

A View FROM THE TOP



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The Principal's Update

A very warm welcome to this week's *View from the Top*, and Dydd Santes Dwynwen Hapus for tomorrow, Welsh St Valentine's Day. I hope you are treated to a cup of tea and a plate of Welsh cakes warm from the bake stone. This week we have participated in Sugar Awareness Week and Mrs Chyba has encouraged students and staff to think about eating healthily when it comes to sugar choices. Look out for a full write up in next week's update.

Yesterday evening, it was wonderful to welcome over 30 families, both from Howell's and local schools to our second Co-Ed College Open Night of the academic year. Students had the opportunity to attend taster lessons, while their parents attended short information sessions during which they found out more about College life and the opportunities it brings. Many thanks to the College students who helped out - they were all superb ambassadors for the College.

Year 8 students have dipped their toes into the world of work on today's Take Your Daughter To Work Day. I hope that they have all found the day enjoyable and informative.

Today, it has been a pleasure to welcome Year 6 girls, both from our own Prep School and from other primary schools, to spend the day in the Senior School and sit the Year 7 Entrance Examination. Many thanks to all the staff who made the day such a success. We are also very grateful to the girls from Year 7 who were superb tour guides and helpers during the day.

GCSE Options Fair

Year 9 have been focusing on their option choices and spent Monday lunchtime chatting to our College students about studying a range of subjects. [Click here](#) for more information.

Chrystall Prize 2020

On Wednesday 22nd January we hosted the GDST Public Speaking Competition designed to commemorate the life of Chrystall Carter. [Click here](#) for more information.

Creative Writing

Many thanks to all our talented writers who completed an entry for this competition and congratulations to the students whose work was selected to represent our School and College this year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's raises £1,000 for Atlantic Pacific

Our Head Girl, Amelia, and Head Boy, Will, were delighted to present the charity Atlantic Pacific with a cheque for £1000 to help provide a lifeboat in a box for Mozambique. [Click here](#) for more information.

Our Champions at the British Schools Pistol National Final

On Wednesday 22nd January, Year 8's Alberta, Abi and Amber took part in the British Schools Pistol National Final which was held at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium. [Click here](#) for more information.



Art and Literature: A marriage made in heaven or uneasy bedfellows?

Dr Knowles returned to Howell's Co-Ed College on Tuesday 21st January to treat us to a lecture that combined poetry and paintings to discuss the relationship between art and literature. [Click here](#) for more information.

KS4 Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclasses

We are delighted that Mehek D, Cari D, Elinor H, Ruby S and Annie S in Year 10 are once again attending the Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclasses. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rotary Youth Speaks

Congratulations to our Year 12 public speakers, who competed in the Rotary Youth Speaks Senior Competition last Thursday at Llanishen High School. [Click here](#) for more information.

Alumna Louise to represent GB in the U20 European Fencing Championships

Congratulations to Louise S, who left Howell's last year. Louise has been selected to represent GB in the U20 European Fencing Championships at the end of February in Porec, Croatia. [Click here](#) for more information.

Calzaghe Mini Dragons

We are pleased to offer boxing sessions with the Calzaghe Mini Dragons to students in Year 7-9 after half term. [Click here](#) for more information.

#700STEMChallenge Writing Competition

Sydenham High School GDST has invited all our students to enter their scientific-writing challenge. There are three age groups (under 14, under 16 and under 18) and four categories (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). [Click here](#) for more information. Students should write approximately 700 words; any word-count above 800 will not be considered. Referencing, using the Harvard referencing system, is essential and should not be included in the final word-count. The template for entries is available by [clicking here](#). Finalists will be asked to attend the award ceremony held at Sydenham High on the evening of Tuesday 10 March 2020. Entries can be sent to Dr Ford, Dr Tamplin, Miss Jenkins or Mr Smith, and must be received by Monday 3rd February.

Diary Dates

Fusion Dance Show

On Thursday 30th January at 6pm, Howell's will present its first dance show, Dance Fusion, in The Warehouse venue on Trade Street, Cardiff, CF10 5DT. Involving over 60 Senior School students, the evening will showcase a wide variety of dance styles. Tickets, costing £10 for adults (which includes a glass of bubbly in the interval), and £5 for school children (which includes a soft drink), are now available from Senior School Reception. At the event, doors will be open from 5.30pm and the café will be open if you wish to buy refreshments before the show.

Tea Concert

Our next informal Tea Concert will include performances from our A level musicians and music scholars and will take place at 4pm on Friday 7th February in the Great Hall. We would be delighted if you could come along. Refreshments will be available in the Great Hall from 3.45pm, along with a chance to meet the students and music staff. The concert itself will be at 4pm-4.40pm. I do hope you're able to join us and support what promises to be a lovely event.

Parent Pyramid

We would love to see you at the next Parent Pyramid drop in session in the Hub on Wednesday 12th February at 8.45am when we will be talking about the events coming up this term. For more information, please contact Rachel Eling, Communications and Engagement Officer at r.eling@how.gdst.net.

Whole School Open Morning

We will hold our next Open Morning for our Nursery, Prep School, Senior School and College 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.

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Save the date: Spring Concert

This year's Spring Concert takes place on Thursday 26th March at 6pm. It promises to be a very special musical evening, culminating in a performance of Faure's beautiful *Requiem*. The following groups will be taking part: all Year 7 students, Senior Orchestra, Senior Choir, College Choir, Flute Group, Senior Jazz and the Performing Arts Group. Please do keep the date free; further information regarding tickets will be available in February.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for the last week of January.

Sally Davis, Principal