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The Principal's Update

I have had an interesting and informative time working in London for some of this week. On Monday and Tuesday I attended the GDST Heads' Conference, during which Jackie Ashe (the GDST's Alumnae Relations Manager), Mrs Yilmaz and I gave a presentation on Alumnae Relations, which is something we excel in at Howell's. Keeping in touch with our former students is such an important and rewarding part of what we do and we were delighted to share our expertise with fellow heads as well as have in input in developing the Alumnae Relations programme across the entire GDST.

On Wednesday, Mrs Yilmaz and I attended the GDST Summit and this year's theme was *New Frontiers: Equipping Girls for the Future*. It was a fascinating day, culminating in the announcement of the GDST Alumna of the Year, which was awarded to Dr Nirupa Murugaesu for her pioneering work on the 100,000 Genomes Project, which is transforming cancer treatment in the NHS. A well-deserved winner.



On Thursday, the Nursery was bursting at the seams for the Rhyme Time Open Morning. It was a pleasure to welcome seventeen families to Howell's and the little girls had a wonderful time exploring our Nursery. Thank you to everyone who made the morning so successful.

This morning the coffee machine was working overtime for our Fathers' Day breakfast. It really was fantastic to welcome so many fathers and grandfathers who enjoyed a breakfast bap, fruit pastries and coffee with their children and grandchildren. Thank you also to all the staff who helped to make it such a special occasion.

[Top Chef Comes to Howell's](#)

This week, we were delighted to welcome Chef Chris Stanley to Howell's. Chris is Executive Chef at the Independent Schools' Catering Consultancy, which supports more than 2000 catering operations in independent schools across the country. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Success for Year 12 Young Enterprise Team](#)

On Monday 11th June, the Year 12 Young Enterprise team, K9 Kerchief, competed in the All Wales Final at Cardiff University. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Megan Heads to Barcelona for the Dance World Cup](#)

We were delighted to hear that Megan G, Year 8, will be heading to Barcelona for the Dance World Cup on Saturday 23rd June with her ballet class. Megan has worked extremely hard to win a place in the troupe, and we look forward to finding out how she gets on.

[Morwenna's Phizz-Whizzing Win](#)

Congratulations to Morwenna B, Year 11, who has been named a runner up in the Young Writers Phizz-Whizzing Words Roald Dahl poetry competition. [Click here](#) for more information.



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Back to Basics

Monday marks the beginning of Back to Basics Week at Howell's, which I will be launching to students during assembly on Monday. Howell's encourages all students to be responsible and thoughtful in their conduct and to feel proud to wear the uniform that makes them a member of our community. [Click here](#) for more information about the Back to Basics expectations.

International Women in Engineering

Saturday 23rd June is International Women in Engineering Day and to help raise the profile of women in engineering Yvonne Murphy, chartered engineer and member of the Institution of Civil Engineers Council, will be coming in to talk about her career. The talk will be in A6 at 1.30pm on Tuesday 19th June and is open to all students who are not involved in the Youth Choir rehearsals.

The Nancy Rothwell Award

The Nancy Rothwell Award (Royal Society of Biology) celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining art and science. There are three age categories (7-11, 12-14, and 15-18). [Click here](#) for more information.

Kings Camps

We are happy to let you know that Kings Camps will be returning to Howell's during the summer holiday and they will offer a wide variety of a variety of sports & activities to students aged 4-17. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Diary Dates

Parent Pyramid Social Evening

A Parent Pyramid social evening will take place on Wednesday 20th June at 7-9pm in the Hub @ Howell's. Mrs Yilmaz and I would be delighted to welcome as many parents as possible to join us for an informal evening of drinks and nibbles. There is no need to book just pop in, we would love to see you.

Champagne Cycle Challenge and Summer Fair

Get ready to don your Lycra and dust off your bikes for this year's Castle Cavalcade Champagne Cycle Challenge on Sunday 1st July when the entire community comes together for a fun filled day to raise money for the Howell's Bursary Fund. There are three routes of various lengths, so whatever your cycling ability there is something for you—and this year every route will incorporate at least one castle.

Cyclists under the age of 14 need to be accompanied by an adult.

The day will end with our Summer Fair, so if you are not taking part in the cycle ride come along to school from 3pm-6pm to enjoy a barbecue, ice-creams and strawberries and cream and well-stocked bar. There will be also be a bouncy castle, mega slide, stalls and games as well as the pink martini mini obstacle cycle course for the youngest members of our community. Friends and family are very welcome, the more the merrier!

To take part in the in the Cycle Challenge (including the barbecue) we are asking for donations of the following amounts: £15 (adults) £10 (children).

To attend the barbecue only we are asking for donations of £5.

Guests will be able to purchase wristbands for £5 on the day, giving children unlimited access to the activities in the Summer Fair.

[Click here](#) for full details and the booking form. If you would like to buy a special Champagne Cycle Challenge T-shirt, [click here](#) for the order form.

If you need any further information please email hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1825.



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Champions of Television Drama to attend Champions' Dinner

On Thursday 5th July, we are holding the second Champions' Dinner in memory of Martha, a Howell's student who passed away last January, when she was in Year 8. We are absolutely delighted that this year's Champions' Dinner will be celebrating champions of television drama and our special guests will be stars of the BBC's flagship medical drama, *Casualty*. **Amanda Mealing** (Connie) and friends will be sharing their fascinating stories about their time working on this hugely popular show.

Last year's dinner raised over £17,000 for the Martha Bursary Award, and the first recipient of the award will be starting in the College in September. Martha touched the lives of everyone who met her, and with your help we would like to change the life of another young person. The Martha Bursary Award will give a student the opportunity to unlock the door to their own potential: with your help, we can hand them the key.

Limited tables left! If you would like to book a table (10 or 12) or individual tickets for what promises to be another fabulous event, please contact Hannah Roberts in the Marketing Office by email on hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or telephone 02920 261 825. Tickets cost £60 per head.

Summer Concert – Tickets on Sale

This year's Spectacular Summer Concert will take place on Wednesday 4th July at 6pm in the Sports Hall. The evening will be particularly poignant as it will be Mrs Phillips' final concert at school before she retires after 27 years of inspiring students at Howell's. Prepare to be dazzled by performances from Senior School students as well as the eagerly anticipated staff number, which always brings the house down. I'm sure there will be plenty of surprises during the evening! Tickets (£6 or free for children) are now on sale and you can buy them by asking for a member of the Marketing Team at reception in the Senior School or by emailing Hywelians@how.gdst.net or telephoning 029 2026 1825.

I hope Year 8 enjoy their sleepover this evening and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday when *Back to Basics Week* will begin.

Sally Davis, Principal

