



The Principal's Update

The arrival of the rain has done nothing to dampen spirits in Howell's this week. During my virtual assembly on Monday morning I congratulated students and staff on all they have learnt during the Guided Home Learning period and challenged everybody to try something new. I very much enjoyed seeing staff members attempt to juggle and was hugely impressed by their efforts.



On Thursday, everyone at school did something they had never done before as we held our first ever Virtual Open Day. Our visitors had the opportunity to explore Howell's virtually and meet members of staff on Zoom. Do take a look at our special Open Day web page by [clicking here](#). Many thanks to all the staff and students who made the day such a success and watch this space for our next Virtual Open Day.

Many students will be sad and angry about the racial injustices and events that took place in America recently, and I'm sure they are asking questions at home. As we process our own thoughts and feelings, it can be difficult to know what to say, or how much to say to our children and teens. Please [click here](#) to read an article you may find of interest by Karen Young at Hey Sigmund. At Howell's, we are looking for ways to ensure all our community feels heard. If you wish to contact me with any thoughts on this, I would be very happy to hear from you.

Next week is HeadsUp@Howell's. Students will be used to us talking about the importance of looking after your wellbeing, which is particularly important at the moment. During the week we will be focussing on positive wellbeing in all its forms: connecting with others; engaging in creative and sporting activities; being thoughtful about our relationship with our devices; and knowing how to manage our mind in difficult times. [Click here](#) to access our calendar of wellbeing challenges. [Click here](#) to view our HeadsUp poster. Many thanks to Mrs Chyba for leading this important week and putting together such an engaging programme of events.

Rotary Interact Committee 2020-21

We are very pleased to announce the new Rotary Interact Committee for 2020-21. [Click here](#) for more information.

Cheltenham Science Festival

The Cheltenham Science Festival took place recently. [Click here](#) to read Asa C's (Year 12) report.

Academic Laureates

Many congratulations to Hannah I and Esther P who have who have successfully completed their Academic Laureates.

Linguascope Pancake Challenge

Mme Lewis and Mme Jourdren recently sent out information to French students about the Linguascope Pancake Challenge. Linguascope has created a recipe sheet in French to challenge students of all ages to make crêpes at home. Students are encouraged to tweet pictures of their crêpes with the #DefiCrepes hashtag or they can email their photographs to hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net who will share on the Howell's Twitter page. The challenge will be open throughout the whole of June and three winners will be selected and announced in early July. The winners will win Linguascope gift vouchers for their school. Bonne chance tout le monde!

Virtual Summer Concert

Plans are underway for an exciting Virtual Summer Concert, which will take place at the end of term. This will be another fantastic opportunity for Prep, Senior and College students to come together as a Howell's community and end the academic year on a high. In order to be involved, students should participate in the weekly virtual choir and orchestra rehearsals, which are available on the relevant Firefly and Teams pages. Please contact Ms Edwards (A.Edwards@how.gdst.net) if you require any further information; further details of how to view the concert will be provided nearer the time.

Virtual Sports Day

This year on Wednesday 17th June we will be hosting our first ever virtual sports day. The house captains have been busy filming motivational videos for all the students so please go to our [firefly](#) page to hear from them! Also on the page you will find ten challenges for sports day. Students should practise them in preparation for sports day, then all scores will need to be submitted via 'teams' on the day. We will be giving live updates via the Howell's YouTube channel. It's going to be a great day!

TikTok

Please [click here](#) to see a TikTok poster from for parents and carers, which has just been published by the Welsh Government.

Keeping Safe Online

The Welsh Government digital resilience team has published the latest Keeping Safe Online news roundup which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Virtual Work Experience

The GDST is delighted to partner with [Bright Network](#) to offer Year 13 students the opportunity to sign up for virtual work experience placements with employers in six different sectors. [Click here](#) for more information.

Opportunity with PwC

Is your daughter or son considering a career in Accounting, Business or Technology? We are delighted to share with you details of four Q&A sessions for students to learn more about these degree apprenticeships from current university students. At the times/dates below, students will have the chance to find out about PwC's Accounting Flying Start and Technology Degree Apprenticeship Programmes and how they can study for a degree with PwC.

12th June at 4pm - PwC ambassadors from the University of Nottingham and the University of Reading studying Accounting

16th June at 1pm - PwC ambassadors from the University of Reading and the University of Newcastle studying Accounting

19th June at 4pm - PwC ambassadors from the University of Leeds and the University of Birmingham studying Computer Science

24th June at 1pm - PwC ambassadors from the University of Leeds and the University of Birmingham studying Computer Science

Register via CareerStart@wes.gdst.net

PwC offers [Flying Start programmes](#) at the Universities of Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham and Reading.

A Star Future

A Star Future is a website that provides British students with helpful information about study opportunities abroad. [Click here](#) to read the latest newsletter.

Wales Wellbeing Survey

I am pleased to be able to promote a Wales Wellbeing Survey. Please do fill this in if you can. Swansea University and Cardiff University are supporting a national survey aiming to understand how the coronavirus pandemic has impacted the mental health and emotional well-being of people across Wales. To access the survey, or gain more information about it, please [click here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Davis, Principal