

# A View FROM THE TOP



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## The Principal's Update

A very warm welcome to my first *View from the Top* of the Term. I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely break over the Easter holiday and had the opportunity to take advantage of the glorious weather we had, particularly during the first week.

I have absolutely loved seeing all students return to school fully this week. As the sun shone over Howell's on Monday, it was lovely to see and hear everyone's excitement as they walked through the doors. As ever, both students and staff have adapted brilliantly to the systems we have put in place to keep everyone safe. I really do hope that everyone has enjoyed being back in school as much as I have enjoyed seeing them. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make the return to school go so smoothly.



I was saddened to hear about the death of the Duke of Edinburgh last week. Many Howell's students have participated in and continue to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme which helps them to develop skills, experience, confidence and resilience. The theme of this morning's Senior School Assembly was "Challenge", during which I talked about this fantastic scheme. We also heard from our current Head Girl, Frances D T who spoke eloquently about her experience of taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

### **Elizabeth accepted to play in the UK Youth National Tennis series**

Congratulations to Elizabeth E, Year 8, who has been accepted to play in the UK Youth National Tennis Series, as one of the top 36 players in the UK in her age group. Elizabeth is currently ranked 27th in the UK.

### **Speech and Drama exams success**

Many congratulations to all students who took their LAMDA examinations in school in March. Everyone achieved excellent results with distinction and high merit marks.

### **A Hair-Raising Experience**

This week, Year 7 have been learning all about static electricity in their Science lessons using the Van de Graaff generator. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Musical Achievement**

Big congratulations to Rania S (Year 10) who has passed her Grade 5 theory with distinction. Rania, a talented violinist and Music GCSE student, has produced her own information booklet to help other students learn music theory. Theory Club runs on Tuesdays after school in the Music Department for any students who would like to build on their knowledge of music theory.

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## Howell's Summer Puzzler Competition

Every Friday throughout this half term we will be releasing a set of thinking skills puzzles on Firefly. Students can submit answers through the link at the bottom of the page. Use this link to access this week's puzzles:

[Week 1 - 16th April — Howells School \(fireflycloud.net\)](#)

## GDST Talks

Andrew Hampton's talk, 'Helping Your Daughter to Navigate Friendships', will take place on Thursday 29th April at 6pm via Zoom. This event is suitable for parents with children in Year 3 to 13. To book your place, please click [here](#).

## Careers Update from PwC

There were several useful items in the latest careers update from PwC including some video recordings about what the business does and how to apply:

### Back to School

Did you miss our recent Back to School sessions? We've recorded some handy bite size sessions and uploaded them to our webpage. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Virtual Classroom

Our Virtual Classroom is back in April and May. These sessions will focus on supporting you to develop skills in resilience. [Click here](#) to learn more and sign up.

### Career Opportunities at PwC

We still have opportunities available if you are considering your next steps combining a full time, permanent role alongside a funded professional qualification. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Ambassador blog - Charlotte

When Charlotte joined PwC straight from school in September 2017, she was ready to jump straight into her career and the opportunities before her. [Click here](#) to read her blog.

### Applications tips & Employability Hub

Looking for resources to help you with your applications? Have a look at our [Employability Hub](#) for lots of application advice, hints and tips and practice tests, and our [PwC Professional](#) framework for more detail on what we look for in our people.

### Skills Sessions

Students in Years 10-13 can [join up here](#) to attend some skills sessions being promoted by PwC which will be online Tuesday 27th April and 11th May at 4.30pm.

## The Dorian Fisher Memorial Prize

Entries are now open for The Dorian Fisher Memorial Prize. The prize offers A level students a chance to demonstrate their interest in and knowledge of economics and be in with a chance to win a range of prizes. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Beauty and the Beast at the Wales Millennium Centre—Book tickets for Opening Night, Thursday 9th December

After the success of our evenings of theatre with *Les Misérables* and *Matilda* in previous years, we are delighted that once again, as part of our partnership with the Wales Millennium Centre, we will be returning to the Centre when the most enchanted musical of all time, *Beauty and the Beast*, comes to Cardiff in 2021. Spectacularly reimagined using the latest theatrical innovations, this beloved 'tale as old as time' will be brought to life on stage like never before. Disney first debuted *Beauty and the Beast* on Broadway 26 years ago and the original creative team have reunited on this new production that features all of the spellbinding music and lyrics of Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice.

Tickets are £75 per person, and we have an allocation of 150 tickets for opening night of this fantastic production. To book, please email Hannah Roberts in the Marketing Office on [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net)

### Prep School Open Days

We are delighted to be holding two Prep School Open Days this term, offering families the opportunity to book tours and find out more about what Howell's has to offer.

- Nursery - Year 2      Saturday 24th April    10am -1pm
- Year 3 – Year 6      Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May      10am - 1pm

We would be very grateful if you could pass on the information to anyone you think may be interested in attending. To book a visit, email [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net).

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I hope you all enjoy the lovely weather that has been forecast this weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

**Sally Davis, Principal**