



HOWELL'S SCHOOL

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

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Building Connections

It's said that a Howell's girl can spot another Hywelian at a hundred paces. To be honest, I'm not sure you even need to be that close. In the last few weeks I have come across a fellow member of the Hywelian Guild teaching a yoga class, seeing patients at the University Hospital of Wales and crossing the concourse at Paddington station. And that's not to mention the former Chemistry teacher I happened upon, volunteering in the 2nd hand bookshop at Duffryn House and Gardens, who I recognised not by sight but by her distinctive voice, ringing around the rafters from behind the book stacks and forcing me to unroll my skirt and check my lobes for forbidden earrings. There's no fancy handshake or natty sorority ring that marks a Hywelian out to their fellow guild members, but once a Hywelian, always a Hywelian.

Keeping in touch with former students young and not-so-young is something Howell's does especially well, and this evening more than 80 of our London-based Hywelians will be getting together for an evening of food, drinks and music in a smart spot in the capital. For our recent leavers, who are studying in the big smoke, it's a chance to catch up with their friends, as well as make links with older Hywelians who may prove to be a valuable contact in their future years. For those who last visited Howell's several years ago, it's an opportunity to reconnect with what is happening at school and to add to their network of Hywelians in London. And for us at school, it is a wonderful evening full of old friends and new stories, building connections and watching the HSL community in action.