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The Principal's Update

Welcome back! I hope the Easter break gave you all a chance to spend time with family and friends as well as indulge in an Easter egg or two. As tomorrow is an inset day, my update this week is a day early.

I was delighted to see the fantastic photographs from the Senior School ski trip to the Stubai Glacier in the Austrian Tyrol. It looked like a superb time was had by all and I am enormously grateful to all the staff who accompanied the girls. More information on the ski trip can be found later in this update.

Over the holiday, a group of intrepid Year 12 students set off on their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award practice expedition, with packs on their backs and smiles on their faces, ready to embrace life under canvas in the great outdoors. I hope they all had a wonderful experience.

The summer term always sees a flurry of Silence Please signs going up around Howell's. The examination period has well and truly started this week, with GCSE language orals taking place as well as Year 10 sitting the mock ICT examination.



Mindfulness Breakfast

Congratulations to Year 7, who have all completed the mindfulness curriculum this year. [Click here](#) for more information.

Senior Ski Trip

This year's Senior Ski Trip went to the picturesque Stubai Glacier in the Austrian Tyrol. Every moment of the day was filled; obviously skiing was high on the agenda but bowling, swimming and shopping were also greatly enjoyed by all. [Click here](#) for more information.

Rowing

Rowers Katie G, Year 10, and Lottie S, Year 11, have been coming on in leaps and bounds in their sport this year. The girls have both recently taken part in an ergometer time test over a distance of 2km, and Katie was spot on GB qualifying time of eight minutes and Lottie just behind her at eight minutes and fifteen seconds.

The girls had both been selected to row for WAGS and Wales at the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta at Peterborough City Rowing Club last week, but the event was cancelled due to Storm Hannah. We look forward to seeing them back on the water again soon.

Ellie takes to the seas

Sailor Ellie C, Year 8, had a very busy Easter, representing GBR in both Belgium and Holland in the Optimist Junior group. [Click here](#) for more information.

Hannah's Sailing Triumph

Congratulations to Olympic gold medallist and Hywelian Hannah Mills, who won the women's 470 race at the Princess Sofia Trophy regatta in Majorca. [Click here](#) for more information.

Music Matters

The Spring 2019 edition of the Senior School and Co-Ed College, *Music Matters*, newsletter is available to read by [clicking here](#).

Celebration Tea

One of the best parts of my job is meeting students and hearing about their fantastic achievements and this week I welcomed students to my office to a Celebration Tea at break on Monday. [Click here](#) to find out what we celebrated.

Parent Blog

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

Year 8 Take Your Daughter To Work Day—Friday 17th May

In this morning's assembly with Year 8, final checks were carried out for Take your Daughter to Work Day on Friday 17th May, which is at the end of Examination week. Parents will receive an email information containing the final advice for our learners who are out with parents or at our Prep School.

In form time next week, a thank you letter will be provided for each employer. Please encourage your daughter to use this and to write her own personalised note. The students have all been sent an e-booklet to use on the day and in school from 20th May. They may add any extra information into this e-booklet, such as photographs, as long as the appropriate permission has been sought from parents and the employer.

Diary Dates

Whole School Open Morning

Our next Whole School Open Morning for Nursery, Prep School and Senior School is on Tuesday 7th May from 9am-11am. Just pop in on the day, or for further information email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1832. Please do pass on the details to anyone you think might be interested in visiting Howell's.

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 and 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.

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Les Misérables, at the WMC

Our allocation of tickets for *Les Misérables* on **Tuesday 10th December 2019** at the Wales Millennium Centre has almost sold out. There are a few 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 wish you an enjoyable May Bank Holiday weekend, and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday morning.

Sally Davis, Principal