

# A View FROM THE TOP



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## The Principal's Update

I really don't know how we have reached the end of the second week of the Autumn Term, it seems to have gone by incredibly quickly. I do hope students and staff are settling well into the new term. It has been wonderful that so many clubs have started back this week; I have particularly enjoyed hearing lovely music coming from various musical groups in the octagon at lunchtimes and after school.



I have heard from Mrs Rees and Mr Ralph that rehearsals for our forthcoming production of *Alice* are going extremely well and the play is coming together nicely. The Product Design department has certainly been kept busy this week, beginning the process of creating some of the weird and wonderful set and props to make our very own Wonderland.

### Fresh Eyes on Food

Today, I took assembly on healthy eating and asked students for their views on various matters. It's the start of a dialogue that I will update you on next week.

### Masterclass with multi-award winning composer and producer and Howell's alumna, Katie Jenkins

This afternoon, we were lucky to be joined virtually by multi-award winning composer and producer and Howell's alumna, Katie Jenkins (Class of 2018), who led a fantastic online masterclass in composition for GCSE and A level music students both from Howell's and other GDST schools. Katie is now based in New York, where she works with some of the best musicians in the world, and is a Teaching Fellow at the Juilliard School. Thank you so much for joining us, Katie, and inspiring our composers and musicians of the future. [Click here](#) to find out more about Katie's work.

### Languages Week Menu

Next week we are celebrating Languages Week and our Catering Team has created a very special lunch menu for the week. [Click here](#) to see the menu.

### Face Masks

In order to keep our community as safe as possible, it would be enormously helpful if parents could wear face masks when on the school site.

### Musical Successes

Many congratulations to College and Senior School students who have done so well in their recent music examinations. [Click here](#) for more information.

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### **Ballet Success for Alexandra**

We were delighted to hear that Year 7's Alexandra P has successfully auditioned for a place on both the Mid Associate Programme for Ballet Cymru and London Studio Centre Associates West Midlands Programme for 2012/22. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Elizabeth's Tennis Selection**

Many congratulations to talented tennis player Elizabeth E (Year 9) who has been selected to represent Wales in the under 14s category at the annual 'Home Nations' against Scotland, England and Ireland. This is the second time Elizabeth has been selected, she previously played in the under 12 category when they won the event. Well done and good luck, Elizabeth.

### **A visit from Olympic Medal Winning Hockey player, Sarah Jones**

It was a very exciting start to the week on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September when we welcomed Olympic medal winning hockey player and Howell's alumna, Sarah Jones, back to school following her and her team's tremendous success in Tokyo over the summer. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **An Afternoon Tea in Aid of Marie Curie raises over £7,000**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, it was a pleasure to host an Afternoon Tea in Aid of Marie Curie at Howell's. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Gold Ribbon Pin Badges**

The charity prefects will be selling gold ribbon pin badges for a suggested donation of £1 each at break and lunch time next Tuesday in the Day Room. They are being sold in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and will help fund world-class research into the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and consequences - including late effects - of childhood cancers.

### **Co-Ed College Open Evening**

Our Co-Ed College Open Evening will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 3.45pm until 6.30pm. To start the evening, Mrs Davis will give a presentation and then, while the students attend four taster lessons, parents are invited to a carousel with presentations on Careers & UCAS, the Extended Project Qualification and Stretch & Challenge, the Laureate and Extracurricular Programmes as well as Alumni Relations. It will be a fast-paced, interesting evening for everyone, and is open to our current Year 11 students as well as students at other schools. For more information, please email [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 02920 261832. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in coming along.

### **InvestIn Career Experience Programme**

InvestIn is delighted to announce the launch of their [autumn term career experience programmes](#), which your students can register for now. The programmes empower students aged 12-18 to take charge of their futures through live, interactive and hands-on sessions with top professionals. Students can choose from 28 careers and attend either in-person across 5 UK cities or live online. There is a 10% for Howell's students if the code HOWELLS10 is quoted.

### **Rate My Apprenticeship Virtual Event**

Rate My Apprenticeship is holding a Virtual event 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. Featuring 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK, this is a great opportunity to find out more about companies such as Aldi, Deloitte, Vodafone + more. [Click here](#) for more information. Spaces are limited, so register soon to avoid missing out.

I hope the sun continues to shine over the weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday which marks the start of Languages Week.

**Sally Davis, Principal**