

# A View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

Everyone can breathe a sigh of relief this week, as all the examinations have come to an end. Students in Year 11 can now enjoy a well-deserved extended summer break before they collect their GCSE results in August, while lessons return as normal for everyone else.

On Tuesday morning, a group of Hywelians joined us for coffee, cake and conversation for the last Hywelians in the Hub event of academic year. It was a lovely morning, during which our alumni were able to catch up on the latest news from Howell's and meet with friends in a friendly and informal environment. I am very proud of our alumni relations at school, and our thriving events programme indicates that everyone remains part of the Howell's family long after they leave us.

Thank you so much everyone who supported The Champions' Dinner on Tuesday evening. We delighted to welcome so many guests to the Great Hall for *An Audience with Sam Warburton*. He and BBC Radio Wales presenter Wynne Evans kept me laughing all the way home. The evening raised a fantastic £10,000 for the Martha Bursary Award.

As you receive this week's update, our Art and Product Design departments are holding an exhibition of the wonderful work of students in Years 11, 12 and 13. It is a pleasure to welcome family and friends of students as well as staff to view the exhibition, which is displayed in the Day Room and Art department. Many congratulations to the students on their fantastic work.

I was delighted to hear that Year 9's Lily B, Ruby S and Sukie W reached the final stage and exhibition of the Schools' Ceramics Excellence Awards held at Cardiff Met University. These talented students did extremely well with Lily receiving a commendation for her work. Congratulations, everyone.

### HeadsUp@Howell's

Next week we will be holding a HeadsUp@Howell's week where we encourage all our community to take actions towards good mental fitness. This includes participating in a range of HeadsUp activities some of which are highlighted in the poster, which you can see by [clicking here](#). You will also note that there is no homework given so that students can have extra time in the evenings to enjoy other activities. HeadsUp is all about physically holding our heads up so that we are looking outwards and connecting with others; socially lifting our heads up out of devices; and emotionally taking care of our minds with positive strategies. We do hope you will reinforce these messages at home.

### Trinity H shines at the National Championship Finals

Many congratulations to Year 9's Trinity H, and her horse Cloudy, who competed in the recent National Championship Show Jumping Finals. [Click here](#) for more information.



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## Poetry Picnic

On Monday 17th June, Poetry Club and guests enjoyed their fourth annual Poetry Picnic. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Musical Tea Concert

On Friday 14th June, our Senior School Eisteddfod music finalists delighted an audience of friends, family and staff at an informal concert in the Great Hall. [Click here](#) for more information.

## The Champions' Dinner, An Audience with Sam Warburton

On the evening of Tuesday 18th June, the red carpet was rolled out for the third Champions' Dinner in aid of the Martha Bursary Award. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Hywelian Eira wins Master International IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship

We were delighted to hear that alumna, Eira Culverwell, recently won the Master International IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Tokyo on Sunday. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Parent Blog

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

### Diary Dates

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

Don't forget to sign up for this year's Pedal to the Park 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 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) will be on sale from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 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. Alternatively, you can shop online by [clicking here](#).

Have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, which marks the start of HeadsUp@Howell's Week.

Sally Davis, Principal

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