

# A View FROM THE TOP

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## The Principal's Update

What a wonderfully busy, bustling day it has been at Howell's. Next year's Year 7 cohort joined us for the day, making new friends, enjoying lunch and immersing themselves in Senior School life. The girls all seemed to have a fantastic day, and went home exhausted but still smiling. I am looking forward to welcoming them back in September.

GCSEs came to an end this week and we went *Back to Basics* at Howell's. I have been delighted by the response from students, and have never seen such shining, polished shoes, neatly tied hair or smartly pressed skirts. Many thanks to Mrs Chyba and all the staff and students who made the week such a success.

On Wednesday evening, I very much enjoyed our Parent Pyramid Social in the Hub @ Howell's. It was lovely to chat informally with Junior School, Senior School and College parents over a glass of wine and canapés and fill them in about future initiatives and events coming up at Howell's. As your daughter moves through the Senior School and then into the College, it can become rare for you to spend time with their friends' parents. These informal events give everyone the opportunity to meet other Howell's parents, from right across the school.

Yesterday evening we opened our GCSE and A-level Art Exhibition, showcasing the fantastic work our students have created. There is so much artistic talent in our school nurtured by Mrs Eddy and the rest of the Art department, and there are some incredible pieces in the exhibition. If you were unable to join us to see the work on display, we have been sharing some of the work on our Instagram account, @howellsschoolgdst, and you can follow us by [clicking here](#).

### Drawing Disney

After a hard week of exams, Year 8 were treated to a life drawing session with Disney. [Click here](#) for more information.

### International Women in Engineering Day Talk 2018

This week, we were visited by Yvonne Murphy, Senior Civil Engineer at Mott MacDonald Bentley and member of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Council and the Wales committee. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Eco School

During a *Back to Basics* assembly this week, I impressed upon students the need for all to respect, value and care for the school environment by not dropping litter. We need to change our attitude; if we have litter then we must be responsible, take ownership and put it into a bin, do not drop it or leave it thinking someone else will clear up after us – just bin it. For those who may or may not be following the World Cup, we can all take some real inspiration and encouragement on this issue from the Japanese fans, who after the match instinctively took to clearing up the litter within the stadium. [Click here](#) to see this awe-inspiring sight.



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## Success in UKMT Junior Maths Challenge June 2018

Our Year 8 students achieved 2 gold, 6 silver and 7 bronze certificates in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Swimming Success

Congratulations to Imogen F, Year 8, who has been selected to swim for her club —City of Cardiff—in the 43rd Stuttgart International Swimming Gala at the start of the summer holidays.

## Howell's Girls Run Ty Hafan Bubble Rush

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Year 10's Elen T, Freya P, Robyn D, Annabel W, Evie O, Lucy C and Alicia L ran the Bubble Rush to raise funds for Ty Hafan a very special charity for the girls. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Congratulations

Many congratulations to Aya K and Holly B (both in Year 11) who have got in to the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain. This is an extraordinary achievement, well done girls.

## Celebration Teas

There has been much to celebrate in the Senior School this week, as Mrs Davis hosted two Celebration Teas. [Click here](#) to find out more about Monday's tea and [click here](#) for more information about the tea on Wednesday.

## Parent Blog

This week's Parent Blog, *Pens Down Stop Writing Please* is available by [clicking here](#).

## The IET Engineering & Technology Photographer of the Year

The IET Engineering & Technology Photographer of the Year 2018 is open to any photograph of an engineering-related subject that captures the dynamic, creative and progressive face of engineering and engineers today. The competition is open internationally and is split into two age categories:

- Youth – 16 and under
- Adults – Over 16

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Arrangements for Sports Day—Thursday 28th June

Please find the programme for Sports Day by [clicking here](#). I would encourage you to attend the event and support your children and their Houses. If you would like to drop your daughter or son directly to Leckwith Stadium and collect them directly from Leckwith Stadium, you must let Bethan Thomas know by emailing [bethan.thomas@how.gdst.net](mailto:bethan.thomas@how.gdst.net) by Monday 25th June. Students who are brought directly to school as usual on the morning of Sports Day will be transported to the stadium.

## Heads Up at Howell's

Next week we week is Heads Up at Howell's, a week during which we promote mental wellbeing for students and staff with a series of events and activities. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Katie J work to be premiered on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Our amazing piano teacher and accompanist, Mr Shewring will be including a work by Katie J (Year 13) in his piano recital at Penarth Pier Pavilion on Sunday 1st July at 3pm. The work is called 'Impromptu' which she has dedicated to Mr Shewring and it will be the first time the piece will be played in public. It would be wonderful for for Katie to have as much support as possible at the event before she makes the trip to Juilliard School, New York in September. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Cardiff City Soccer School

The Cardiff City FC Foundation will be bringing their Girls Only Soccer School to Howell's on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. [Click here](#) for more information.



## Diary Dates

**Please note that next week will be Week B.**

### Champagne Cycle Challenge

Don't forget that this year's Castle Cavalcade Champagne Cycle Challenge is taking place in just over a week on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.

[Click here](#) for full details and the booking form.

If you need any further information please email [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1825.

### Howell's School Summer Fair

On Sunday 1st July, as the riders return to school, hot, tired and in need of refreshment after the Cycle Challenge, the Summer Fair will just be starting. From 3pm, the Headmistress's Garden will be hosting a medley of summer delights, which will include:

- Pedal Powered Paint Spinning with The Pedal Emporium
- Festival hair crown making with Beth Morris Workshops
- A bouncy castle
- A mega slide
- Mini obstacle course for scooters, trikes and toddler bikes

The barbecue will be sizzling, ice-creams and bowls of strawberries and cream will be providing a sugar fix, and the well-stocked bar will be dishing out the drinks. Friends and family are very welcome, the more the merrier!

Wristbands will be available for £5 on the day, giving the wearer unlimited access to the activities in the Summer Fair

To attend the barbecue only, we are asking for donations of £5—tickets for the BBQ are available from the Main Office, or from Mrs Hatcher in the Junior School— drinks and ice-creams are payable on the day.

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### Summer Concert – Tickets on Sale

Tickets are flying out of the Marketing Office for this year's Spectacular Summer Concert on Wednesday 4th July at 6pm in the Sports Hall, so do book soon to avoid disappointment. 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 am 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 [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net) or telephoning 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](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net) or telephone 02920 261 825. Tickets cost £60 per head.

### John Lewis Fitting Event

There is a John Lewis fitting event taking place at their store in Cardiff at 3pm-6pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Staff from both John Lewis and Howell's will be on hand to help. Look out for further information in the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday when Heads Up at Howell's Week will commence.

**Sally Davis, Principal**

