

# Virtual View FROM THE TOP



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## The Principal's Update

This week, we have participated in the national School Diversity Week and have extended our celebrations to celebrate Diversity Fortnight at Howell's. Alongside our anti-bullying and safeguarding policies, taking part in School Diversity Week is an important way of actively supporting LGBT+ young people in our community and demonstrating our commitment to be an inclusive environment where every young person can be themselves and thrive. Do take a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see some of the activities that have taken place this week. On Monday, Mrs Chyba will be leading a special Diversity Fortnight Assembly, which I am sure students will find informative and helpful.



Assembly this week was led by a group of our new Young Leaders and volunteers from the Senior School. They talked eloquently and importantly about the Black Lives Matter movement which has been in the spotlight in recent weeks. [Click here](#) to watch this important assembly.

It has been a very busy week in Howell's as we have undertaken the final preparations for our ReConnect Weeks which start on Monday. Staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure the safety of all the students and staff who will be coming back. I hope you received the information that was sent out earlier this week, which you can also read by clicking on the links below. I have missed everyone so much over the past three months and am really looking forward to welcoming students and staff back to school over the next three weeks.

[Years 7 – 9 ReConnect Leaflet](#)  
[Year 10 ReConnect Leaflet](#)

On Tuesday, the lunchtime treat for our key worker children was a very special beach themed party. Students and staff enjoyed a tasty fish and chip lunch followed by some very welcome ice cream, and many wore clothes that were suitable for the seaside. I hope everyone enjoyed the party as much as I did; let's hope we will be able to feel the sand between our toes very soon.

### Howell's on S4C's Newyddion

On Monday we were visited by a camera crew from S4C's Newyddion programme. They interviewed Mr Smith and Mrs George about our Guided Home Learning provision, our plans for the ReConnect weeks and looking ahead to September. They also filmed our caretaking team setting up the Sports Hall. [Click here](#) to watch the programme.

### International Women In Engineering Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June was International Women in Engineering Day and it was fantastic to see some students and staff participate. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Reading Bingo!

Reading Bingo is well underway and there has been plenty of extra reading going on. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Special message for Years 7 and 8 from one of our English Prefects

English prefect Cerys D (Year 12) has sent a very special message to students in Years 7 and 8. [Click here](#) to read the message.

## House Photography Competition

We are very pleased to announce the results of our first ever virtual House Photography Competition. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Year 11 Careers Update

Your daughter may have been working towards organising work experience from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This challenging situation with Covid-19 and ongoing lock-down in both England and Wales, mean that all work experience across the GDST schools is not going ahead this year.

As companies adjust, there have been examples of virtual work experience appearing and Mrs House has emailed them to Year 11 students and put them on the work experience pages of Firefly, which is updated as information arrives. [Click here](#) for more information.

Discussion at the GDST Careers Conference yesterday revealed that university admissions will be well aware of the impact of the pandemic on this cohort of students. In personal statements and interviews, they will be looking for students to demonstrate their transferable skills. Examples include any voluntary or supportive help for family, neighbours, or the community at large. Students should also reflect upon their resilience and adaptability and continue to research their career path through reading, research, watching documentaries and TED talks.

## Virtual Open Day – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Following the success of our first ever Virtual Open Day a few weeks ago, we will be holding another one on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Visitors will be able to find out more about what a Howell's education has to offer and we can arrange a Zoom chat with me and other members of the Leadership Team. For more information and to book a place please email [Admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:Admissions@how.gdst.net) and please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in visiting Howell's.

## Year 7 Welcome Day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Our Welcome Day for new Year 7 students will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. For more information please email [Admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:Admissions@how.gdst.net).

I hope you have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to welcoming Year 7 back to Howell's on Monday for their ReConnect Week.

**Sally Davis, Principal**