

Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 11th September 2020



Headmaster – Mr Andrew Allman



It was a great pleasure to welcome so many new faces at the Preparatory School and Senior School Standards Evenings this week. I am delighted that our new students have been settling in so well and the integration with our returning Myddeltonians has been excellent. It has also been wonderful to see the boarders settle in so well and I have enjoyed seeing the older students arranging a series of activities and events for them each night to help create a wonderful family atmosphere. The vast majority of our boarders are now out of quarantine and back in lessons, which is something that they have taken in their stride and I would like to congratulate them on the resilience that they have shown.

The Preparatory School students have adjusted well to the return to school and it is the highlight of my day visiting the lessons and seeing the positive attitudes of our Lower and Upper Prep students. I am delighted that the Accelerated Reading Programme will be returning next week; I know that the new reading areas in the Preparatory School are already favourite places for the students. I would like to congratulate Jessica Roberts for becoming a word millionaire over summer and I am sure that we will have many more word millionaires this year. Tennis club continued this week and congratulations go to Luciana Farina for being named Player of the Month and Lizzie Hughes for being presented with the Golden Racket Award for her hard work during the lessons. Every week Miss Gresley-Jones will be awarding a member of the Preparatory School as Star of the Week and this week I would like to congratulate Chirag Patel (Year 3) for showing 100% effort in all lessons so far this term and his wonderful attitude towards others.

I am pleased that VI Form meetings with Mr Ewart our UCAS Mentor were so productive and I look forward to supporting many strong applications to top universities. Mr Ewart will be returning to the College in the next few weeks to help students to complete their personal statements, but please do email either him or myself should you have any questions.

As the UK is experiencing an increase in the number of COVID cases, we will continue to review our policies. Our priority is to maintain as many students in school as possible, but should a student test positive, we will seek to remove the students within that bubble. Thank you for your patience with the delivery of packed lunches and non-uniform. These are continually under review as advice changes and we will keep you updated as and when we are able to relax these extra precautionary measures.

Senior Deputy Headmaster – Mr Ian Lloyd



Year 8 Parents' Evening

It is with regret that the Year 8 Parents' Evening scheduled for Wednesday 16th September is postponed. The First Minister of Wales, Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, has recently announced additional coronavirus mitigation measures, including further restrictions on gatherings of people from multiple households. Reflecting on his decision, we now believe that to host face-to-face meetings with multiple parents and children in Year 8 would no longer be appropriate. Our priority is safety first, followed by the continuing provision of education.

Regular, two-way communication between the College and home is as important as ever and to that end, Form Tutors of Year 8 have been tasked with emailing parents a brief overview of pastoral and academic progress for their students. You can expect to receive this email before Monday 21st September. Of course, if there are any specific matters relating to your child that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance, whether subject related or pastoral.

Microsoft Showcase School

In the last few days, Myddelton College has once again been confirmed as a Microsoft Showcase School, joining a select group of 325 education institutions from 58 countries around the world, whose vision and perseverance are empowering their students to achieve more.



The full press release from Microsoft is available at <https://educationblog.microsoft.com/en-us/2020/09/announcing-the-2020-2021-microsoft-showcase-schools/> and our own press release will be in the news and on the website next week.

Medical and Consent Forms

Medical and consent forms are an integral part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of your child. It is important to return the forms promptly, irrespective of whether your child has any medical needs, allergies, etc.

Any outstanding forms for new students should be emailed to office@myddeltoncollege.co.uk using a subject heading of "Medical or Consent form".

Headmaster's Commendations

For showing resilience and scholarship in working hard to complete their LAMDA examinations and achieving the following grades:

Lili Tetley-Young (Year 10)	Grade 3 Distinction
Fiona Stappleton (Year 11)	Grade 1 Distinction
Seren Catherall-Jones (Year 11)	Grade 1 Distinction
John Lloyd-Williams (Year 11)	Grade 1 Distinction
Kate Lloyd-Williams (Year 9)	Grade 4 Distinction

Harry Mead for achieving a Gold certificate in the UK Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematics Challenge, best in the school.

UK Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematics Challenge

At the end of the Trinity Term Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematics Challenge. The following students completed the challenge to a very high standard and were awarded certificates:

Year 8:

Sam Duke-Williams	Silver certificate, Best in Year
Charlotte Goddard	Silver certificate
Amelia Lloyd	Silver certificate
Grace Watkins	Bronze certificate

Year 9:

Harry Mead	Gold certificate, Best in School
Lois Bradburn	Silver certificate
Isabella Stone	Silver certificate
Lewis Roberts	Bronze certificate

The Week Ahead:

Monday 14th September

- Lower Prep LTTO Onsite (Nature Day!)
- 13:35 - 14:10 Headmaster's Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 15th September

- 7M LTTO Introduction to LTTO on the Clwydian Range

Wednesday 16th September

- 8M LTTO Onsite (Bushcraft)
- 16:30 – 19:30 Year 8 Parents' Evening - POSTPONED

Thursday 17th September

- 9M LTTO Climbing at Llanferres, near Ruthin
- 13:15 Lunchtime Concert

Friday 18th September

- 16:00 Finish (no activities, buses depart at 16:10)

Saturday 19th September

- Boarders' Trip (details to be confirmed)

Sunday 20th September

- Boarders "Slow Down" Sunday

Please reinforce this with your children:



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**Wear a face
covering or
mask**

To help reduce the risks of infection, all students, staff and visitors are asked to wear a face covering or mask whilst moving around the buildings. Where possible, this should cover the mouth and nose. There may be students or staff in classes that are at a higher risk and so decisions as to whether or not masks may be removed in individual classrooms are at the sole discretion of the teacher, based upon their assessment of suitable social distancing between individual pupils and staff.



Vehicle Speed:

To ensure the safety of students, parents and staff, visitors to and from the campus are respectfully reminded to observe a maximum speed limit of 5mph whilst on College grounds.

The roads around the College are very narrow and used by local school children and other members of the public and therefore visitors are asked to be mindful of maintaining an appropriate speed to also protect our neighbours and local community.

Be Allergy Aware

There are a number of pupils attending Myddelton College who have severe nut or sesame seed allergies. The pupils' anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut or sesame seed based products. For their safety, all nut and sesame seed based products have been banned from the College premises.

Therefore, we kindly ask please do not send your child in with any nut or sesame seed based product for a snack or packed lunch – this includes products that may contain traces of nuts or sesame seeds. Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g. satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them – it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or sesame seeds or traces of nuts or sesame seeds.

Medical Notice:

Wednesday 23rd September

- Catch up immunisations

Sport Activities

If you have a Sporting Activity after school please come to College in your PE Kit/Sports kit. You can leave any additional kit such as boots, shin pads, tennis rackets, etc. in your lockers or form rooms.

Tennis, Rugby and Football begin at 4:10pm so please ensure you are ready to start at this time.

Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons are available to book online.

Tuesday lunchtime – Prep school (limited spaces available)

Thursday lunchtime – Years 7 - 9 (limited spaces available)

Tuesdays: 17:00 – 18:00 (6 - 9 years)

Tuesdays: 18:00 – 19:00 (10 - 16 years)

Tuesdays: 19:00 – 20:00 (Adults)

[Prep school booking link](#)

[Years 7 - 9 booking link](#)

[Age 6 - 9 booking link](#)

[Age 10 - 16 booking link](#)

[Age 16+ booking link](#)

Individual lessons are also available.

Tuesday 14:00 – 14:45

[Tuesday 1-2-1 \(14:00 - 14:45\)](#)

Tuesday 15:00 – 15:45

[Tuesday 1-2-1 \(15:00 - 15:45\)](#)

Thursday 14:00 – 14:45

[Thursday 1-2-1 \(14:00 - 14:45\)](#)

Thursday 15:00 – 15:45

[Thursday 1-2-1 \(15:00 - 15:45\)](#)

Private Tennis Lessons

To develop your Tennis with private individual lessons we are offering 45 minute lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday at school. The individual attention will help you with the specifics of your game to reach your Tennis goals quickly .

AVAILABLE TIMES—

TUESDAY 2-2.45pm & 3-3.45pm

THURSDAY 2-2.45pm & 3-3.45pm



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition

On the 26th – 27th September, we will be offering a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessment and Silver Training expedition over the course of the weekend; this will be available for candidates currently registered for the award and primarily aimed at current Bronze candidates in Year 10 and Silver candidates in Year 11.

The duration for both expeditions will be two days and one night as to meet the requirements for the awards and will be completed on foot; utilising our college grounds, locality to the Clwydian Hills and the Clwyd Valley. Please note that while we will meet at College on the Saturday to begin the weekend, we may ask for the students to be collected from elsewhere on the Sunday.

We ask that for those who wish to attend this weekend to please bring a tent for camping, thus, candidates will be able to distance themselves overnight appropriately. We are able to utilise the college tents, however, at a tent per person our numbers are limited so it is strongly advised to bring one if possible. Candidates will not be expected to carry their tents whilst walking. If you feel strongly that you do not wish for your son/daughter to camp, arrangements can be made for an evening pick up and morning drop off the following day.

There will be a fee of £10 for the weekend.

The Duke of Edinburgh award have worked hard throughout these unprecedented circumstances to offer flexibility at each level of the award; therefore, the college aims to provide an expedition that is:

1. In keeping with the spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
2. Appropriately managed to ensure that candidates can get the most out of their expedition experience
3. Operating safely to reduce the risk and spread of COVID 19

In light of the current flexibility offered from the DofE Award, students that cannot attend this weekend may be able to participate in a separate expedition at a later date.

For students interested in participating on this weekend, please see Mr Stanyer to be issued with a letter containing more details and a kit list.

For any questions pertaining to this please email: j.stanyer@myddeltoncollege.co.uk

Mr Stanyer

Bugsy Malone – The show must go on!

As we had to postpone our Bugsy Malone performance, I am now trying to organise turning it into a film version instead.

Do you want to be involved in the new film version of Bugsy Malone? All previous cast, crew and new additions welcome. For all of the new starters at Myddelton, you are all very welcome to join in with Bugsy, either acting or as part of our design and filming crew. Some of our cast have now left Myddelton (moved away/were here for a specific amount of time/have now graduated and moved on!) so we have some parts available again.

If you were in Bugsy Malone or wish to join in, please complete the Microsoft Forms with the link below. You will need to log in with your Office 365 email address details to have access to the form. If you were a member of the cast and no longer wish to be involved, please complete the form and indicate it there so I can re-cast your part.

Click this link: [Bugsy Malone form](#)

Or scan this QR code to access the form.



The filming will be completed in bubbles and will take a few sessions each to complete. There will not be a whole cast rehearsal or recording/filming session. The number of rehearsal and recording sessions per person will depend on their role and availability, but I am aiming to keep the amount of sessions to an absolute minimum, with all filming to be completed by the Christmas break. The sessions will primarily be run at weekends and potentially during activity times.

The final film will be released at a premiere cinema event in the Trinity term, with the option to buy it on DVD as well.

Those people who bought tickets for the live show, your tickets will be valid for the cinema showings of the film in the summer. If you are unable to attend the showings in the summer, we will unfortunately not be able to refund any tickets that were already bought. We will however, be able to give you a “Watch at home” pack instead. Further details are to be released later about the “Watch at home” packs.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all of the cast, crew, parents and staff who have supported us and worked hard on the production. I am very grateful for your continued support and I hope to make our very own Bugsy Malone film an event to remember!

Mrs Hughes

EDL T-Shirt Contest

Spanish at Myddelton College in collaboration with English, English as a second language and Art would like to encourage you to participate in the following competition. Contact Miss Alos if you have any questions or to share your entry with our school. Good luck!!



EDL T-Shirt Contest

Send us your design/image/graphic and have your layout on the official 2021 EDL T-Shirt!



We would love to hear if you decide to enter in this great competition or if you have any questions. Send us an email to m.alos@myddeltoncollege.co.uk

1. Please keep in mind that the design should be about languages, not countries. So please don't use flags or similar.
2. You can use up to 3 colours.
3. If you have versions using different colours, send all of them in one email, we will select the ones that we like the most.
4. Keep in mind that we need a simple design that is not too complex or that has small details. This will increase printing quality.
5. The design cannot go over the seams of the t-shirt, it must be placed on the front. Keep in mind that the maximum printing surface is 30 cm x 30 cm
6. The design cannot contain third party copyright logos or material.
7. By sending us the design you agree that we can use it free of charge on our websites, on the t-shirts and on promotional media (such as Facebook or flyers). Of course we will always add your name to it.
8. Submission deadline: **31 December 2020**.

The winner will also receive up to 10 t-shirts to give to his/her classmates!

Submit your design here

<https://edl.ecml.at/Activities/EDLT-ShirtContest/tabid/3147/language/es-ES/Default.aspx>

EDL T-shirt contest winner 2019

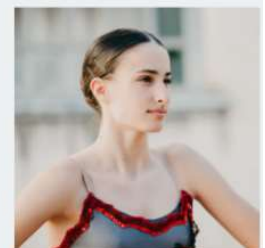
The winner of the 2019 EDL T-shirt contest is **Emilė Žandauskaitė** from Vinius Abraomas Kulvietis Classical Gymnasium/ Lithuania. Congratulations!



"This task was a completely new experience for me as I got acquainted with modern forms of art. As a result it encouraged me to keep looking for more as well as setting my creativity free. I drew what I felt and what seemed to be the best at that exact moment. I wanted to create something interesting and that could reflect the main idea of the contest. Winning the contest dispelled all my doubts about what I am capable of and I am truly happy about it."

EDL T-shirt contest winner 2020

The winner of the 2020 EDL T-shirt contest is **Catalina María Puebla Coenen** from Spain. Congratulations!



"To make the design of this T-shirt, I was inspired by European languages which are symbolically lines that connect people by giving touches of glittering colours to our lives. I think the T-shirt fits perfectly with the philosophy of the competition."



LAMDA EXAM TUITION AT MYDDELTON COLLEGE

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