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The Principal's Update

This week, our students have enjoyed participating in School Diversity Week. Built around the themes of friendship and inclusion, we have hosted a number of activities including artwork, cake sales, wearing bright hair accessories, enjoying the Friday film 'Love Simon' and a chance to visit our very own Rainbow Nail Bar. My thanks to Mrs Chyba and the students who organised the week. [Click here](#) for more information.

We have hosted three more insight networking events for our new Year 13 students and this week's focus has been on Business & Finance, Social Sciences & Law and Academic Pathways. Thank you to our inspirational guests who joined us and to Mrs Wilks and her team who organised these extremely valuable events.

I was delighted to hear that we have passed phase 3 of our Healthy Schools journey. Well done to all the students and staff who met with our visitors on Tuesday and helped us achieve this milestone. A special mention to Mrs Chyba for leading this initiative.

A group of Year 10 students, accompanied by Mrs Darnton, travelled to London on Wednesday to attend the Drapers' Company Service in St. Michael's Church, Cornhill. The service was followed by a delicious buffet lunch and the students also had the privilege of having a tour of the majestic Drapers' Hall.

On Wednesday evening, the Year 11 prom took place at Miskin Manor in Pontyclun. It was a very special evening full of laughter, chatting, good food and dancing. It was lovely to see all the students together as they celebrated the end of their GCSEs and the start of a new chapter. We wish them the very best of luck when they start Year 12 in September.

Today, Year 10 students, staff, parents and Martha's friends and family took part in the third *Martha's Walk* and this year they made their way to Castell Coch. Upon arrival, they all enjoyed a well-deserved ice-cream before heading back to Howell's on foot. Many thanks to Mrs Darnton and everyone who took part in this very special day.

Summer Fair, Sunday 7th July, 3pm

The weather forecast for the weekend is looking wonderful and we have the bunting ready to go up. Do join us for the Summer Fair from 3pm this Sunday, 7th July. The BBQ will be piping hot and the drinks and ice-cream will be perfectly cold. Wristbands for the fair are available to buy on the day for £5, and will allow the wearers access to the festival face-glitter artists, the bouncy castle and mega slide, the craft activities run by the Parent Pyramid and the DIY photo booth. Food and drink will be available to buy separately. We hope to see as many of you there as possible for some fun in the sun.



Year 7 visit to Bangor University for Spelling Bee Final

On Thursday, our Year 7 spelling bee finalists travelled up to a very sunny north Wales for the *Routes into Languages Welsh National Spelling Bee Finals*. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ogden Trust Physicist of the Year

Congratulations to Auvni P, Year 10, who was named an Ogden Trust School Physicist of the Year at an awards ceremony at Cardiff University on Tuesday 2nd July. [Click here](#) for more information.

Screenwriting 101

This week in Creative Writing Club, Year 12's Ellie M took the lead, holding a Screenwriting 101 session for the students and using skills she had honed at a Creative Writing workshop at Oxford University. [Click here](#) for more information.

Taking Shakespeare into the Great Outdoors

Last week Year 8 took to the school field during English lessons to act out the garden scenes from Act Three of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. [Click here](#) for more information.

Life At Sea

Ellie C, Year 8, is currently in Estonia sailing with a fleet of 290 boats as part of the Team GB development squad in near perfect sailing conditions. [Click here](#) for more information.

Whizz Bang Science

On Tuesday 2nd July a group of enthusiastic volunteers from Year 12 visited St Fagan's Primary School to take part in Whizz Bang Science. They worked with small groups of Year 5 students explaining the experiments and involving the children in the practical work. Great fun was had by all.

Smashed It!

As the first set started at Wimbledon on Monday 1st July, Howell's held its very own tennis event, *Smashed It!*, for Year 3 students from local primary schools. [Click here](#) for more information.

Hywelian Summer Lunch

It was a pleasure to welcome over 60 Hywelians to their annual Summer Lunch on Saturday 29th June. [Click here](#) for more information.

Llandaff Society Strawberries & Cream Tea

On Thursday 4th July, a group of students from Years 5 and 6 from Howell's Prep School and some Senior School and College students provided some afternoon entertainment at the Llandaff Society Strawberries and Cream Tea. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea

Mrs Davis thoroughly enjoyed hosting a Celebration Tea for Senior School and Co-Ed College students at break time on Monday 1st July. [Click here](#) for more information.

Skiing Success

On Thursday 4th July, over 120 skiers from Cardiff and South East Wales competed at the Schools' Regional Championships in Fairwater. [Click here](#) for more information.

GDST Hockey Squad Selection

Congratulations to hockey players Ffion H, Lily R and Maisie R who have all be selected for the GDST select XI hockey squad, and also to Mr Baker, who has been named as one of the team's head coaches. Well done all!

Parent Blog

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

Year 11 Work Experience

Please be reminded that your daughter may be out on her work experience over the next two weeks from July 8th-12th and/or July 15th-19th. A few students have already completed their placements and we have received glowing reports back about their attitudes, ability to question, teamwork and so much more. Please remind the girls that if they have any personal concerns about safeguarding issues they should inform Mrs House and Mrs Chyba at school immediately. It is your daughter's responsibility to report to her employer if she is unwell, and to keep them fully informed.

If your daughter needs confirmation of being a student at Howell's School during the school summer holiday, then please ring the main school office where it can be confirmed that she is on the school roll for this academic year.

Diary Dates

Second Hand Uniform Sale

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

Summer Concert

Don't forget to book your tickets for our "Love" themed Summer Concert which takes place in the Sports Hall on Thursday 11th July at 6pm. Tickets (£7 adults, £3 children) are 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 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 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. Alternatively, you can shop online by [clicking here](#).

Have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you for the Champagne Cycle Challenge, Summer Fair and BBQ on Sunday.

Sally Davis, Principal