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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

What an unusual start to 2021. Although we have not been able to welcome our pupils and staff back to Gowerton School in the 'real world' we continue to work hard and improve the learning in our 'virtual school world.' A variety of live and recorded lessons, website announcements, Pastoral Matters and phone calls enable us to continue learning and communicate with our pupils, staff and parents. I am exceptionally proud of the way the whole school community has been able to adapt to these enforced changes.

We work hard to continue with the learning but we are also aware of the wellbeing of our community. Hopefully everyone can get the perfect balance and stay safe and well.

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Pupils in years 9-13 received a 'virtual assembly' to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. This year the theme was 'Be the Light in the Darkness'. We were also very proud of Ella, Millie, Jac, Anna, Ruby, Olivia and Katie as their 'lockdown' performance of the song 'Bridge of Light' was chosen to be part of the County's Virtual Holocaust Assembly.

## PASTORAL MATTERS

Every week the pupils receive the 'message of the week' from the Headship Team and the Head of Year. January focused on 'Health and Wellbeing'. In the new curriculum for Wales, starting in September 2022, Health and Wellbeing plays an important part and being a 'Healthy, Confident Individual' is one of the Core Purposes.

In Pastoral Matters we ask the pupils to reflect on their week.

This photo was taken in January 2020. Although we cannot travel at the moment we can look forward to better times. We ask our community to remain positive and remember that our beautiful Gower Coastline will be there waiting for when we can return.

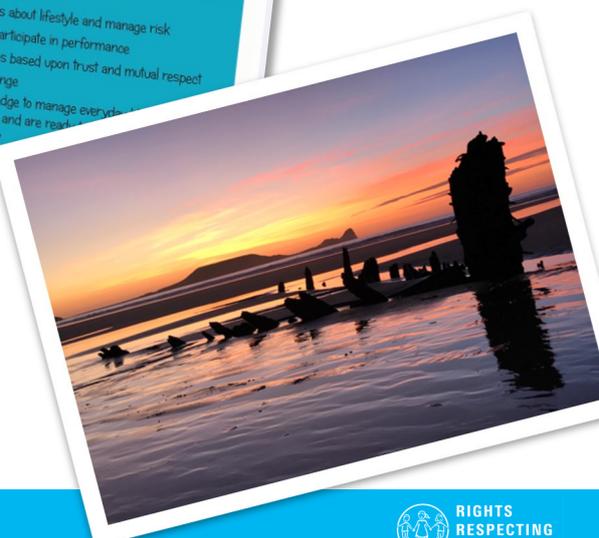
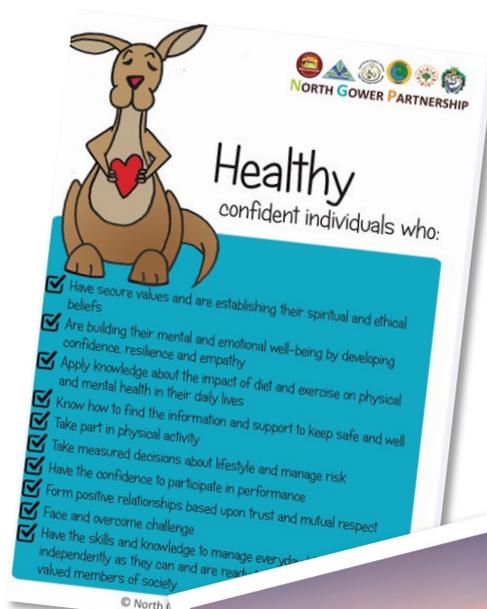
## PAST PUPIL SUCCESS

Over the Christmas period, it was heartening to see so many of our former pupils playing Pro 14 rugby for the Ospreys and Scarlets in the Welsh derbies. Congratulations to Mathew Protheroe, Will Griffiths, Morgan Morris and Keelan Giles who were playing for the Ospreys and Liam Williams who made his return from injury with the Scarlets. We hope that Sam Davies recovers quickly from injury to take his place with the Dragons.

We are so proud of our ex-pupils and wish them a safe season and much success.

## SANTES DWYNWEN DAY

Year 7 & 8 Pupils received a 'virtual assembly' based on the story of Santes Dwynwen, the Welsh equivalent of St Valentine. Pupils in Year 7 also had the opportunity to design their own Santes Dwynwen heart designs.



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