

# A View FROM THE TOP



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

## The Principal's Update

The last full week of the Summer Term has been a very happy one at Howell's and there has been a feeling of celebration in the air. Last night we said goodbye and good luck to the Howell's Class of 2021 at their end of term Prom; I can't tell you how proud I am of this group of young people. They have had an extraordinary time since they started life in our Co-Ed College in September 2019 and have demonstrated such determination and resilience in unsettling times. I know each and every one of them has a bright future ahead and I look forward to seeing them at Prizegiving in September and at Hywelian events in the future.



Empowerment has been at the forefront for Years 9 and 10 this week as both year groups have taken part in Empowerment Days. They have undertaken numerous activities including self-defence workshops with Resolve It, and Year 13 students Olivia G and Ruby J with support from alumna Chloe Smith, led fantastic sessions on female empowerment. I hope students found the sessions enjoyable and beneficial.

I was delighted to hear that the NACE assessment day which took place on Tuesday was a huge success. We received some fantastic feedback on our many strengths, left the assessor hugely impressed and were successful in having our challenge award re-accredited for the next three years. Many thanks to Mrs Harrison-Hughes, Mrs Thomas and everyone who made the day such a success.

I am delighted to tell you that Rachel Eling has been appointed as our new Director of Marketing and Communications, a role she will take on from September. Rachel has been an integral part of the Marketing and Communications Team for several years and I know will thrive in and relish her new role. Many congratulations, Rachel.

### Colour Run

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July the whole school, from Nursery to College, will be taking part in the Colour Run. The event is part of a celebration day when we will also be hosting 'All the Fun of the Fair' in the Principal's Garden. Students should wear old clothes or something comfortable to wear that they are happy to get powder paint on. It will wash out but may leave some staining hence the recommendation that students wear older clothes. They should also bring a white T-shirt and a plastic bag to place their T-shirt in after the run. Goggles are advised to protect the eyes. It should be a fun and colourful community event.

### Remembering Martha

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June were very special days in Howell's as we remembered Martha Pugh in many different ways. [Click here](#) for more information.

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### **Final Library Lesson for Year 7**

It was the final Library lesson of the academic year for 7S on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 7 HotchPotch Challenge**

Year 7 had enormous fun on Tuesday afternoon taking part in 'HotchPotch' along with students from Years 4, 5 and 6. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 10 Empowerment Day**

It has been wonderful to welcome back alumna Eira Culverwell from Resolve It again this week as part of Year 10's Empowerment Day. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 10 Celebration Tea**

On Thursday 1st July, Mrs Davis was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Year 10 students. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Debating News**

The GDST Senior Debating Tournament takes place this Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Good luck to all the competitors.

### **Virtual Summer Concert**

The Virtual Summer Concert will be released at 8pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. I have been lucky enough to hear snippets of the rehearsals, so I know we are in for a real musical treat. Congratulations to everyone involved.

### **LCM Exam Success**

London College of Music (LCM) Musical Theatre exams took place in the Howell's Music department last month. The results are outstanding; 100% of the candidates achieved either a merit or distinction. Special congratulations go to Mehek, Sommer and Caitlin (Year 11) who achieved their Grade 8 Musical Theatre. Congratulations all!

### **Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Orchestra**

The CCVG Youth Orchestra is currently holding auditions for new members to join in September. Any students who are Grade 6+ should consider joining; it's a fantastic opportunity to play in a symphony orchestra and develop repertoire. Students should email [ccvgyoa@gmail.com](mailto:ccvgyoa@gmail.com) to request an audition.

### **InvestIn's Summer Writing Challenge**

To celebrate National Writing Day, InvestIn is calling on students aged 12-18 to enter their '*Writing to Reflect*' competition. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Words for Work Virtual Internship**

Cleary Gottlieb's week-long Words for Work virtual internship will provide students with a unique insight into working in an international law firm, meeting people from across the company. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Free Virtual Work Experience Webinars**

Are students in Years 10-13 interested in a free virtual work experience week July 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>? Webinars will be directed at marketing & sales, engineering, IT and digital and students can participate from home during the summer holidays. All registered participants will receive a certificate at the end of the programme. The sign-up process is simple and students can do so [here](#).

I am very much looking forward to this evening's Year 11 Prom and hope you all have a lovely weekend.

**Sally Davis, Principal**