

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

Year 13 can finally take full advantage of the beautiful weather and enjoy a well-deserved holiday, as their A levels came to an end on Monday. It was wonderful to seeing them looking extremely glamorous at last night's prom in the Jurys Inn. It really was a joyful occasion and I will miss this exceptional group of young people enormously but look forward to seeing them for Prizegiving in September and then for Cocktails at Christmas in December as Hywelians. Year 11 also had a fantastic evening at their prom on Wednesday evening which took place in Miskin Manor. I also hope they enjoy the summer and look forward to welcoming many of them back to Howell's Co-Ed College in September.

HeadsUp@Howell's took place this week with a full schedule of activities taking place to promote mental wellbeing. Events included jigsaws in the Wellbeing Room; motivational musical rehearsals; a singalong viewing of *The Greatest Showman*; mindfulness sessions with Mrs Harris; a digital detox and much more. Thank you to Mrs Chyba for masterminding Heads Up and to everyone who supported activities throughout this hugely successful week.



Our Year 12 students had two College careers events this week. Monday was Higher Education Day, during which students enjoyed presentations from a wide variety of professionals, alumni, academics and staff. They also chatted with guests in an informal setting over a buffet lunch. The following day was spent working on their personal statements as they prepare to make their applications for university. The feedback from students about both days has been very positive and I know they found them extremely beneficial.

Yesterday, the entire Senior School and College travelled to the Leckwith Stadium for an action packed Sports Day. Students channelled their inner Jess Ennis-Hills and Mo Farahs during the day, which included a wide variety of athletics competitions coupled with numerous fun activities for all. The stadium gave the event a real sense of occasion, with support from parents, friends and governors. I am enormously grateful to Mrs Crawford, the Sport Department and everyone involved in this truly memorable day. Many congratulations to every student who took part and in particular Kendall, the winning House on the day. Look out for further information in my update next week.

I was delighted to hear that our talented tennis team won the recent GDST Tennis Tournament. Our rounders' team also had a very successful time at the GDST Rounders' Tournament where they were crowned the 15+ Plate Champions. Look out for a full write up in my update next week.

### Poetry Picnic

In celebration of our talented poets, we held our annual Poetry Picnic on Monday in the Headmistress's Garden. [Click here](#) for more information.



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### History Ambassadors

Congratulations to our highly motivated College historians, who are to be congratulated for achieving their History Ambassador awards this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

### English Department News

Congratulations to Elin S (Year 13) who was Highly Commended in this Year's Laurie Magnus GDST Poetry Competition. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Congratulations

In last week's update, I reported that Year 11's Aya K and Holly B gained places in the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain. I was thrilled to hear this week that Martha H, also from Year 11, will be joining them. This really is an amazing achievement and it is extremely rare for girls as young as these to get in to this prestigious institution.

### Celebration Tea

Mrs Chyba and I were delighted to welcome Senior School students to a Celebration Tea in the Board Room on Wednesday. [Click here](#) to find out what we celebrated.

### Good Luck

Good luck to Trinity H (Year 8) who is competing in the *Just for Schools Show Jumping National League 2018/9* this coming weekend. We look forward to finding out how she gets on.

### Parent Blog

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

### Dayinsure Wales Rally GB Competition for Schools

Dayinsure Wales Rally GB Competition for Schools 2018 invites students in Key Stages 2 to 5 produce an eye-catching design (livery) for a Toyota rally car. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Diary Dates

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

### Summer Concert – Tickets on Sale

Tickets for this year's Spectacular Summer Concert next Wednesday, 4th July, at 6pm in the Sports Hall have nearly sold out, so if you would like to come do book your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The evening will be particularly poignant as it will be Mrs Phillips' final concert at 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) can be purchased 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.

### 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.

I am very much looking forward to an extremely busy and fun filled weekend at Howell's. Tomorrow we will welcome over 100 alumni to the Hywelian Summer Lunch and on Sunday I look forward to seeing many of you for the Champagne Cycle Challenge, Barbecue and Summer Fair.

**Sally Davis, Principal**



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