



# The Principal's Update

Things started with a bang on Monday when we launched Science Week. Interesting events and experiments have taken place all week, including a competitive biology challenge, the aeronautical engineering challenge, explosive chemistry demonstrations and Mr King's Low Temperature physics event. At break and lunchtime, the Library was bursting at the seams today for the special screening of the film *Hidden Figures*, which is loosely based on the non-fiction book of the same name by about female mathematicians who worked at the NASA during the Space Race. [Click here](#) for more information.



On Wednesday and Thursday, it was a privilege to host this year's GDST Heads' Conference and welcome my counterparts from all the Trust schools to Howell's. The full programme of events began on Wednesday with a delicious Shakespearean themed dinner in the Great Hall. Our vocal chords were put to the test in a musical team building activity. Mrs Clouter, Director of Music, ably assisted by our Performing Arts Group, taught us two Welsh songs; *I'll Sing a Little Song* and *We'll Keep a Welcome*; our drama students brought to life the stunning Shakespearean murals; Mrs Richards, our Head of English and a Howell's alumna, regaled us with her memories of the Great Hall when she studied here; and Mr Morgan and Mrs Scott brought the house down with their amazing rendition of Cole Porter's *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*. Thursday's excellent keynote speaker was Alex Beard, who inspired us with his talk, entitled *Natural Born Learners*, which focussed on transforming learning in the twenty-first century. Howell's looked splendid for our visitors, and I am enormously grateful to everyone who made the conference such a roaring success.

In celebration of this year's Red Nose Day we decided to go plastic free. Instead of selling the official red noses, our own were painted red in return for a donation towards the important projects that Comic Relief supports. Do take a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photographs from the day.

## Hywelians say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Yilmaz

On the afternoon of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, it was wonderful to welcome over twenty alumni to the Hub for a delicious vintage afternoon tea to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Yilmaz. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Bag2School Collection

The Eco Team would just like to give advance warning of our final Bag-2-School clothing charity collection of the academic year. This event will take place on Wednesday 3rd April. Any donations are gratefully received.

## Residential Courses with the Smallpeice Trust

The Smallpeice Trust is committed to giving young people the support they need to get into careers in STEM subjects. In July they are running a *Girls into Electronics* course at Royal Holloway University for girls in Year 12. For full information on all their courses please [click here](#).

## Year 10-13 Oxplore Live Stream

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, students in Years 10 to 13 will have the opportunity to take part in Oxplore's 'The Biggest Big Question'. Oxplore is an outreach group from the University of Oxford aiming to engage 11 to 18 year-olds with debates and ideas that tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and draw on the latest research undertaken at Oxford. Oxplore aims to realise aspirations, promote broader thinking and stimulate intellectual curiosity. The Oxplore website contains great ideas and resources to stimulate discussion and higher level thinking and is available to all at [oxplore.org](http://oxplore.org).

## BP Apprenticeships

Applications are open for apprenticeships with BP. A British multinational oil and gas company headquartered in London, BP operates in 70 countries worldwide, manufacturing and marketing fuels and raw materials used in thousands of everyday products, from mobile phones to food packaging, and as such they employ engineers and geologists out in the field, IT professionals, research scientists and financial traders. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Residential Experiences at University of Bath

Students in Year 12 who are interest in applying to study Social Sciences, Engineering or Sciences may wish to attend one of the Discover Bath Residentials at the University of Bath in July. The deadline to apply is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Diary Dates

#### Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Hub, 8-9am and 3-5pm. Donations of uniform can be left with Mrs Thomas in the main reception. We are particularly in need of Prep School summer dresses and Senior School PE kit.

#### Mothers' Day Breakfast – Save the Date

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our second Mothers' Day Breakfast. We would love to see as many students as possible bringing their mums, grandmas and female carers along to start the day with a delicious breakfast. Full details will be available next week.

#### Spring Concert

Tickets for the Spring Concert on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, which will include performances from students in the Co-Ed College and Senior School, will be on sale from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. They cost £10 (free for children) and are available by asking for a member of the Marketing Team at the main office. Alternatively students can purchase them from the Marketing Suite at break, lunchtime or before/after the school day. [Click here](#) for more information.

#### *Les Misérables*, at the WMC

Don't forget to order your tickets for the performance of Cameron Mackintosh's renowned production of *Les Misérables* on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019** at the Wales Millennium Centre. Howell's has an allocation of 150 tickets for this fantastic production, which are available for the Howell's community to buy at a discounted price of £55. Tickets include access to a private room from 5pm where you can buy drinks and food as well as order your interval refreshments. We are also hoping to have the Stage Director and members of the cast come to talk to us at this time. A private room is also available during the interval. Tickets are available to the Howell's community only on a first come first served basis; to reserve seats and arrange payment please email Hannah Roberts in the Marketing Office, [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net). The Wales Millennium Centre recommends that the production is suitable for anyone over the age of 8.

I hope you enjoy the weekend; here's hoping for a win in the final game of the Six Nations Rugby Tournament tomorrow. Cymru am byth!

**Sally Davis, Principal**