



# The Principal's Update

A very warm welcome to this week's *College Comms*. I hope you all had a wonderful time over the half term holiday and were able to enjoy time with your families. We were so lucky to have some bright, crisp autumn days during the first week, before the firebreak lockdown began. It has been quieter than usual in Howell's corridors this week as we have only welcomed Years 7 and 8 back into the Senior School. I have really missed seeing Years 12 and 13, who have been working from home this week, and hope they have enjoyed their week of Guided Home Learning. Many thanks to all students, staff and parents for yet again adapting to the changes so well. I have had some excellent reports of how well the live lessons have been running, and how smoothly the students made the switch to learning from home. I will, however, be delighted to have them back next week,



The week began with my first live-streamed assembly which was on the theme of uncertainty and at this moment in time I know things are uncertain for all of us, so I hope everyone found it useful.

Mrs Darnton led a moving Remembrance Day assembly which College students attended virtually this morning. [Click here](#) to watch this very special and important assembly.

## **Will raises funds for Huggard Centre**

We were delighted to hear that Will L, Year 12, has raised £200 for the Huggard Centre by selling logs as firewood from his garden. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Libby selected to join the Volleyball England Talent Pathway**

Congratulations to Year 12's Libby R, who has been selected to join the Volleyball England Talent Pathway for the next 12 months. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Senior UKMT Mathematics Challenge**

This week Year 12 Mathematics students have taken part in the Senior UKMT Mathematics Challenge. This is an individual challenge that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Senior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think and promote a love of problem solving. We look forward to receiving their results in early December.

## **Limitless Learning**

Limitless Learning 2020-21 is a new GDST programme linking together students in Years 10-13. It offers a range of career forums with panel members from across each sector giving exposure to those on the panels and clarity and definition to career options. We have committed our participation at Howell's and each student can register by [clicking here](#).

## Careers in VFX, Animation and Games

This November [Escape Studios](#) are partnering with Access VFX to bring you Access: VFX Meet The Industry – a series of virtual events to help 15 - 18 year olds understand more about careers in VFX, Animation and Games. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Oxbridge Interview Preparation Day

It was wonderful to see so many of this year's Oxbridge applicants attending the GDST interview preparation day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The online Zoom conference was led by GDST Oxbridge On-Track coordinator, Karen Kimura, and our own Oxbridge Coordinator, Mrs Harrison-Hughes, and with over 100 attendees from across the GDST, working together in subject-focussed and mixed-subject breakout rooms practising valuable Oxbridge interview skills, there were lots of opportunities to meet a range of Oxbridge applicants from across the GDST. We wish all our Oxbridge applicants the best of luck as the interview season approaches.

## Considering a career in Healthcare?

The UK's leading event for aspiring and current healthcare professionals returns on Saturday 7th November 2020 virtually. [Click here](#) for full details and to register.

## RPC Virtual Open Day

RPC, a modern, progressive and commercial law firm, is hosting a virtual open day on 19th November 2020 at 4.00pm for Year 13 students who have an interest in apprenticeships and working in law. [Click here](#) to apply to attend the open day.

## The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Webinar

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is hosting a webinar for students who are interested in finding out more about being a female officer in the British Army. [Click here](#) to express interest.

## National Theatre Career Courses

If students are considering a career in the creative industries/performing arts, the following opportunities might be of interest:

### 16-21: How to be a Producer

This free course for 16-21-year-olds will be delivered online via Zoom. Students must be available for all the course dates and times to take part. [Click here](#) for full details and to apply.

### 14 - 18 Young Technicians 2021

This free course for 14-18-year-olds will be delivered online via Zoom. Students must be available for all the course dates and times to take part. [Click here](#) for full details and to apply.

## Careers in the Creative Arts

UCAS is running an event for students interested in applying for courses or looking to develop a career in the creative arts. [Click here](#) for full details and to register.

## Medic Mentor

For students interested in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science an organisation called Medic Mentor have joined with the University of Birmingham to offer free, live work experience sessions on some Saturdays over the next few months. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Fighting Disease with Mathematics

We are delighted to share information about an event, 'Fighting disease with Mathematics', at the University of Birmingham. The lecture is open to all members of public and is particularly suitable for those studying mathematics at A level but they also welcome advanced GCSE students. [Click here](#) to register to attend.

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### **Follow In Their Footsteps**

EY and Rate My Apprenticeship have just launched the Follow In Their Footsteps competition offering an exclusive insight morning and networking experience to help you develop your insight into the world of work and enhance your CV. [Click here](#) for full details.

### **Children in Need Pyjama Day**

Next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a Pyjama Day in support of Children in Need. Thank you so much to everyone who has made a donation through the JustGiving pages already, so far we have raised an amazing £2239 for our four chosen charities for this year. Don't worry if you haven't donated yet, it's not too late, you can still make your donation by following the link for your house below:

- Trotter – [click here to donate](#)
- Kendall – [click here to donate](#)
- Baldwin – [click here to donate](#)
- Lewis – [click here to donate](#)

### **Co-ed College Scholarship Examination**

Our Co-Ed College academic scholarship examination for students in Year 11 will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 4pm to 6pm. Please contact Chrissie Hall-Davis for further details on 029 2026 1832 or by email at [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net). If you know of anyone interested in applying for a scholarship do pass on the details.

I hope the sun continues to shine over the weekend and I look forward to welcoming all students and staff back on Monday.

**Sally Davis, Principal**