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The Principal's Update

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend, and that the extra day off gave you more time to recharge your batteries. The shorter week got off to a flying start on Tuesday as the Hub @ Howell's was the meeting point for families joining us for our whole school Open Morning. Visitors enjoyed tours with our tremendous tour guides from Year 6 and Year 8, and they then had the opportunity to meet with staff over a coffee and find out more about what an education at Howell's can offer. Thank you so much to all the students and staff who gave our visitors such a warm welcome.

On Tuesday, our talented actors in Year 11 sat their GCSE Drama practical examination. I am sure the many hours of rehearsal and hard work will be rewarded.



Thursday was tinged with sadness as well as excitement as we said goodbye and good luck to an elaborately dressed Year 11 at their special leavers' brunch before their departure for study leave ahead of their GCSEs. I know they have worked extremely hard and I wish them the very best of luck for these examinations.

I was delighted to hear that our U12 Hockey Team finished third at the Hockey Wales National Final, yesterday. Many congratulations girls!

World Book Night

Howell's was once again chosen as a giving centre for World Book Night and, although it occurred during the Easter holiday, students and staff were asked to take a few books to encourage reading in the wider community. [Click here](#) for more information.

Glorney Gilbert International Chess Tournament

Susanna F, Year 9, has been selected to represent Wales at chess in the Under 18 Welsh Girls' team at the Glorney Gilbert International Chess Tournament. Congratulations, Susanna. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rowing at Evesham

The May bank holiday brought a great weekend of rowing at the Evesham regatta. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Kings Camps

We are pleased to inform you that Kings Camps will be returning to Howell's during the May half term holiday. They offer a wide range of sports and activities to encourage children aged 5-17 to be active. [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 11 Work Experience

Year 11 students who have met the deadline of returning their [HSLWEXFORM2](#) from their employers have now received copies. These forms give details of the contact person with the employer, times, lunch arrangements, dress code etc. Please ensure that your daughter is aware of these important points and that she attends the placement with diligence and informs her contact person of anything that she is unhappy about or an unavoidable absence.

Some girls have informed Mrs House that they are still awaiting a decision by a potential employer. If this is the case then please still return the [HSLWEXFORM2](#) to Mrs House, as soon as possible and she will scan and email a copy to your daughter's school email address as well as to the parental email we hold on the school database.

Diary Dates

Save The Date: Informal Tea Concert—Friday 14th June

There will be an informal tea concert in the Great Hall given by Eisteddfod music finalists in both solo and ensemble categories on Friday 14th June at 4pm. This is an open event and all parents/staff/friends are invited to come along and enjoy tea, biscuits and wonderful music.

Champions' Dinner 2019 – An Audience with Sam Warburton

There are just a few tickets left for this year's Champions' Dinner on Tuesday 18th June. This year's champion is former rugby Wales Captain Sam Warburton, who will join us for the whole evening, and will be taking question from guests. The event will be hosted by Welsh tenor and BBC Radio Wales presenter Wynne Evans.

Tickets are £60 per person, which includes a drinks reception, three course dinner and, of course, an audience with Sam Warburton. Do reserve your tickets soon, to avoid disappointment, by contacting Rachel Eling in the marketing department. R.Eling@how.gdst.net.

John Lewis Fitting Event

At 11am until 7pm on both Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th August, John Lewis will be holding an exclusive uniform fitting events for Howell's at their store in Cardiff. Staff from John Lewis will be on hand to help. If you would like to book a uniform fitting please call John Lewis on 02920 536 000 ext.4662. If you are unable to make these days you can also drop in to the Cardiff store at any time. Alternatively, you can shop online by [clicking here](#).

Reserve your tickets for *Les Misérables*, at the WMC

Thank you to everyone who has already reserved tickets for the production of *Les Misérables* on **Tuesday 10th December 2019** at the Wales Millennium Centre. There are just a couple of tickets available for the Howell's community to buy at a discounted price of £55, so do reserve them soon to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available to the Howell's community only on a first come first served basis; to reserve seats and arrange payment please email Hannah Roberts in the Marketing Office, hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net. The Wales Millennium Centre recommends that the production is suitable for anyone over the age of 8.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable weekend and I look forward to students and staff returning on Monday then the examination season will continue.

Sally Davis, Principal