



Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 11th December 2020

Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



It has been a wonderful final week of term and I would like to thank all of the students and staff for making it so special and memorable. We have had a wonderful week of Christmas lunches within each 'bubble' and I must congratulate the catering team for their extremely hard work. There has been a lot of Christmas cheer in the Form Groups and it was especially nice to see Mrs Tout's 'Feel Good Friday' becoming 'Christmas Cheer Thursday'!

I enjoyed the mince pies, hot chocolate and carols around the Christmas tree to end the Michaelmas term and I am grateful to Mr Cadman, Mrs Hughes and Mr Farquhar for organising such a lively and fun event for the end of the term. Thanks again to the catering staff for the mince pies and hot chocolate. The event was a good warm up for next year's return to St. Asaph Cathedral.

The Christmas celebrations also gave us an opportunity to say farewell and good luck to our valued colleague, Mr Ian Nicholls, who will be joining North Wales Police in January. We are very grateful to him for all of his hard work over the past two years in LTTO, Sport, CCF and his commitment to Myddelton College. We wish him every success in his new career and look forward to welcoming him back for College events and Speech Days.

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent their year groups in the Myddelton College Student Parliament, joining Upper VI students Gabriel Mealor-Pritchard (Head Boy) and Katherine Balmer (Head Girl):

Lower Preparatory:	Marwan Ben-Sassi	
Upper Preparatory:	Tilly Hughes	
Year 7:	Erin Bradburn	Matteo Iavazzo
Year 8:	Lily-Ava Morris	Ashton Restall
Year 9:	Jac Frith	Zoë Owen
Year 10:	Lili Tetley-Young	Michael Thompson
Year 11:	John Lloyd-Williams	Clementine Mealor-Pritchard
Lower VI:	Ffion Lloyd	Gareth Stott

I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all on 11th January 2021.

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



Lent Term Calendar

The calendar for the new Lent term has now been sent for printing and a version is attached to this Newsletter for your information.

Parents' Meetings and Options Evenings

During the Lent term, there will be no activities offered on Wednesday evenings.

This is due to a heavy schedule of parents' meetings and options evenings on Wednesdays throughout the term and, with significant staff involvement, there are few available to offer activities. Instead, students can be collected at 16:00, or may stay in supervised prep until 17:00. Buses will continue to depart at 17:10.

Parents' evening appointments may now be booked for Preparatory School and Years 8, 11 and Upper VI. Dates for each are included in the calendar and instructions for booking are attached to this Newsletter. We have changed the booking process from using ePraise to Microsoft Bookings so that scheduled Teams meetings are automatically generated from your requests.

Year 11 & VI Form Practice Examinations

Students are reminded to prepare for the practice examinations beginning in the first week of our return. A detailed revision plan and timetable will help students to organise their time effectively and give of their best during this period. These examinations will be used to identify appropriate tiers of entry (such as Foundation or Higher, Core or Extended) and may be required as evidence of attainment if it is decided by Government to postpone examinations in summer 2021.

College Campus

The College campus, including the Sports Hall and Gym, will be closed until Sunday 10th January 2021 when boarders are scheduled to return. Day students are not to be on site at all during this period. This continues our efforts to keep the boarders staying with us over the Christmas break safe and Covid-secure.

Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- **Harry Mead** (Year 9, St. David's House) – Harry has recently been awarded a Merit in his ABRSM Grade 6 Piano examination.
- **William Bishop** (Year 11, St. George's House) – William has been nominated for the 'Inspiring my Journey' award by Brett Jones, Denbighshire Disability Sports & Community Sports Officer, and has been shortlisted as one of the finalists. We wish him every success.

The Week Ahead:

Lent term 2021

Sunday 10th January

- 16:00 – 20:00

Boarders Return

Monday 11th January

- 08:30
- 09:00 – 16:00
- 08:45 – 12:40
- 13:35 – 14:10
- 16:00

Day Students Return

Year 11 & VI Form Practice Examinations begin

Upper Preparatory School LTTO

Headmaster's Celebration Assembly/Mindfulness Monday

Activities begin

Tuesday 12th January

- All day
- 08:45 – 16:00
- 13:35 – 14:10

Year 11 & VI Form Practice Examinations continue

Year 7Y LTTO

Accelerated Reader

Wednesday 13th January

- All day
- 08:45 – 16:00
- 13:35 – 14:10
- 16:00 – 17:00
- 16:20 – 19:30

Year 11 & VI Form Practice Examinations continue

Year 8Y LTTO

Wellbeing Wednesday

Prep until 17:00, buses depart 17:10

Year 8 Parents' Evening (virtual)

Thursday 14th January

- All day
- 08:45 – 16:00
- 13:35 – 14:10

Year 11 & VI Form Practice Examinations continue

Year 9Y LTTO

Accelerated Reader

Friday 15th January

- All day
- 13:35 – 14:10
- 16:00

Year 11 & VI Form Practice Examinations continue

Feel Good Friday

End of College Day (buses depart at 16:10)

Saturday 16th January

Boarding Trip:

Boarding Activities:

Shopping Trip, Llandudno

Vegan Baking

Sunday 17th January

Boarding Activities:

World Religion Day

Sports Competitions, Fitness, Gym & Boxing Sessions

Poetry and Debating

Please note that LTTO and Boarders' activities and locations are subject to change depending upon a range of factors including weather, learning objectives and safety.



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Parent Survey

At Myddelton College, we are always keen to receive feedback from parents and students. This is evidenced by Parent Voice, Student Parliament and a wide variety of surveys conducted throughout the year with student, parent and staff groups.

To help Myddelton College fulfil its full potential, we would ask you to complete a survey which can be found at: [Michaelmas Term Parent Satisfaction Survey](#)

You can have your say about what we are doing well and where we need to improve. All responses are anonymous and your feedback is gratefully received.

PE Department Update

PE Star of the week Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following PE Star of the Week Prize Winners for this term:

Lower Preparatory
Upper Preparatory
Year 7
Year 8
Year 9
Year 10
Year 11
Lower VI
Upper VI

Georgia Garnett-Hughes
Phoebe Allman
Janet Swanzy-Mensah
Zack Coverley
Cai Frith
Michael Thompson
Ella Liu
Jack Wright
Ella Evans

Preparatory School Gymnastics

As part of the Sport Curriculum at Myddelton College Preparatory School students will attend Ruthin and Denbigh Gymnastics Club. These sessions will take place during school time and are due to begin in January for Lower Preparatory students and February for Upper Preparatory students. **All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed at all times in the transportation, before, during and after the Gymnastics session.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact [Mr Pearson](#).



Tennis

Christmas break holiday activities

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December with discounted rates for Myddelton students.

To register your interest and book your place, follow this link: [First Advantage Tennis Christmas Break](#)

Lunch time clubs continuing after Christmas

Tuesday prep and Thursday lower school (Years 7-9)

Tuesday link to book: [First Advantage Tuesday](#)

Thursday link to book [First Advantage Thursday](#)

Private lessons are fully booked Tuesdays, 2pm and 3pm, but spaces are available on Thursdays at 2pm for 45 minutes & 2:45pm for 45 minutes.

To register your interest and book your place, parents should email John: [First Advantage](#)

Instrumental Music Lessons - January 2021

If your son daughter is interested in starting to learn a musical instrument after Christmas please see Mr Cadman for details. Myddelton College offers a taster lesson with one of our Visiting Professionals to see if they like the instrument (and the teacher!) Please see below:

Brass (Trumpet/Cornet/Trombone/Euphonium)

Voice/Piano

Piano

Violin/Viola

Electric Guitar/Classical Guitar/Ukelele/Bass Guitar

Drum Kit

Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone

Cello

Mr Williams

Mrs Terry

Mrs Evans

Mr Barker

Mr West

Mr Neal

Mr Deacon

Mrs Merrion

Mr Cadman also offers Theory help and instrumental accompaniment in preparation for a concert or exam.



English Department Update

Advent Calendar

A special mention and thank you goes to Matteo lavazzo, Janet Swanzy-Mensah, Sian Evans and Marta Rivas Molina for not only creating a wonderful advent calendar but also having it delivered to the residents of the Plas Eleri care home in Denbigh. Each day the residents discover the next part of a festive story together with special wishes from the pupils in 7Y English. A big thank you also goes to Miss Dreiling for supplying and drilling the holes in the tree stump with Matteo!



Festive writing competitions

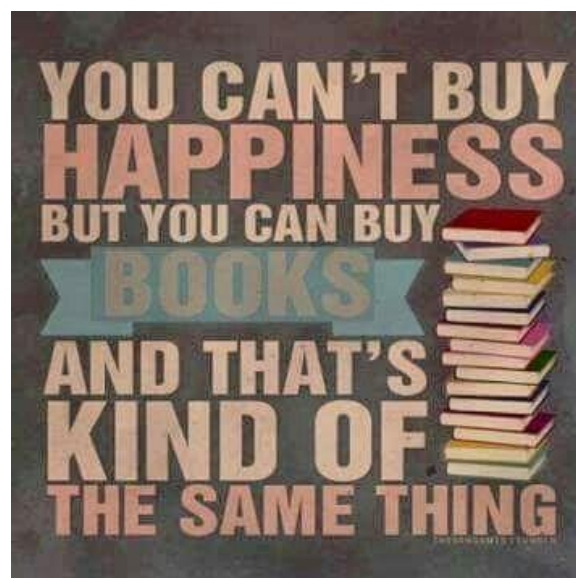
As well as our very own Myddelton Midwinter Tales competition why not make an entry to the See No Bounds competition: [See No Bounds Writing Competition](#). This competition is being organised by Jamie McAnsh – whom many of you will remember as our guest speaker on Speech Day and who has also provided motivational talks to the school via zoom during our first lockdown this year. Entries need to be made via the website by 30th December 2020.

In addition to the writing competitions also take a look at the Poetry By Heart competition [Poetry By Heart](#) and the ISA Shakespeare Monologue competition [ISA Shakespeare Monologue competition](#).

The Christmas break will be the perfect time to select and start practicing for both of these great competitions!

Christmas Reading Challenge

Over the festive break the English Faculty is also setting the target of 2-3 books being read with quizzes being taken on the Accelerated Reader to verify the books read! Happy reading one and all!



Myddelton Midwinter Tales

Once again the English Faculty is encouraging you to write a story over the Christmas break. As with last year I am giving you the opening to a famous novel that you must use as your opening sentence. Where the story goes after that is up to you!

KS3 Story opening: "My name is Francis Joseph Cassavant and I have just returned to Frenchtown in Monument and the war is over and I have no face."

KS4 & KS5 Story opening: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way-in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

The choice of opening lines for KS4 and 5 being the same is deliberate as it just seems to strike such a chord for this very unusual year.

Rules:

All stories should be written on a word document and submitted via your English teacher, except for KS5, please email these entries to Mr Biles-Liddell.

KS3 Word Count 800 words

KS4-5 Word Count 1,000-1,200 words max

Deadline for all entries Friday 16th January at 4pm.

Winners in the key stages will win a copy of the novel that the opening lines are taken from.

Michaelmas Term Social Media Summary

There have been many highlights during what has been a very difficult Michaelmas term. On the next few pages, there are a small selection of items from our social media coverage over the last few months.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to include every post in this newsletter, but if you are on social media, please follow us:



Myddelton College's Michaelmas Term Achievements



Myddelton College has been selected by Microsoft as a 2020-2021 Microsoft Showcase School.



Matthew (Y10) has been selected for the 2020-2021 RYA Cymru Wales Laser Transitional Squad.



Our Head Girl, Katie Balmer, was a finalist in the Rising Star category of the Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2020.



Sixth form have taken part in the UK Mathematics Trust Senior Maths Challenge and achieved outstanding results:
 Ben Chen - bronze
 Richard Henderson - bronze
 Cynthia Guo - silver
 Stephen Tu - silver
 Anna Zhang - silver
 Luna Zhao - silver
 Kim Gu - gold
 Schweifen Liu - gold

Kim and Schweifen will go on to represent Myddelton College at the Senior Kangaroo.

Sian (Y7) has been selected to represent the Swim Wales National Skills squad.



Oliver Lewis (Y11) has just released his fourth and final book in his series Bloodcross.



Myddelton Preparatory School have been 'highly commended' by the Renaissance Learning Lockdown awards for promoting reading during lockdown.



Jessica and Matthew (Y10) have been nominated for ISA Schools 'Athlete of the term'.

Boarders

Despite an unusual term including restrictions and lockdowns, our boarding team have ensured our boarders have enjoyed a fun-filled and varied term, from days out and arts & craft activities to themed days and pamper nights. Here's some of this term's highlights.



Pamper Nights have been great fun!



After lockdown, it was great to get a change of scenery at the beach.



Sitting around the fire with a warm hot chocolate is always a great treat.



Boarders have been creative in the kitchen this term and have tried making sushi and tapas.



Bonfire night wouldn't be complete without sparklers and some fire works.



Halloween was a great evening of pumpkin carving, treasure hunting and dancing at the spooky disco!



The boarders have really made the most of the Myddelton College indoor climbing wall.



Preparatory School

Our Prep School have worked their socks off this term with Upper Prep studying the Victorians and Lower Prep delving into the world of Tudor Britain. Here's a few of their highlights.



Prep school have read over 7.5 million words this term and have wowed their teachers with outstanding written work.



Prep Pupils have explored their topics through LTTO and have loved their PE lessons.



In science, Lower Prep have studied sound and the human body and Upper Prep have explored materials.



Place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division have been calculated by our Prep School mathematicians.



Prep school have loved their activities this term, and have enjoyed calm club, sport, coding and board games.



Through art, virtual lessons with the National Archives, letter and diary writing, making timelines and analysing sources, our pupils have explored this term's topics.



Senior School

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication to learning demonstrated by our senior school pupils both in the classroom and when learning remotely. Here are some of their Michaelmas term highlights.



Reading outside on the lawn has been a wonderful way to devour novels.

Creativity has flowed in the art studio this term.



Our Remembrance Day service including poetry, songs and a moment to remember the Howellians who gave their lives.



Chamber concerts have given our musicians a chance to showcase their talent.



From Year 7 to sixth form, a science practical is always an exciting way to consolidate learning.



Students have loved completing the Escape Room as part of their Spanish lessons.



LTTO adventures are always a highlight on our pupils' timetables. A chance to challenge themselves and explore North Wales.



Our pupils have loved keeping fit and active in PE.

Friends of Myddelton

Your School Lottery

The Friends of Myddelton have contributed many hours and items to fundraise, support and raise the profile of the College in the local community and beyond. Funds are raised by a wide variety of events including the partnership with 'Your School Lottery'. We would like to encourage as many as possible to participate in the lottery, so please take a moment to read through the accompanying attachment that details how you can get involved – including chances to win up to £25,000 and regular prizes like the Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle.



**Win a
Nintendo Switch
MEGA BUNDLE**

WITH Nintendo Switch Console Neon
Mario Kart Home Circuit **DOUBLE PACK** (Mario + Luigi)
2 Games: Lego Marvel Heroes 2 and Minecraft
Nintendo Switch case and accessory pack
Mario and Luigi hats

- 👉 Help raise essential school funds
- 👉 Tickets cost just £1 a week
- 👉 Win up to £25,000
- 👉 Cash prize every week

To start supporting your school, go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk

and search for: Friends of Myddelton College

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 19th December 2020. T&Cs apply, see website for details.