

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

My thanks to all the staff and students who have organised the HeadsUp activities this week. It has been great to see students enjoying social time with each other, revisiting mindful strategies, taking part in sports and taking a break from their devices. Well done to everyone who has taken time to recognise the importance of wellbeing in what is an increasingly busy and crowded life. I think "no homework" this week was a particular favourite!

Auditions for our forthcoming production of the Wizard of Oz have started this week, with a huge number of students taking part, and I understand the standard has been incredibly high. I hope everyone who auditioned enjoyed the experience. The next round of auditions will take place next week. Students should check their emails to see if they have had a callback.

This week it was a pleasure to host our first two Insight networking lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Hub for our new Year 13 students considering careers in healthcare and STEAM respectively. It was wonderful to hear from insightful and inspiring guests from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Yesterday, the entire Senior School and College travelled to Cardiff Met in Cyncoed 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. There was 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. Look out for further information in my update next week.

Today has really been action packed! Year 6 girls who are joining the Senior School in September joined us for a taster day to prepare them for life in Year 7. Thank you to Mrs Reed, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs C Davis for all they did to make the day so special.

### **Employers' Day 2019**

Year 10 conducted themselves as mature young adults at our highly successful Employers' Day on Thursday 26th June. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Blackout Poetry for National Writing Day**

To celebrate 'National Writing Day' on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 9Q developed 'Blackout' poems as part of their poetry work on War Poetry and Hedd Wyn. [Click here](#) for more information

### **GDST Laurie Magnus Poetry Prize**

Many congratulations to Tabi H (Year 10) and Morwenna B in Year 12 who both did extremely well in this year's GDST Laurie Magnus Poetry Prize. [Click here](#) for more information.



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### Tennis Success

Congratulations to our senior tennis team who are the GDST tennis champions for a second year in a row. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Living History at Bullace Hill

Year 7 were transported back to 1599 on Tuesday 25th June when they visited the living history site at Bullace Hill in Monmouthshire. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Dragons' Den

Students in 7L were Welsh Dragons last week in their own version of Dragon's Den. [Click here](#) for more information.

### A morning at the Gurdwara

Students in Year 7 enjoyed an informative morning at Cardiff Gurdwara on Monday 24th June. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Parent Blog

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

### 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.

### Diary Dates

#### Sign Up for the Champagne Cycle Challenge, Summer Fair and Barbecue

There is just over a week until this year's Pedal to the Park Champagne Cycle Challenge, Summer Fair and barbecue so do sign up soon to secure your place! Forget the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia, Howell's unbeatable Champagne Cycle Challenge takes place on Sunday 7th July, when the entire community will come together for a fun filled day to raise money for the Howell's Bursary Fund. There are three routes, varying in length, so whatever your cycling ability there is something for you. **Cyclists under the age of 14 need to be accompanied by an adult.** The day will culminate 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, as well as a bouncy castle and mega slide, stalls and games. To sign up you can [click here](#) for the booking form, email [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1825. [Click here](#) for full details of all the routes. Friends and family are very welcome, the more the merrier!

#### Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our next second hand uniform sale will take place in the Hub at Howell's on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 8am-9am and 3pm-5pm in the Hub @ Howell's.

#### Summer Concert

Our "Love" themed Summer Concert takes place in the Sports Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Tickets (£7 adults, £3 children) are now on sale from reception. As ever, it promises to be a magical evening of music-making involving students from Years 3-12, with a few surprises along the way!

#### John Lewis Fitting Event

At 11am until 7pm on both Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, John Lewis will be holding an exclusive uniform fitting events for Howell's at their store in Cardiff. Staff from both John Lewis and Howell's 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.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to another action packed week starting on Monday.

**Sally Davis, Principal**