

A View FROM THE TOP



Friday 25th June 2021

The Principal's Update

Howell's has been full of colour and rainbows this week as we have taken part in and celebrated national School Diversity Week. Organised by *Just Like Us*, School Diversity Week is a fantastic way to help make Howell's a safer, happier and more welcoming place for all. Numerous activities have taken place throughout the week in the Senior School including assemblies with Just Like Us, a diversity hero competition for Year 7, a Pride Hall of Fame competition, a rainbow nail bar for Year 10 and a celebration of Rainbow Day on Thursday.



I have loved seeing the display go up in the Day Room throughout the week sharing the terrific work that students have been doing. Do take a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photographs from the week. Many thanks to Mrs Chyba and all the students and staff who have made the week such a success. [Click here](#) to read an article from Wales Online in which Mrs Chyba talks about what Howell's has been doing during School Diversity Week.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week the doors to the Great Hall were closed while the filming of the Virtual Summer Concert took place. I am so lucky that my office is a stone's throw from the Great Hall and I have been fortunate to hear snippets of the musical items, so I know we are in for a treat when the concert is released during the last week of term.

This week, groups of intrepid Year 10 students set off on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition, packs on their backs and smiles on their faces. I hope they all enjoyed the experience.

Today has been an extremely special day at Howell's as we have remembered Martha Pugh in many ways. Students and staff have donned ears, tails, and even full costumes for Disney Day and it has been wonderful to see such a colourful display of outfits throughout the Senior School and College, which Martha would have loved. Students from Nursery to Year 12 walked the equivalent height of Pen-y-Fan around Howell's grounds. I am so grateful to our amazing parents, staff and students who have made a donation to the Martha Bursary Award online. Over £3,000 has been raised so far which is absolutely amazing and demonstrates what a special and generous community we have at Howell's, thank you so much! If you haven't made a donation as yet but would like to do so, [click here](#). Cupcake sales also took place to raise funds for LATCH so thank you to the students who organised the sale and to everyone who purchased cakes. A very big thank you to Martha's friends in Year 12, her parents Bec and Paul, her little sister Maud and to everyone who made the day so special. Look out for a full write up and photographs next week.

RAP Project

On Wednesday 23rd June, Year 10 listened to presenters from the RAP Project (Raising Awareness and Prevention). [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 10 Celebration Tea

Mrs Davis thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Year 10 students to a Celebration Tea in the Board Room on Thursday 24th June. [Click here](#) for more information.

Speech and Drama Exam Success

Many Congratulations to all the students who took their LAMDA examinations in school on 15th May. All the girls again achieved excellent result with every student awarded a distinction in the Senior School. They should be especially proud of their results as they had worked towards these exams during lockdowns.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

There will be an appointment-only second-hand uniform sale held in the Hub on Wednesday, 7th July. To book an appointment to come to the sale, please email Mrs Eling on R.Eling@how.gdst.net.

We would be very grateful for any donations of uniform. If you have uniform your daughter has outgrown, bagged donations can be brought into school and left in the bandstand in the main school car park. All donations will be quarantined before the sale.

GDST Talks

GDST Talks 2020/2021 concluded this week with Lorraine Candy in conversation with our CEO Cheryl Giovannoni about how to support your teen daughter to manage post-covid freedom this summer. The recording is now available [here](#).

They will return in the autumn with a series of podcasts, and would welcome your ideas and feedback, which you can share with us [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Davis, Principal