

# A View FROM THE TOP



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## The Principal's Update

As the sun has shone over Howell's this week, I have been delighted to see the sunny, smiling faces of students throughout the Senior School and College as all assessments have come to an end. I hope they are now able to enjoy the last few weeks of term and the events that will be taking place.

This week, Year 11 students have started their ARCH programme which has been designed to challenge learners to develop the skills and dispositions necessary for A level success. Bridging the step up between KS4 and KS5, the programme offers a range of modules and masterclasses for students to choose from and I very much hope they have found the first week beneficial.



On Tuesday, it was wonderful to welcome ten families to Howell's for a Senior School Open Evening during which families had the opportunity to take tours with students in Year 12. As well as having the chance to look around Howell's, they had the chance to meet me, members of our leadership team and members of the marketing and admissions team. I hope everyone enjoyed their visit as much as I enjoyed meeting them. Thank you to Mrs Hall-Davis and everyone who made the evening such a success. A particular thanks to the Year 12 students whose tours were tremendous; they were fantastic advocates for Howell's.

At lunchtimes and after school this week, auditions have been taking place for the production of *Alice*, which will be performed in the autumn term. Mrs Rees, Mr Ralph and Mr Cheeke have been enormously impressed by the standard of the auditions and have a difficult task ahead allocating the roles. The audition call backs will begin next week.

Today, it has been wonderful to celebrate Sports Day in true Howell's style and this year there was a real sense of occasion and excitement. The day began with socially distanced parades followed by athletics competitions coupled with numerous fun activities for all including an egg and spoon race, space hopper races and the ever-popular welly wang. Welsh Target Shooting also joined us and offered socially distanced rifle shooting in the Sports Hall. I am enormously grateful to Mrs Crawford, the PE Department, and everyone involved in this truly memorable day. Many congratulations to every student who took part and in particular Lewis, the winning House on the day.

### Senior School Zoom Meetings

I will be holding the following Zoom meetings for parents and students to discuss plans going forward for each year group at Howell's:

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- Year 7 - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 5.00pm
  - Year 8 - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 5.30pm
  - Year 9 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 5.00pm
  - Year 10 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 5.30pm

Joining details will be sent by email on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Congratulations Mrs Crawford**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Crawford, our Director of Sport, has been appointed Trust Consultant Teacher for Sport and PE for the GDST, a role she will fulfil alongside her position at Howell's for a fixed period of two years. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Diversity Days for Years 8 and 9**

Following the completion of their assessments, Years 8 and 9 took part in Diversity Days on Monday and Tuesday this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Female Empowerment**

This week, Year 13 students Olivia G and Ruby J along with alumna Chloe Smith, led fantastic sessions on female empowerment for Senior School students. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Self Defence in the Senior School**

It has been wonderful to warmly welcome back alumna Eira Culverwell from Resolve It this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 7 dip their toes into the World of Work**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, dressed in their smartest work attire, students in Year 7 explored various career options at their World of Work Day which took place in the library. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Prep and Senior School students enjoy a busy day of cricket fixtures**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Years 5, 6 and 9 enjoyed a busy day of cricket fixtures. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **British Physics Olympiad Junior Challenge 2021**

Before half term, Year 10 took part in the British Physics Olympiad Junior Challenge 2021. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Keziah shortlisted to present at The Big Bang Competition Awards**

Exciting news for Keziah E, Year 9, who has been shortlisted to give a 15-min presentation at The Big Bang Competition Awards as part of the National Engineering Challenge.

### **Sarah Jones to represent Team GB at the Olympics**

We were delighted to hear that Howell's alumna Sarah Jones (Class of 2008) will be representing Team GB in the 32<sup>d</sup> Olympic Games in Tokyo in the summer. Sarah is a Welsh international field hockey player who plays as a midfielder for Wales and Great Britain. She represented Wales at the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games and made her international debut for Great Britain on 17 November 2018 v China. We wish Sarah and her team the very best of luck at the Olympics and look forward to following their progress.

### **Entrepreneurship Insight Event**

Bromley High School is hosting a virtual 'Entrepreneurship Insight Event' which will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June via Zoom for students from Years 9 - 13, and their parents. The event will start at 19.00 and finish at 20.45. The event will run with keynote speakers experienced in their field as well as a Q/A session. If members of your family will be attending using the same device, you only need to sign up for one ticket. [Click here](#) to sign up for free tickets.

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## Remembering Martha

We are very much looking forward to the various events taking place next week in memory of Martha Pugh.

- Disney Dress Up in the Senior School and College — Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Walking the equivalent height of Pen-y-Fan around the school grounds, Nursery to Year 12 — Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- A cupcake sale to raise money for LATCH, the Welsh Children's Cancer Charity—Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Parents are invited to make a donation to the Martha Bursary Award, which can be done by [clicking here](#). The Martha Bursary Award was set up in Martha's memory to ensure that a student whose family are unable to pay the schools fees can benefit from an education at the school that Martha loved so much. Martha was someone who saw the best in everyone and the fun in everything, a quality we celebrate at Howell's.

A date for your diaries, next term we will be holding a Champions' Dinner to raise money for the Martha Bursary Award on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 with Top Gear presenter Chris Harris. Tickets will go on sale in September.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another action packed and fun filled week starting on Monday.

**Sally Davis, Principal**