



The Principal's Update

This week has been all about reconnecting, as we have welcomed the first groups of students back to Howell's for their ReConnect Week. It has been absolutely wonderful to see more students return, joining the key worker children. I have missed them all so very much and it feels like normality is slowly returning.

Today marks the end of Diversity Fortnight which has been so well organised by Mrs Chyba. It has been lovely to see such an array of colourful clothes worn by students and staff who have embraced rainbow day with gusto. On Monday, Mrs Chyba led assembly during which she talked about the importance of diversity and supporting the LGBT+ students in the Howell's community. You can watch the assembly by [clicking here](#).



Virtual Tea Concert

I am delighted to share with you Howell's inaugural Virtual Tea Concert which is available to watch by [clicking here](#). It is wonderful to see that students have taken the opportunity to continue developing their musical skills during lockdown and this tea concert is testament to their enthusiasm and talent.

Laureate Completions

Many congratulations to Alice B, Eadie D, Rookmini M, Olly W and Miu Y who have successfully completed their Academic Laureates. Rookmini M has also completed her Music Laureate and Alice R has completed her Sport Laureate, fantastic achievements, very well done.

Virtue versus Virus

We are delighted to share with you a poem, *Virtue versus Virus*, written by Olivia G's (Year 12) grandmother. [Click here](#) to read the poem.

Appointment-Only Second Hand Uniform Sale

On Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July, there will be an appointment-only Second Hand Uniform Sale held in the Hub. Please email Rachel Eling r.elling@how.gdst.net for more details, and to arrange an appointment. Please note that all unnamed lost property will be donated to the Second Hand Uniform Sale, so please contact us by Monday if you are missing a vital item!

John Lewis and Uniform

John Lewis will be opening again on Monday 13th July but they will not be offering a fitting service and would encourage parents to order online. By the middle of July they hope to be offering a school shoe fitting service. If you decide to visit the shop, we have been told that uniform will be on display and all standard items will be available (including the shirts and trousers) so you can get a sense of size.

The click and collect service is available at the Waitrose stores in Cowbridge, Pontprennau, Caldicot and Abergavenny. The John Lewis click and collect service will be open from the 13th July. You are also able to return items at those stores. If you have any questions regarding uniform please email admissions@how.gdst.net in the first instance.

Virtual Open Day – Tuesday 14th July

Following the success of our first ever Virtual Open Day a few weeks ago, we will be holding another one on Tuesday 14th July. Visitors will be able to find out more about what a Howell's education has to offer and we can arrange a Zoom chat with me and other members of the Leadership Team. For more information and to book a place please email Admissions@how.gdst.net and please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in visiting Howell's.

Maggie's cancer support charity

Maggie's cancer support charity has asked us to let you know about their latest challenge and are inviting you and your family to take part. Maggie's offer the best possible support, for free, to anyone with cancer but as a charity their income has been significantly affected due to the coronavirus and having to cancel many events. Your local centre in Cardiff needs vital support.

Maggie's has launched their [Miles for Maggie's challenge](#) - asking supporters/teams to do 12,000 steps a day to raise money to help them support people in our area with cancer. They're looking for people and teams to take on the challenge to get those miles in before the end of July and raise as much as possible so they can be there for everyone with cancer who needs them – particularly as they deal with the additional challenges of the coronavirus. This support will help them reach the thousands of people who have been newly diagnosed during this time, those who have had treatment delayed or cancelled, those who feel isolated and lonely and the families who are grieving the painful loss of loved ones. Maggie's helps people take back control when cancer turns life upside down, with professional support for anything from treatment side effects to money worries. If you are interested and would like to take part in this challenge, find out more and sign up to the challenge at <https://maggies.org/m4m>.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing the next groups of students on Monday when their ReConnect Week will begin.

Sally Davis, Principal