



The Principal's Update

As we reach the end of the first full week of the Spring term, students can breathe a sigh of relief as all their mock examinations have come to an end. I am sure that they are looking forward to getting back to their usual timetables on Monday.

Last Saturday, rehearsals for our inaugural dance show began in earnest and I am very much looking forward to seeing the fruits of their hard work on Thursday 30th January. Full details can be found at the end of this update.



Yesterday, our Year 13 Biology and Geography students set off to Pembrokeshire for their field trip to the Field Studies Centre in Orielton. I am sure they will have a fascinating time and look forward to hearing about their adventures next week; thank you so much to the staff who are accompanying them on the trip.

Skills for University, Skills for Life

Year 12 were welcomed back to College in January with a visit by Ruth Boyce from Winchester University. [Click here](#) for more information.

Oxbridge Myths Debunked

On Monday 13th January, Mrs Harrison-Hughes spoke to Year 12 students to explain the unique features of studying at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and tackle some common Oxbridge myths to help students make an informed decision when considering their university choices. She also gave advice on making a competitive application, including the need for a genuine passion for the subject and the motivation and intellectual curiosity to reach beyond the A-Level syllabus. There are a number of further events over the coming term to support students considering applying to these competitive universities, starting with a talk from Dr Jonathan Padley of Churchill College, Cambridge at 4pm on Tuesday 4th February.

University Admissions Assessments Date for 2021 entry

The autumn 2020 series of university admissions assessments will take place at Howell's on 4th November. These are the assessments for current year 12 students applying for undergraduate courses starting in 2021 and include the majority of courses at Oxford and Cambridge, some medical courses (UCL, Imperial and some others) and a selection of other courses. We strongly advise students likely to be sitting one of these admissions assessments to consider this date when booking family holidays over the October half term period.

Diary Dates

Co-Ed College Taster Evening

Our second Co-Ed College Open Evening of the academic year will take place on Thursday 23rd January from 4pm until 6.30pm. It will be an action packed evening providing prospective students the opportunity to attend taster lessons. Parents can attend information sessions, during which they can find out more about College life and the opportunities it brings. To book a place and for more information please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 02920 261832. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in coming along.

Fusion Dance Show

On Thursday 30th January at 6pm, Howell's will present its first dance show, Dance Fusion, in The Warehouse venue on Trade Street, Cardiff, CF10 5DT. Involving over 60 Senior School students, the evening will showcase a wide variety of dance styles. Tickets, costing £10 for adults (which includes a glass of bubbly in the interval), and £5 for school children (which includes a soft drink), are now available from Senior School Reception. At the event, doors will be open from 5.30pm and the café will be open if you wish to buy refreshments before the show.

Save the Date: Spring Concert

This year's Spring Concert takes place on Thursday 26th March at 6pm. It promises to be a very special musical evening, culminating in a performance of Faure's beautiful *Requiem*. The following groups will be taking part: all Year 7 students, Senior Orchestra, Senior Choir, College Choir, Flute Group, Senior Jazz and the Performing Arts Group. Please do keep the date free; further information regarding tickets will be available in February.

I hope you all enjoy the bright winter days that are forecast for this weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for another productive week.

Sally Davis, Principal