when she told them about the vital work her charity Atlantic Pacific is doing to help deliver a Lifeboat in a Box to Mozambique. Wednesday was all about improving oracy, listening, communication and teamwork skills when girls

from the Senior School and College presented to 90 local primary school children at the English Speaking Union Public Speaking workshop. Budding journalists in Year 8, Laura, Lauren and Nayana had a fascinating day at the BBC in Llandaff on Wednesday when they took part in the BBC Young Reporter Day. Look out for further information in next week's update. On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome back alumna, Lady Reardon Smith who brought the wonderful stories from *Juliet Jones and the Ginger Pig*, her latest book for children, to life for girls in Year 3.



Schools' Dance Festival

The Year 8 Dance Squad and the Elite Dance Squad showcased their talents in the recent Schools' Dance Festival held at St. David's Hall on Monday 4th and Monday 18th February. [Click here](#) for more information.

Fran Rides to the National Championships

On Sunday 3rd March, Year 8's Francesca C represented Howell's in the National Schools Equestrian Association Inter Schools County Championships at the Kings Equestrian Centre in Herefordshire, winning both the Prelim and Novice classes. [Click here](#) for more information.

Technology in the Aviation Industry Lecture

On Wednesday 20th February, scholars from Years 12 and 13 attended a fascinating lecture. We were delighted to welcome Dr Plessis to talk about technology in the aviation industry. [Click here](#) for more information.

St David's Day Rotary Breakfast

Last Friday 1st March, six Co-Ed College students from our Rotary Interact Group were invited to celebrate St David's Day with the Rotary Club of Cardiff with breakfast at Whitchurch Golf Club. [Click here](#) for more information.

Hywelian Returns to Howell's – Lily Eckersley-Jones

On Monday 4th March, we were delighted to welcome back alumna Lily Eckersley-Jones, along with her colleague Robin Jenkins. [Click here](#) for more information.

Hywelian Returns to Howell's – Lady Reardon Smith

In celebration of both World Book Day and International Women's Day, it was a pleasure to welcome back alumna and children's author, Lady Reardon Smith on Thursday 7th March. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mathematics and Literature

On Tuesday 5th March, the College Scholars were treated to a lecture given by our own Dr Knowles. [Click here](#) for more information.

English-Speaking Union Public Speaking Workshop

How much noise do 90 10-year-olds make? Rather a lot, if you get them all in the Great Hall and teach them how to use their voices to full effect. This month, Howell's is joining forces again with the English-Speaking Union to host the annual Primary School Public Speaking Competition for children from local primary schools, which will take place on Wednesday 20th March. [Click here](#) for more information.

Climate Week Walk To School

Many thanks to all those enthusiastic students who took part in our Climate Week activity drop-off walk/cycle to school event which took place on Friday 22nd February. A sterling effort by all involved! All the students and staff who participated in this event were awarded a house point, which was added to the Eisteddfod total on the day. The Eco team totalled up all the points awarded for each house with the outcome as follows:

1st place: Trotter

2nd place: Kendall

3rd place: Lewis

4th place: Baldwin

TMP Aspire 2019—One Day Conference for Aspiring Medics

Students who are considering a future in medicine and looking for expert guidance may wish to visit TMP Aspire later in the year. A national one-day conference for aspiring medics from Year 8 onwards, it will be held on 14th September at The Royal Institution of Great Britain in London, an organisation devoted to scientific education. [Click here](#) for further information.

National Careers and Apprenticeship Week

The Careers Department has been distributing lots of information during National Careers and Apprenticeship Week from 4th - 8th March.

Students have received an email concerning opportunities in apprenticeships for accountancy and business with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. [Click here](#) for more information.

PwC have created a series of three 'Myth Busting' videos around the common misconceptions about apprenticeships, and the truth behind these. Students can check these out on the links below:

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

[Video 3](#)

Global Real Estate Services firm JLL have apprenticeship opportunities available. The deadline is 30th March, so students who are interested in applying should do so promptly. [Click here](#) for more information

Success at School have listed a range of industries offering apprenticeships along with videos of students' experiences; students in Years 11-13 have been emailed this information.

National Careers and Apprenticeship Week Continued

Students interested in a career in tech may want to find out more about the Digital Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship with Capgemini, a global technology consultancy firm at the University of South Wales. There is an opportunity to find out more about it next Wednesday 13th March between 5pm and 9pm at the Capgemini Wales Delivery Centre in Treforest. The evening will be an opportunity for students to get a better insight into the sector, meet potential colleagues and understand more about Degree Apprenticeships.

Parent Blog

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

Diary Dates

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held on Thursday 28th March in the Hub, 8-9am and 3-5pm. Donations of uniform can be left with Mrs Thomas in the main reception. We are particularly in need of Prep School summer dresses and Senior School PE kit.

Mothers' Day Breakfast – Save the Date

On Friday 29th March, we will be holding our second Mothers' Day Breakfast. We would love to see as many students as possible bringing their mums, grandmas and female carers along to start the day with a delicious breakfast. Full details will be available next week.

Les Misérables, at the WMC

After the brilliant success of our evening at the Wales Millennium Centre before Christmas watching Matilda, we will be returning to the WMC on Tuesday 10th December 2019 for the performance of *Les Misérables*, Cameron Mackintosh's acclaimed production of the musical based on the Victor Hugo novel. We have an allocation of 150 tickets for this fantastic production, which are available for the Howell's community to buy at a discounted price of £55. Tickets include access to a private room from 5pm where you can buy drinks and food as well as order your interval refreshments. We are also hoping to have the Stage Director and members of the cast come to talk to us at this time. A private room is also available during the interval. 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. The Wales Millennium Centre recommends that the production is suitable for anyone over the age of 8.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, which marks the beginning of Science Week.

Sally Davis, Principal