

# Virtual View FROM THE TOP



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## The Principal's Update

It has been a tremendous week at Howell's and, following the Welsh government's announcement at the beginning of the week, I am delighted that we will be able to welcome all students physically back into school before Easter. We are currently working on the plans to bring students and staff back into school as safely as possible and will be sending out separate communications about this in the coming days.



On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March and in celebration of St David's Day, we held our first ever virtual Eisteddfod. It was a particularly special occasion as it was the 90<sup>th</sup> Eisteddfod held at Howell's, and although we could not all be together in person, we were united with our celebration of music, poetry and song. We were most definitely *gyda'n gilydd ond ar wahân* (together but apart)! Many congratulations to everyone who participated, in particular Lewis who was the overall winning House. [Click here](#) for more information.

I was delighted that over thirty families joined us for our Virtual Senior School Open Afternoon Zoom call on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. During the call, families had the opportunity to find out more about the academic offer as well as the extracurricular opportunities available. I very much hope they will consider applying to join our Senior School. Many thanks to Mrs Hall-Davis and all the staff who participated in the afternoon which was a great success.

### The Chairing of the Bard

The tradition of the Chairing of the Bard is one of the most important parts of any Eisteddfod, and at Howell's we look forward to this part of the celebration every year. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Eisteddfod Subject Challenges

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Eisteddfod subject challenges this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

### ICYD Debating Success

Many congratulations to the Year 10 students who took part in the recent ICYD Debate and did extremely well. Amy and Edie make some strong points when debating and it was Edie's first competition. Connie and Nayana are getting better and better with every competition in which they participate. Very well done, girls.

### Sosban Fach

As part of our Eisteddfod celebrations we shared our fantastic virtual performance of the classic Welsh song Sosban Fach featuring students from the whole school and college community. [Click here](#) to watch the performance.

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### **World Book Day**

Yesterday, was World Book Day and the teachers in the English Department were excited to launch a call for book reviews to populate a new review page on Firefly. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Brilliant Bullet Journaling**

As well as writing a poem on dragons, Year 8 made bullet journals as part of their Eisteddfod work in English. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Eisteddfod Poetry**

Creative Crunch took a break this week for the Eisteddfod, but still the creativity didn't stop. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **French Poetry**

In the week running up to the half term holiday, Madame L's Year 7 class wrote some lovely poems about colours. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **The Masked Singer**

On Monday this week we launched our eagerly anticipated Masked Singer Competition. [Click here](#) for more information and to find out who was behind each mask.

### **Explore Book Club from University of Oxford**

Students who are missing browsing the Library and getting together at Book Club may be interested in the Explore Book Club from the University of Oxford. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Virtual Opportunities at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals**

Throughout the pandemic, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals have been really helpful in providing some excellent virtual opportunities for students who are interested in healthcare professions. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Passport to Medicine**

Please [click here](#) for information about the 'Passport to Medicine' produced by Cardiff University's School of Medicine.

### **InvestIN Summer Internships 2021 - The Ultimate Work Experience | Ages 12-18**

InvestIN is offering summer internships for students aged between 12 and 18. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Browne Jacobson Virtual Work Experience in Law – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Browne Jacobson is a top 50 law firm with offices all over the UK and revenues of £50million. These two days in the Easter holiday are going to provide students with a great insight into how a law firm works and makes money, the different departments they have, and an opportunity to talk with lots of different solicitors. [Click here](#) to register.

### **Hywelian Returns to a Virtual Howell's**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we are delighted that Howell's alumna, Lieutenant Frances Howes will be giving a talk for students virtually at 8.30am-9.00am. She will be talking about her time in the Royal Navy.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to another productive week starting on Monday, when we will be celebrating the extraordinary achievements of alumnae featured in our [Hywelian Wall of Fame](#) on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) as part of International Women's Day.

**Sally Davis, Principal**