

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

As we hurtle towards the May half term holiday, examinations are now in full swing throughout the Senior School. As well as GCSEs continuing for Year 11, it was the turn of Year 7 and 8 to sit their summer exams. Year 9 and 10 students also sat their ICT examinations this week. I wish all the students the very best of luck.

I was delighted to hear on Monday our allocation for tickets for *Les Misérables* at the Wales Millennium Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> December has sold out. I am very much looking forward to another wonderful evening at the theatre with so many of our community of students, parents, alumni and staff. I know it will be a very special occasion.



Today, the corridors have seemed slightly quieter than usual as Year 8 students have been dipping their toes into the world of work on *Take Your Daughter to Work Day*. They have explored numerous opportunities and industries including tech start-up companies, marketing, construction, law, renewable energy, medicine, the arts and so many more. I hope the girls have had an interesting and informative day, and I look forward to hearing how they got on next week. The appearance of rain today did nothing to dampen Year 7's enthusiasm as they headed to Cardiff Bay for their Geography field trip.

On Tuesday, thirty Year 10 students were presented with their bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the sunshine. The purpose of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is to inspire and support young people in self-development. Congratulations to all. Do take a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see a photograph from the day.

### The New Parent App

We now have a convenient new way to share information with you about your child's school life. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Under 12 National Hockey Finals

The hockey season came to an end on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May with the Under 12 National Finals. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Year 10 RS

This week, as part of their revision in preparation for their examinations next week, Year 10 RS students were given the task of unlocking the code to escape the classroom. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## World of Work Day for Year 7

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Year 7 explored various career options during their World of Work Day. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Year 7 Author Visit—Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Howell's School Library is delighted to invite Year 7 to attend a special literary lunch with award winning author Elly Griffiths to celebrate her new book, 'A Girl Called Justice' next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This event has very kindly been organised with and supported by [Griffin Books of Penarth](#).

Griffin Books proprietor Mel Griffin has kindly offered a discount on Elly's book which will be on sale for £5 (RRP £6.99) on the day. If your daughter would like to reserve a copy, please ask her to call in to the Library with £5 cash by the end of the school day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Your daughter is welcome to buy a book on the day but please be aware that books might sell out as there will be limited copies available – we won't have any change on the day so the girls should bring the exact money. Your daughter is welcome to bring her own copy of the book if she has one.

## Celebration Teas, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

There was much to celebrate on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May as Mrs Davis and Mr Walters each hosted a Celebration Tea for Senior School students. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Presentation for Co-Ed College Prefects

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, our new young leaders and prefects were presented with their badges of office by Mr Walters during the weekly Co-Ed College Meeting. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Parent Blog

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

## Eira triumphs in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Many congratulations to alumna, Eira Culverwell, who has had terrific success in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu recently, winning gold medals at the European Championships, the Grand Slam Championships in Abu Dhabi and the British Open. [Click here](#) for more information.

## GDST Online Course - Helping Girls Thrive

Mrs Harrison-Hughes has had a busy three weeks as a mentor on the GDST's online FutureLearn course 'Educating Girls: Teaching Approaches to Help Girls Thrive'. Over a thousand people from across the UK and beyond are following the course, learning practical strategies to help girls succeed in school and beyond, all informed by the GDST's research and experience. The course is free to join and we would recommend it to any parent interested in a sneak peek at the approaches used at Howell's and across the GDST that are proven to benefit girls. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Diary Dates

#### Dads' Summer Lunch

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm, the annual Howell's Dads' Lunch will take place in Bully's restaurant in Pontcanna. The cost is £35 which includes a three course meal and half a bottle of wine. If any dads are interested in attending the lunch please email Dino Bartholomew at [dino@bartholomewifa.co.uk](mailto:dino@bartholomewifa.co.uk) or Jason Tuck at [jason.tuck@me.com](mailto:jason.tuck@me.com).

#### Parent Pyramid

The next Parent Pyramid drop in will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 8.45am until 9.45am in the Hub @ Howell's. We very much hope to see you there.

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### Informal Tea Concert—Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### Champagne Cycle Challenge, Summer Fair and Barbecue

Forget the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia, Howell's unbeatable Champagne Cycle Challenge is fast approaching and will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, when the entire community will come together for a fun filled day to raise money for the [Howell's Bursary Fund](#). There will be three routes, varying in length, so whatever your cycling ability there is something for you—and each one ends with a glass of something cold and sparkling. The day will end 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. Full details will be available after half term.

### 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 holiday 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](#).

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

**Sally Davis, Principal**