



Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 13th November 2020

Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



This week the College remembered those fallen during the wars. I was extremely impressed with the whole College community as they gathered in a respectful socially distanced way on Wednesday morning and showed their respect during our service. I would like to thank the choir, prefects, CCF and musicians for their part in the service. During the service we planted 5 poppies for a mark of respect for our fallen; Mary Clement-Davies, Elsbeth Herbert-Jones, Olive Ford, Janet Peel, Eleanor Button, were students of Howells School and died during the Second

World War.

In the Preparatory School our #Barvember superstars received their prizes from White Rose Maths; I have enjoyed seeing all of the entries throughout the week on social media. Upper Preparatory are enjoying reading Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol and are currently writing a biography of Charles Dickens and a persuasive letter to Scrooge. Lower Preparatory have created some beautiful stained glass windows in art, which are now displayed on the windows of the activity studio. Congratulations to our Preparatory School star of the week: Squiggy Halls (Year 5) for her resilience in Mathematics and for her fantastic attitude to reading.

It was fabulous walking around so many of the classrooms this morning and seeing pupils showing support for the Joe Wicks' 'Children In Need' challenge by doing their moves with their teachers. Many of these pictures can be seen on social media. This week we were inspired by the amazing advertising project work in Art by Year 8, where they were designing soup tins and working on their advertising campaigns. Watch out Alan Sugar! It has been an exciting week also in Science, and 7Y particularly enjoyed learning about distillation with Ms Churchman.

I am extremely grateful to those parents that have taken the time to represent their child's Year Group for our Parent Voice committee and I look forward to the feedback that will be received from tonight's meeting. I am also looking forward to working closely again with the Friends of Myddelton over the remainder of the year and welcome parents becoming involved in our wider Myddelton community. Please contact Mary Tetley-Young (maryt@basc.com) for Parent Voice and Catherine Frith (catherineefrith@gmail.com) for Friends of Myddelton.

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



Examinations: Summer 2021

Earlier this week Kirsty Williams CBE MS, Minister for Education in Wales announced that students would not be sitting examinations in their existing format for GCSE, AS and A Level qualifications in Wales during summer 2021. **The detail of exactly which qualifications this affects and the alternative provisions for those qualifications has yet to be decided by the Minister and the first meeting of the advisory group is being held today.**

The Minister outlined:

- that in place of exams, the Welsh Government intends to work with schools and colleges to take forward teacher-managed assessments
- that this should include assessments that will be externally set and marked but delivered within a classroom environment under teacher supervision
- her expectation this work will form the basis for centre-based outcomes which will be linked to an agreed national approach to provide consistency across Wales

My expectation is that the direction to cancel examinations relates only to GCSE, AS and A Level qualifications offered by WJEC (not WJEC Eduqas) and this would only affect the following subjects:

- Art & Design (GCSE, AS & A Level)
- Geography (AS Level)
- Government & Politics (AS & A Level)
- History (GCSE, AS & A Level)
- Welsh (GCSE)

This would mean that qualifications awarded by AQA, CAIE, Edexcel/Pearson and WJEC Eduqas should continue as normal with those examinations listed in the specification taking place in summer 2021. For some of these examinations, content has been reduced and teachers have informed students where this is the case. Additionally, the Awarding Body examinations timetables have been adjusted with start dates being pushed back by three weeks.

It is vital that students are prepared for all potential eventualities. I expect students to continue to focus and work hard in every lesson; part of the centre-based outcomes may be dependent upon externally moderated samples of student work gathered throughout the year.

I will be monitoring the situation closely to ensure that the Myddelton College community are kept informed as it continues to evolve.

Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- John Lloyd-Williams (Year 11, St. Patrick's House) – John took his police cadet oath, hosted by the North Wales Police Chief Constable and is now a North Wales Police Cadet.
- William Bishop (Year 11, St. George's House) – William completed a video presentation for Denbighshire Leisure about his involvement in Disability Sport and has helped them to maintain their Inclusive Sports status.

The Week Ahead:

Monday 16th November

- Upper Preparatory LTTO Fossil Hunting, near Llanferres
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Assembly

Tuesday 17th November

- 7Y LTTO Great Orme, Navigation and Local History

Wednesday 18th November

- 8Y LTTO Climbing in Snowdonia National Park

Thursday 19th November

- 9Y LTTO Navigational Challenge, Llantysilio Mountain

Friday 20th November

- All day 'Football Shirt Friday'
- 1600 Finish (no activities, buses depart at 1610)

Saturday 21st November

- Year 10 Adventure Day (optional, please email [Mr Eastabrook](#) to book a place)
- Boarders' Activities Trip (destination t.b.c.)
Gardening Club
Sports Activities

Sunday 22nd November

- Boarders' Activities "Slow Down" Sunday
Quiz
Christmas Ornament Decoration

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.

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Absence Procedures

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child or another family member has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate – follow guidance Book a Covid-19 test Inform school immediately about test results 	The test comes back as negative .
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate for at least 10 days Inform school immediately about test results Keep siblings off too Seek guidance from TTP 	They can return to school after 10 days (siblings after 14 days if not showing symptoms) even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
Somebody in my household has Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate Household member to book a Covid-19 test Inform school immediately about test results 	The household member test is negative or self-isolation is completed
Somebody in my household has tested positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate for 14 days 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.
NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Book a Covid-19 test Keep school updated Self-isolate for 14 days 	<p>The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p> <p>The Covid-19 test comes back as negative.</p>

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Absence Procedures (continued)

We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate for 14 days 	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
We have received advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact the school as advised by the attendance officer/pastoral team Shield until you are informed restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	School/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.
A member of staff or a member of their household becomes symptomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That member of staff must remain at home until they or a member of their household receives their test result. School will seek advice from Test, Trace, Protect Wales and the Local Authority. 	If it is negative, they will return to school. If they or their family member is positive then Test, Trace, Protect Wales will contact the school and give advice.
I can't get a test for my symptomatic child when I go online or ring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you cannot access a test locally when you go online Apply for a coronavirus (COVID-19) test GOV.WALES or ring 119 please contact the school and we will try to help. (We cannot promise we can help but we will try our best!) 	The test is negative

If you are unsure or have any questions regarding sending your child to school, please contact the office before sending them in to ensure the safety of all staff and students.

Please reinforce these important messages with your children:



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



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CYMRU
NHS
WALES

Iechyd Cyhoeddus
Cymru
Public Health
Wales



CATCH IT.



BIN IT.



KILL IT.



**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 inside the buildings. Where possible, this should cover the mouth and nose. They should be worn at all times, removing them for as short a time as possible when eating and/or drinking.



'Football Shirt Friday'

Wear your favourite football shirt on Friday 20th November to help raise awareness for bowel cancer and the Bobby Moore Fund. A minimum donation of £1 to be handed to form tutors.



**Wear your shirt,
donate, share**

footballshirtfriday.org #FootballShirtFriday



Microsoft Global Learning Connection

This week the English Faculty took its first steps into the [Microsoft Global Learning Connection](#) programme, led by Mr Biles-Liddell, one of Myddelton College's Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts. Using the digital platform [Flipgrid](#) the English Faculty has linked up with students at Morton East High School in Cicero, Illinois. This has resulted in students from both schools sharing their thoughts and views on the Coronavirus Pandemic and its impact on their learning.



This has proved to be a powerful way for our students to connect to the global world, talk to their peer group in America and share cultural similarities and differences. This looks to be a very exciting project with lots of potential going forward and the Faculty intends to try and establish links through the continents to help make our students become Global Citizens.

Operation Christmas Child

With Christmas fast approaching, I feel it is important to encourage parents, students and staff alike to be continually aware that while this may be a time of celebration and community support for the majority of us, there are many people for whom Christmas is a time of struggle. Samaritan's Purse is a charitable organisation that describe themselves as "an international relief and development charity that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in need (in countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia) across the world."



Just one of the projects Samaritan's Purse run is Operation Christmas Child in which Christmas gift boxes are either sponsored or created by anyone and everyone who wishes, to donate a shoebox worth of gifts and sanitary items to, often orphaned, children between the ages of 2 and 14 around the world. However in light of regulations regarding Covid-19 we are encouraging the use of the charity's 'Shoebox Online' service in which you can personalise the items included in the box as well as sharing a photo and message to the child(ren) you wish to donate to. This can be found through the following link: [Shoebox Online](#) and I would encourage you to look to the Samaritans' success in other projects on their website also.

I would like to thank everyone who participates in Operation Christmas Child in advance, as giving children the best start in life is a cause I feel very passionately about; children are our future.

Abbey Hughes, Year 13

Virtual Christmas Celebration Concert

As the Christmas Play Evening and Carol Service have been cancelled, for obvious reasons, we are working hard to create a virtual celebration instead. We are working with students in lessons and clubs to create appropriately safe performances that we will record ready for the release of the virtual Christmas Celebration Concert.

Movember

Movember is the leading global organisation committed to changing the face of men's health.

Men's health is in crisis. Men are dying on average 6 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons. Unchecked, prostate cancer rates will double over the next 15 years. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among men aged 15-39 years of age. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 75% of all suicides. Movember is uniquely placed to address this crisis on a global scale. We fund groundbreaking projects all over the world, engaging men where they are to understand what works best and accelerate change.

The movement gained its momentum by getting the world over growing moustaches throughout the month of November in solidarity and supporting men's health causes whether it be by raising awareness or raising money which Movember pledges to thousands of charities centred on addressing these issues.

However, the times have changed and anybody can get involved in Movember, you don't even need to be able to grow a mo!

This year Mr Stanyer has pledged to take part in Movember to raise awareness and money for this noble cause. Sticking by tradition, he will be sporting a moustache for the entire month to turn a few heads and hopefully a few smiles. In addition Mr Stanyer is planning on running 60 miles (100km) throughout the month which is 60 miles for the 60 men we lose to suicide each hour, every hour, across the world.

Please find the link to his Movember page: [Mr Stanyer's Magnificent Movember Moustache](#)

If you are in a position where you would be willing to donate any money, this would be greatly appreciated. That being said, sharing this message, spreading the word and encouraging others to look out for one another is just as important.



ISA Virtual Limitless Skills Series

It is with great enthusiasm that Mr Pearson announces Myddelton College's participation in this year's Limitless Skills Series, presented by ISA and powered by TopYa! This Series is an online virtual active championship, launching on 9th November.



As lockdown restrictions are put into place and the school environment is rapidly changing, it is important that we provide a safe and secure environment for our students to stay active. Using technology and a watch-learn-do model, TopYa! has empowered hundreds of schools and thousands of students around the world to stay active both in the classroom and from home.

The Limitless Skills Series is a virtual competition, providing students across the United Kingdom equal access to active and fun challenges. Over the course of 4 weeks, the Series can be accessed through the TopYa! Active app. Videos can be completed and uploaded from anywhere with just a mobile device. New challenges will be released every Monday.

9 th November	→	WEEK 1 Global Sports
16 th November	→	WEEK 2 Have Fun, Get Creative
23 th November	→	WEEK 3 Crossfit + HIIT + Dance
30 th November	→	WEEK 4 Sporting Your Way

Registration

1. Download the Top Ya! Active App
2. Enter the UNIQUE SCHOOL INVITE CODE - 23499
3. Enter YOUR details
4. Begin this week's challenges

Safeguarding

The TopYa! Active app is committed to online safety and meets rigorous COPPA and GDPR safeguarding standards. No one can communicate within the app. All children can only communicate with one another through a virtual 'high-five', which functions like a social media 'like'. Video content has been approved by Independent Sports Association and is suitable for children. Every video is reviewed and approved or declined by certified and trained adults (Virtual Coaches) to make certain that no inappropriate or irrelevant videos are uploaded to the app. Parental control settings are available on each student's account. As well, any child under the age of 13 will be required to connect a parent account.

The Limitless Skills Series has one goal in mind... To remind each child that they are limitless! Be sure to get your child registered and excited for all the action. For more information and to stay up-to-date on the Series, go to <https://www.isaschools.org.uk/sports/limitless-skills-series>.

Denbighshire Drama Clubs

Denbighshire Youth Service are holding virtual drama workshops and have limited spaces available. There is a workshop for Year 6 and a workshop for Years 7, 8 and 9. If you would like a place on the workshops, please email the Youth Service Services using the email address on the flyer.



Denbighshire Youth Service Junior Drama Club

Denbighshire Youth Service is organising a series of sessions for young people aged 11–14. The aim of the project is to get them involved in drama whilst being able to socialise with others and have fun.

When: Every Thursday at 6:30pm (Until the 17/12/20)

Where: Zoom (Link below)

Who: 11– 14 yr olds

Join zoom meeting here,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85463038899pwd=KzJNVlQ0eFhKRHZtcmVxQXhYbJlVdz09>

- Meeting ID: 854 6303 8899
- Passcode: 969188

For more information on specific activities or for any help or advice please contact Will or Wendy on 07833255607 / 07920287458. Alternatively you can speak with a member of the Youth Service team on;

Facebook - Denbighshire Youth Service

Twitter - @DCCyouthservice

Email - youth.service@denbighshire.gov.uk

Youtube - DCCyouthservice



Denbighshire Youth Service Year 6 Drama Club

Denbighshire Youth Service is organising a series of sessions for yr 6 pupils to get them involved in drama. The sessions will allow them to have fun with friends, meet new people and learn new skills.

When: Every Monday at 6:30pm (Until the 21/12/20)

Where: Zoom (Link below)

Who: Yr. 6 2020

Join zoom meeting here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85418794369pwd=eE14NFYyRzhYVkJRTURISnM2NjRIQT09>

- Meeting ID: 854 1879 4369
- Passcode: 261993

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