

HONOURS@HOWELL'S

2019-2020

Who?

- Academic and General Scholarship holders
- HSBC Scholarship holders
- Students awarded a Music, Drama, Art, Product Design or Sport Scholarship
- Honorary Scholars who achieved a significant number of A*s or 8/9 at GCSE level

Why?

- recognise individual achievement and potential
- identify the top students in the College
- publicise these students to staff so that they are challenged to do their best
- provide and promote opportunities that motivate and encourage students to be aspirational

ALUMNAE SCHOLARS

Rosie Thomas
Reading PPE at
Oxford University

“ The Honours Programme at Howell's allowed Rosie to pursue academic interests outside of the classroom and to extend her passion for learning. ”



Katie Jenkins
Studying Composition at
The Juilliard School, New York

“ Katie was a keen participant in the Honours Programme at Howell's. She recognised the importance of networking and continually challenging herself in order to reach her full potential. ”



GDST Prizes and Scholarships

As well as funding financial scholarships and our Honours Programme, the GDST provide a wealth of opportunities for ambitious and talented students. The following prizes and scholarships are some of those available from the GDST.

Somerville and Gurney Award	An essay based examination for all scholars in Year 12
Johnston Memorial Scholarship	For Year 13 students intending to read Law at university
Frederica Lord University Scholarship	For Year 13 students pursuing a recognised course of academic study at one of the universities specified by the founder
Nomura GDST Scholarship	An opportunity for Year 13 students to win a scholarship and secure a place on Nomura's highly competitive two-week immersion programme

Academic, General and Honorary Scholars' Programme

In addition to the Howell's Lecture Programme, which is open to all Co-ed College students, Academic Scholars follow an additional programme of fortnightly sessions designed to develop intellectual character, critical thinking and reasoning skills and challenge them across a range of subject areas.

They are also encouraged to enter academic competitions and attend outreach events at local universities to enhance their super-curricular portfolio.

Additionally, termly opportunities to participate in HotchPotch@Howell's activities with the Prep School girls allow students to develop leadership and communication skills and share their passion for learning with younger students.



Art Scholars' Programme

Students are encouraged to visit exhibitions and galleries both locally and further afield. We highly recommend that the students attend one of the local life drawing classes to enhance their drawing skills. They also have the opportunity of working with the younger students through our clubs. Dedicated extra study/tuition sessions are available for Art Scholars. Students are also encouraged to contribute to the set designs for the school's drama productions. This year it's *The Wizard of Oz*. We have an established link with Cardiff Metropolitan University with lecturers coming into school annually to talk to students about portfolios, personal statements, courses for further education and careers in the creative arts.

Drama Scholars' Programme

The Drama Scholars' Programme provides opportunities for the students to develop their individual talents as well as improving and enhancing their creative and collaborative skills.

We have strong links with the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and students are encouraged to watch rehearsals of current productions. This allows a wonderful opportunity to evaluate the process of rehearsing and has an informative impact on their own practical work.

All Drama students want to perform! There are opportunities to showcase their talents in the annual School Play, the Sixth Form Performance Evening as well as directing younger students in the House Pantomime Competition. We are also fortunate to have specialised teachers who organise and coordinate a series of LAMDA lessons which focus even further on the development of specific and vital performance skills.



Music Scholars' Programme

We are proud to offer our Music Scholars the opportunity to perform and further their musicianship through attending a variety of ensembles led by very experienced music staff and participating in our extra-curricular programme.

A busy schedule of high calibre concerts at prestigious venues are arranged annually. Students are encouraged to take part in competition (performing and composing), attend concerts in the city's many venues and are regularly advised of relevant master classes/lectures that are being held. The department has close links with Cardiff University Music Department and the Royal Welsh College of Music.

The Music Scholars' Programme is designed to further extend our students' knowledge and passion for the subject, to have as much experience in performing and composing as possible.



Sports Scholars' Programme

Our Sports Scholars' Development Programme is designed to equip our students with the knowledge, understanding and ability to sustain a long, healthy, prosperous career as an athlete in a highly demanding and competitive industry. The programme involves the psychological, emotional and physical development of our athletes.

We are proud to offer our students expert coaching and advice through organised activities and visiting key speakers. All students receive one to one mentoring. Sports Scholars are expected to join school teams, participate in House events and work with younger students as role models.

Product Design Scholars' Programme

Product Design Scholars are mentored by the Head of Department. They are given opportunities to meet and discuss the areas of design and products that inspire them. Independent tutorials are used to consolidate ways to develop their skills. Opportunities are arranged for scholars to lead on developing the design skills of younger students. There are dedicated extra study/tuition sessions available for students to attend where personalised advice and guidance is given.

Students are encouraged to contribute to the prop and set designs for the school's drama productions.



Our students are ambitious, aiming for prestigious courses, universities and careers. Support and guidance is provided by our specialists including mock interviews and audition practice, careers specialist interviews and a personalised programme for UCAS applications to ensure our students are accepted at top national and international universities. Whatever your ambition, we will help you be the best you can be.

Oxbridge

A number of Honours Students will want to take advantage of our Oxbridge programme. We organise presentations from both Cambridge and Oxford, including a visit to the Oxbridge Student Conference in the Spring Term. In addition, students will receive information regarding the Trust Oxbridge conference held in the Summer Term and our Oxbridge co-ordinator arranges mentors to support students with their applications.

Congratulations to Honours students who have taken up the following places for 2019:

- **Dag Y** –
Oxford,
PPE
- **Claudia M** –
Oxford,
Medicine
- **Olivia G** –
Cambridge,
Natural Sciences
- **Hanya E** –
Oxford,
Medicine



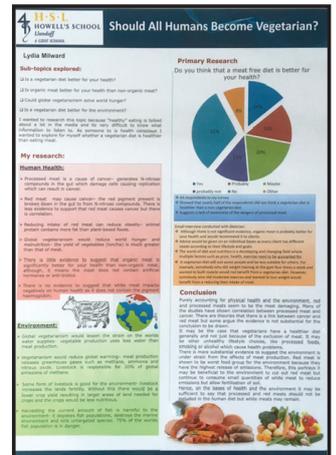
Critical Thinking and Extended Project

In **Critical Thinking** students learn how to construct effective arguments and how to identify flaws in reasoning, our own as well as others. The aim of the course is to encourage a creative, open-minded and flexible approach to thinking.

The **Extended Project** is an opportunity for motivated students to design and carry out a research project of their own choice. A successful project allows students to demonstrate that they are creative learners with the ability to research, think critically and evaluate evidence to an advanced level, independently.

Examples of Previous Projects

- Should all humans become vegetarian?
- CRISPR/CAS9 Gene Editing
- Investigating the impact of sports psychologists on performance.



FutureLearn and Online Courses

These free opportunities to pursue learning at undergraduate level may be of interest to scholars. FutureLearn, in particular, is an excellent online social learning opportunity with some of the top Russell Group universities. For those looking to challenge themselves and demonstrate engagement with learning beyond the classroom, this is an excellent way forward.



Debating and Public Speaking

The best students learn how to debate! As well as being fun, students who participate in debating are often better prepared for demanding interviews. Our debating teams have been very successful taking part in a number of prestigious competitions including:

- The Wales Schools' Debating Competition
- Oxford Debating Competition
- Cambridge Debating



The Laureate Programme



All Scholars are expected to pursue a Laureate. The Laureates fall into five categories:

Academic Excellence • **Design and Artistic Excellence** • **Dramatic Excellence** • **Musical Excellence** • **Sporting Excellence**

Involved in each laureate is a common core of experiences: **Leadership, Creativity, Enrichment, Contribution, Excellence**

Successful students will receive a certificate and a letter from the Principal. The Laureate is included in all references and Prizegiving.