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The Principal's Update

I can hardly believe we have reached the end of another extremely productive school year and this last week has been hugely enjoyable. Year 11's work experience fortnight, during which they have had the chance to dip their toes into the world of work, has come to an end today. I hope they have all had an interesting time and that it has given them a clearer idea of what they would like to go on to do in the future.

On Wednesday afternoon, I was delighted to attend the Llandaff Society's ever-popular Strawberry Tea, which was held to raise funds for the Christmas lights in Llandaff. With cream teas and glasses of Pimm's served in the Bishop's Palace, and local residents setting up camping chairs under the trees, it was a pastoral scene as girls from the Senior School and Junior School entertained the guests royally with songs, dances and even a gymnastics display. Thank you to everyone involved who made it such a special occasion.



Yesterday morning, the Nursery girls brought music and movement to the Great Hall, in their glorious Summer Show. There were tears, laughter, elegant dance moves - and not just from the girls - and they brought the house down with their fantastic final number, *A Million Dreams*, from *The Greatest Showman*. Many thanks to Mrs Scott, Mr Beckett and all the Nursery staff for making the morning so triumphant.

Yesterday I watched as a group of intrepid Year 12 students set off on their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition, packs on their backs and smiles on their faces. I hope the weather is kind to them and that they have a wonderful experience.

Today, students and staff have donned ears, tails, and even full costumes for Disney Day, which raises funds for the Bursary Fund. It was wonderful to see such a colourful display of outfits at our fabulous final assembly this afternoon.

Superb Summer Concert

On the evening of Wednesday 4th July, the Sports Hall was transformed into a spectacular concert hall for this year's Summer Concert. [Click here](#) for more information.

Founders' Day and the Thomas Howell Break

During the morning of Friday 6th July, we celebrated Founders' Day with a special assembly for the whole school, College and specially invited guests. [Click here](#) for more information.

GDST Oxbridge Conference

Five of our Year 12 students, Hanya E, Natasha S, Anesha H, Claudia M and Dorian D, participated in the prestigious GDST Oxbridge Conference at Clare College, Cambridge from 7th-8th July. [Click here](#) for more information.



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National Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 4th July, six Year 7 girls competed in the National Spelling Bee competition in Welsh, Spanish and French. [Click here](#) for more information.

Employers' Day

This week saw Year 10 students join in to the World of Work by participating in Employers' Day on Tuesday 10th July. [Click here](#) for more information.

Digital Heroes

On Thursday 5th July, our five Digital Heroes from Years 8 and 10 visited the residents of Ty Llandaff to share their knowledge of technology. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rotary Quiz Night

On Tuesday 10th July, our College Rotary Interact Committee organised a Charity Quiz Night in aid of Gofal (a charity supporting young people with mental health issues). [Click here](#) for more information.

Rotary Interact Annual Report

The Rotary Interact Club has once again enjoyed a successful year of events. The entire team has worked hard all year to host enjoyable events for everyone in the College and the wider Howell's community. [Click here](#) to read the annual report from outgoing Rotary Interact Presidents 2017-18 Ella FP and Catrin B, Year 13.

Feed The Birds

Funds raised from Bags to School events have helped to support our Eco group this year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Martha's Place

The afternoon of Thursday 5th July was a very special one, as Martha's family, friends and teachers came together for the official opening of Martha's Place, a courtyard in the heart of the school. [Click here](#) for more information.

Champions' Dinner

On the evening of Thursday 5th July, the red carpet was rolled out for the second Champions' Dinner in aid of the Martha Bursary Award. [Click here](#) for more information.

Martha's Walk

The scorching sunshine we have had over the recent months meant that this year's Martha's Walk in aid of the Martha Bursary Award took a slightly different path to the one that was originally intended. [Click here](#) for more information.

From Our Director Of Sport

The school year of 2017-18 has brought about many changes in sport here at Howell's. From team wins to individual successes and a general uplift in the perception of sport it has been a stellar sporting year and it gives me great pride to say I have been a part of this incredible journey. With lots of exciting developments ahead, such as the launch of the new pitch and tennis courts, a tennis academy, our Talented Athlete Programme (TAP) and the addition of the PE IGCSE, it's safe to say it is going to be a busy year moving forward. I cannot wait for us to come back next term and make full use of our fantastic new facilities. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing all the students back for pre-season training in September.

Welsh International Selection

Congratulations to Lily R and Maisie R, who have both been selected to represent Wales at U18 level in the Euro Hockey Championships in Czech Republic in July. Good luck to the girls, Cymru am byth!

GDST Rowing Regatta

Sophie D, Caitlin E, Katie G, Anna D, Lottie S, Issy W, Lucy C, Talia G, Olivia W and Caitlan W all travelled to Holme Pierrepont in Nottinghamshire to compete in the first GDST Rowing Regatta. [Click here](#) for more information.



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Welsh International Rowing News

Caitlan W and Talia G have been selected to row for Wales in the upcoming Home International Regatta in Cork on the 21st July. [Click here](#) for more information.

GDST Tennis Tournament

It was an early start to the day on Wednesday 27th June, with the U18 tennis team leaving Cardiff at 6am to get to Queenswood School (Hertfordshire) for the annual GDST Tennis Tournament. [Click here](#) for more information.

GDST Tennis Shield Arrives In Wales

Our tennis team were desperate to bring home the winner's trophy from the GDST Tennis Tournament, which they won so convincingly last month, but it was still fastened securely to the wall at Putney High School. [Click here](#) for more information.

Cardiff and Central South Wales Ski Slalom Competition

Howell's skiers had phenomenal success in the July 2018 Regional Ski Slalom Competition on Thursday 5th July, winning an amazing 17 medals. [Click here](#) for more information.

Fencing Win

Congratulations to fencer Louise S, Year 12, who won the Women's Elite Epée Competition on Sunday 1st July in Newcastle. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea

Mr Walters was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Senior School students on Wednesday 11th July. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Diary Dates

John Lewis Fitting Event

There is a John Lewis fitting event taking place at their store in Cardiff at 3pm-6pm on Wednesday 15th August. Staff from both John Lewis and Howell's will be on hand to help. If you would like to book a school uniform fitting please call John Lewis on 02920 536088.

I hope you all have a wonderful time over the summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming back students and staff on Wednesday 5th September, when the 2018-2019 school year will begin.

Sally Davis, Principal

