

A View FROM THE TOP



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The Principal's Update

A very warm welcome to this week's *View from the Top*. I hope you all had a wonderful time over the half term holiday and were able to enjoy time with your families. We were so lucky to have some bright, crisp autumn days during the first week, before the firebreak lockdown began. It has been quieter than usual in Howell's corridors this week as we have only welcomed Years 7 and 8 back into Senior School. I have really missed seeing Years 9 to Year 13, who have been working from home this week, and hope they have enjoyed their week of Guided Home Learning. Many thanks to all students, staff and parents for yet again adapting to the changes so well. I have had some excellent reports of how well the live lessons have been running, and how smoothly the students made the switch to learning from home. I will, however, be delighted to have them back next week,



The week began with my first live-streamed assembly which was on the theme of uncertainty and at this moment in time I know things are uncertain for all of us, so I hope everyone found it useful.

Yesterday morning, Mrs Darnton led a moving Remembrance Day assembly in the Sports Hall for Years 7 and 8, which Years 9-13 attended virtually this morning. [Click here](#) to watch this very special and important assembly.

French Friendships

Year 10 French students have been writing about friendship as part of their topic on young people and youth culture. [Click here](#) for more information.

Season of mists and mellow poetry

This week, Mrs Richards began Year 10 and Year 11 English lessons with a seasonal poetry starter activity, challenging the students to create a snapshot in just five minutes. [Click here](#) for more information.

Limitless Learning

Limitless Learning 2020-21 is a new GDST programme linking together students in Years 10-13. It offers a range of career forums with panel members from across each sector, giving exposure to those on the panels and clarity and definition to career options. We have committed our participation at Howell's and each student can register by [clicking here](#).

Careers in VFX, Animation and Games

This November [Escape Studios](#) are partnering with Access VFX to bring you Access VFX Meet The Industry – a series of virtual events to help 15 - 18 year olds understand more about careers in VFX, Animation and Games. [Click here](#) for more information.

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The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Webinar

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is hosting a webinar for students who are interested in finding out more about being a female officer in the British Army. [Click here](#) to express interest.

National Theatre Career Courses

If students are considering a career in the creative industries/performing arts, the following opportunities might be of interest:

16-21: How to be a Producer

This free course for 16-21-year-olds will be delivered online via Zoom. Students must be available for all the course dates and times to take part. [Click here](#) for full details and to apply.

14 - 18 Young Technicians 2021

This free course for 14-18-year-olds will be delivered online via Zoom. Students must be available for all the course dates and times to take part. [Click here](#) for full details and to apply.

Medic Mentor

For students interested in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science an organisation called Medic Mentor has joined with the University of Birmingham to offer free, live work experience sessions on some Saturdays over the next few months. [Click here](#) for more information.

Fighting Disease with Mathematics

We are delighted to share information about an event, 'Fighting disease with Mathematics', at the University of Birmingham. The lecture is open to all members of public and is particularly suitable for those studying mathematics at A level but they also welcome advanced GCSE students. [Click here](#) to register to attend.

Career Quiz

Many students are thinking about their future career paths and wondering how their skills may be used in a different way. [Click here](#) to take a quiz which offers some good insights.

Youth Climate Summit

Many students have an interest in global issues, and we believe that future job opportunities will be very much in this sector. [Click here](#) to sign up for the Youth Climate Summit.

Year 11 To Meet the Young Leaders

Life in our Co-Ed College is very different from Senior School – new students join, students are given more independence and they also have to start thinking about what they want to do after leaving school. We are aware that our current Year 11 students do not have the chance to meet the older students in school at the moment, and we know how important it is for them to get to know a bit more about life in the Co-ed College. We are running two Q&A sessions—one at break on Monday 9th November in the dining room. Due to social distancing we will stream a video link with Young Leaders. For students who are unable to make that meeting or have any further questions there will be another meeting held on Teams on Wednesday 11th November. For more information, please contact Chrissie Hall-Davies by emailing chrissie.hall-davis@how.qdst.net.

Virtual Senior School Open Day

On Tuesday 10th November we will be holding a Virtual Open Morning for prospective Year 7 students and parents. On the day, our virtual Open Day web page will include new video content and we will be holding a Zoom call for parents from 10am until 11am. During the call, parents will find out about how we settle students into the Senior School and information will be shared about the extracurricular offer including Music and PE. Finally, our Head of Digital Learning will talk through how we are leveraging information technology for teaching and communicating with students during this unprecedented time. There will also be time set aside for questions. For further information about the Open Morning please email admissions@how.qdst.net. Please do pass the information on to anyone you think might be interested in attending.

Children in Need Pyjama Day

Next Friday, 13th November we will be holding a Pyjama Day in support of Children in Need. Thank you so much to everyone who has made a donation through the JustGiving pages already, so far we have raised an amazing £2239 for our four chosen charities for this year. Don't worry if you haven't donated yet, it's not too late, you can still make your donation by following the link for your house below:

- **Trotter** – [click here to donate](#)
- **Kendall** – [click here to donate](#)
- **Baldwin** – [click here to donate](#)
- **Lewis** – [click here to donate](#)

Co-ed College Scholarship Examination

Our Co-Ed College academic scholarship examination for students in Year 11 will take place on Monday 16th November from 4pm to 6pm. Please contact Chrissie Hall-Davis for further details on 029 2026 1832 or by email at admissions@how.gdst.net. If you know of anyone interested in applying for a scholarship do pass on the details.

I hope the sun continues to shine over the weekend and I look forward to welcoming all students and staff back on Monday.

Sally Davis, Principal