



# Lent Term Update

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



It has been an exceptionally positive and productive start to online learning; I have been present in many virtual classrooms this week, ranging from Lower Preparatory through to VI Form, from LTTO to Music and Mathematics. I have been delighted with the level of expertise that our staff have shown, but also their humour, kindness and calm approach towards the students. I would like to congratulate our students on their attitude and resilience at this difficult time, particularly the 9 new students who have been welcomed to the Myddelton

Community.

In the Preparatory School, online learning is going very well and we are incredibly proud of how hard all of our pupils are working. Lower Preparatory have produced some fabulous art work on their topic, 'Solids, Liquids and Gasses'. Upper Preparatory been busy creating fact files about the human skeleton within their topic, 'Healthy Humans.' Congratulations to Taylor Lea (Year 6) for becoming this week's Star of the Week for her hard work during 'Mrs C' English lessons.

In the Senior School, there have been many highlights to reflect on, some of which are referred to later on in the Newsletter, but please do email [bulletin@myddeltoncollege.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@myddeltoncollege.co.uk) to share your experiences and views of the lessons that your students have particularly enjoyed or found inspiring. We are doing our very best to ensure that it is not only business as usual academically, but also to offer additional support pastorally to our students. Please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Tutor, Head of House, Head of Department or Class Teacher should you wish to discuss any of the above or have any further questions.

Can I also remind students and parents that pastoral meetings are still going ahead with Mrs Pritchard and Miss Davies; if you had a meeting scheduled to take place, or to request a meeting, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Pritchard.

I would like to thank you for your support and emails of encouragement during this difficult time for us all.

## Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- **Isaac Evans** (Upper Preparatory, St. Patrick's House) for scholarship; becoming Myddelton College's first word multi-millionaire this year, having read more than two million words.
- **Harry Mead** (Year 9, St. David's House) for scholarship; achieving a distinction for ABRSM Grade 1 Saxophone examination and a merit for ABRSM Grade 6 Piano examination.
- **Lois Bradburn** (Year 9, St. George's House) for scholarship; Lois' story, 'What Goes Around Comes Around' has been chosen as the Wales regional winner in Pearson's My Twist on a Tale: Everyday Heroes writing competition! The judges were blown away with the story and out of the thousands of entries Pearson received, Lois's story is one of just 15 winning stories!
- **Lili Tetley-Young** (Year 10, St. Patrick's House) for scholarship; Lili has some outstanding achievements in drama outside of school in various theatrical projects that she has been involved in over the past few months.
- **Filip Holik** (Year 11, St. George's House) and **Stuart Zhang** (Year 11, St. Patrick's House) for scholarship; achieving Distinctions in their Trinity ISE Speaking and Listening examinations.
- **Lauren Malpas** (Year 11, St. Andrew's House) for scholarship; passing her ABRSM Grade 3 Cello examination. She has only been playing for one year.

I would also like to give a special mention for the following students this week:

- **Phoebe Allman** (Upper Preparatory, St. David's House) for scholarship; becoming a word millionaire during the Christmas break.
- **Sebastian Martinez Gamez** (Year 9, St. George's House) for resilience; despite being a new student to the College and currently located in a time zone 6 hours behind us, he has joined this week's lessons incredibly early in the morning and worked hard throughout.
- **Pranay Patel** (Year 9, St. George's House) and **Reuben Cadman** (Year 9, St. Andrew's House) for scholarship; composing excellent pieces of film music using Hans Zimmer's "Earth" as inspiration.
- **Joe Mehra** (Lower VI, S. George's House) for resilience; displaying commitment and dedication by completing all tasks in Chemistry ahead of time.
- **Ella Evans** (Upper VI, St. Andrew's House) and **George Oliver** (Upper VI, St. George's House) for scholarship; 90% in their Marine Science end-of-unit assessment.

## Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



### Coronavirus Update

Welsh Government has confirmed that schools and colleges will remain closed until at least 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and possibly through to the February half term break. We will update you as further information is announced and our programme of online lessons will continue until we are permitted to return to our classrooms.

### Parents' Meetings and Options Evenings

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 8 Virtual Parents' Meetings last Wednesday and I hope you find the evening both enjoyable and informative. If you have any comments, praise or suggestions, please do share with me so I may continue to improve our service.

Parents' evening appointment bookings for Preparatory School, Year 11 and Upper VI are currently open and instructions for booking are attached with 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.

27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Year 11 Virtual Parents' Meetings

Upper Preparatory School Virtual Parents' Meetings

Lower Preparatory School Virtual Parents' Meetings

Upper VI Virtual Parents' Meetings

Year 9 Virtual Options Evening

### Remote IT Support

1010 Systems are now part of a larger IT services group, Pro-Networks Limited. This gives us access to and benefit from the greater resources that the combined organisations now have.

Should any student experience any IT-related difficulties whilst learning remotely, please email [support@1010systems.co.uk](mailto:support@1010systems.co.uk) with full details and it will be investigated and addressed.

### Public Examinations Update

Irrespective of the decisions of governments and awarding bodies, it is important for students, parents and staff to keep in mind the purpose of the College – education. Whilst the way in which qualifications will be awarded is still to be fully determined, there is no change to our commitment to provide our students with an excellent, well-rounded education and this will continue through our online delivery. Students are reminded to engage fully with their learning so they are appropriately prepared for the next stage in their educational journey. Regular revision, past paper practice and reading around the subject content will be rewarding, enriching, engaging and deepen both knowledge and understanding. This will also ensure that our students are prepared for the rigours of the next level of study, whether at university or VI Form.

Students in examination years should continue to focus on learning as much as they can and the College and awarding bodies will take care of the grades and qualifications on their behalf.

**Cambridge Assessment International Education, Pearson Edexcel BTEC and Pearson Edexcel iGCSE:** These awarding bodies are hopeful that their examinations will be able to proceed as normal.

**OFQUAL (AQA, Pearson Edexcel, WJEC Eduqas):** The summer 2021 examination series has been cancelled. UK Government, OFQUAL and Awarding Bodies are now considering the detail of how grades for summer 2021 qualifications will be calculated and a period of wider consultation will begin next week to help inform their decision.

**Qualifications Wales (WJEC):** The summer 2021 examination series was cancelled in December and it was intended that two assessment periods would be used to complete alternative assessments. One period would be for internal assessments (22<sup>nd</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> April) and a second for external assessments (17<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> June). The internal assessment period has now also been cancelled and Welsh Government, Qualifications Wales and WJEC are considering the detail of how grades for summer 2021 qualifications will now be calculated. Under current direction, the external assessments scheduled between May and June will continue.

### **Why should parents pay examination fees when the examinations are not taking place?**

In some cases, your child may not be sitting examination papers this summer. However, Myddelton College and the relevant Awarding Bodies will do everything possible to ensure that your child's hard work is rewarded fairly when compared to peers at Myddelton College and other students across the UK and overseas, so that your child is not disadvantaged by the continuing disruption to the examinations series.

Fees for qualifications are charged by Awarding Bodies, not Myddelton College. They reflect the work undertaken to arrive at an appropriate grade for your child in that specification and include funding that is directed towards continued specification development and administration of the qualifications, including moderation, statistical analysis and the development of an alternative system to examination for this series. All of this takes time and expertise, so whilst the Awarding Body may not be using examination papers and mark schemes that have already been developed, nor will they require the same marking and post-results services as usual, they will still be undertaking a considerable amount of work on your child's behalf to ensure that the system is robust and fair for all.

## **Boarding Schools Association Update**

In accordance with Mr Allman's letter on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, the regulations are still not allowing any UK boarders to return to boarding schools, unless they are vulnerable children or the children of key workers. As soon as this situation changes, we will update you. In the meantime, please email Mr Allman if you require further information.

## The Week Ahead:

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January

- 08:45 – 12:40
- 13:35 – 14:10

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January

- 08:45 – 16:00
- 13:35 – 14:10

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

- 08:45 – 16:00

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January

- 08:45 – 16:00
- 13:10 – 13:35

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Boarding Trip:

Boarding Activities:

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Boarding Activities:

## Lent term 2021

### Martin Luther King Day

Lower Preparatory School LTTO

Headmaster's Celebration Assembly

- (will be distributed by email to all students)

Year 7M LTTO

Form Time Online (All Years)

Year 8M LTTO

Year 9M LTTO

Lunchtime Music Concert (cancelled)

### National Handwriting Day

Conwy Castle and Town (cancelled)

Onsite activities

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*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.*



## 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, at the end of last term we asked you to complete a survey. It is not too late to respond and the survey can still 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.

## Instrumental Music Lessons

Instrumental Music Lessons are still happening this term! DMC are offering online lessons via TEAMS, click [DMC Instrumental Music Lesson Registration](#) to register. They are really fun and keep Myddelton musicians playing and singing over the next several weeks.

A few top tips from Mr Cadman for lockdown playing!

1. Try to play every day - even if it is for only for a few minutes - little and often!
2. Play or sing a piece you like.
3. Always warm up with some scales or exercises before you dive into your pieces.
4. Try and play at the same time every day. For example, play for 5-10 minutes in the morning before lessons start so you can get into a routine.
5. Oh....and try and enjoy it! 😊



## PE Department Update

Mr Pearson challenges you to sign up now..... [From My Door - Run Wales](https://www.irun.wales) (irun.wales)



Since lockdown, our homes have become our everything. They are now our offices, our schools, our nights in and our nights out. But, our front door is the gateway to something beyond those four walls. The starting block for fresh air, exercise, and thinking time.

And the scale in which people in Wales have taken to stepping outside their front doors to gain the benefits is huge. Over 350,000 people took themselves outside of their four walls to run during the 2020 lockdown. And we're asking you to be part of that movement.

Whether you're a first-time jogger or a race finisher, you can get involved. Jump off your sofa, push yourself through your front door, and discover the mental and physical benefits of running. You can run for five minutes, or five miles. Whatever the weather, whatever your circumstances, whatever your pace, you've got this.

And the best part? You won't be pounding those pavements alone; there are hundreds of running clubs, groups, and challenges taking part right now across Wales, offering you support not just in January, but all year round.

Connect with our growing community of runners by sharing pictures and videos of you leaving your front door using #FromMyDoor.

### **Tennis**

Any students in Years 7-10 that play Tennis outside of school wishing to represent Myddelton College please contact [Mr Pearson](#).

## Disability Sport Wales Awards



William Bishop (Year 11, St. George's House) has been nominated for the "Inspiring my Journey" award by Brett Jones, Denbighshire Disability Sports and Community Sports Officer.

He has been shortlisted as one of the finalists which would normally involve a big ceremony in Cardiff but this year will be virtual, in January. The shortlisted candidates are now on social media and we wish him every success.

[https://twitter.com/dsw\\_news/status/1338454049486745602?s=12](https://twitter.com/dsw_news/status/1338454049486745602?s=12)

## LAMDA Qualifications Continue

Fiona, Seren, Lili, John and Kate are working hard and making progress with their LAMDA drama courses, expertly delivered by Tracy Spencer Jones. If you would like to learn more about LAMDA qualifications, please contact Tracy on 07940 937848.



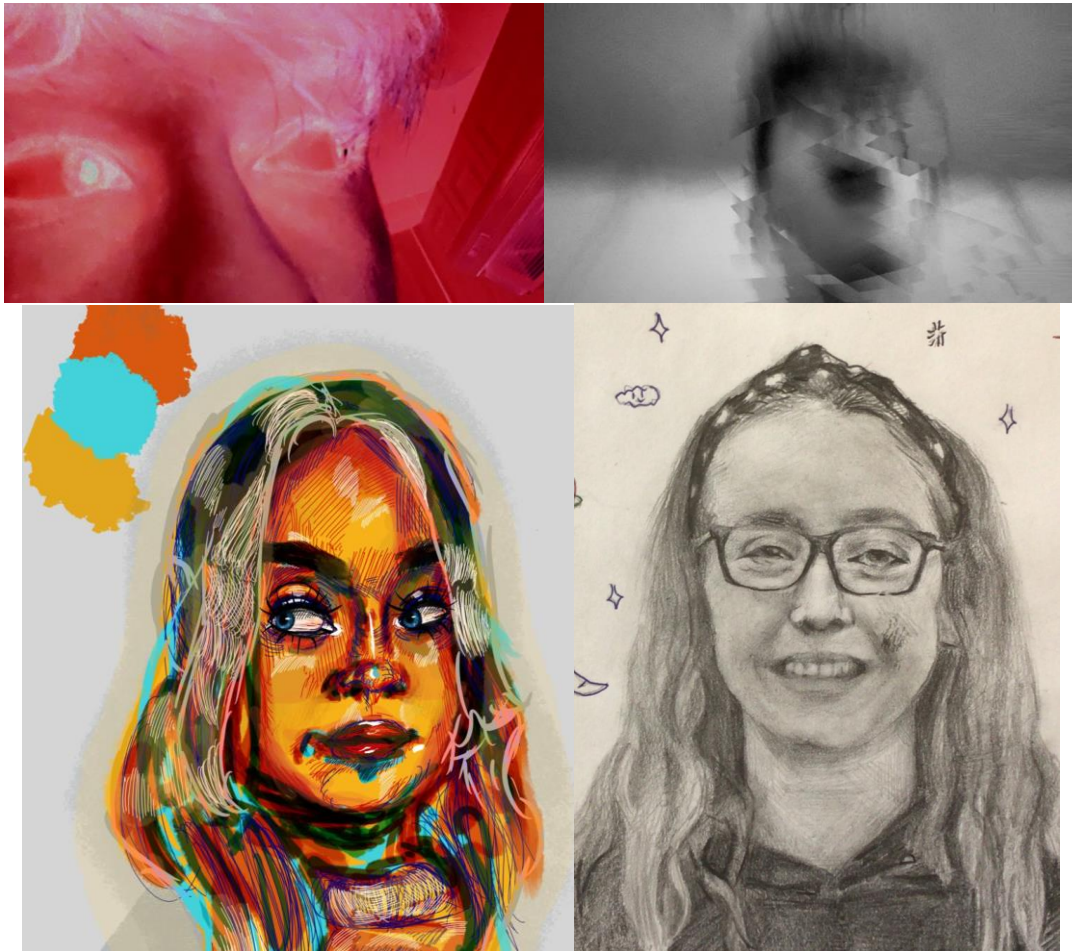


# Art & Design Update January 2021

It has been lovely to speak to pupils and be creative again after the Christmas break. Year 8M started the week by creating new ideas for the trainer brand Converse. Following on from last term's Pop Art creations, they looked at famous paintings and prints that could be used to transform a pair of trainers. What a brilliant start to this project.



Year 11 have been working on their final projects for their GCSE. Seen below are a range of portraits completed by Oliver Lewis, Clementine Meador-Pritchard and Jiayin Liu.



Upper VI are working hard to complete their last unit of work. Yuetong Zhao has been focussing on creating outfits utilising denim, Ffion Williams-Jones has continued her theme of Empowerment with a strong set of digital images, whilst Ilona Delendik explores Anime style fashion designs.



To finish is the excellent work of Chloe Szyplinski who has been inspired by the artist Keith Haring to create this repeating Pop Art style design. An excellent start to the Spring term.

*Ms Jones*

## Social Media

To keep up to date with everything Myddelton College related, please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter:



## Friends of Myddelton

Friends of Myddelton raised £170 from the Christmas Raffle. They also managed to collect 66 Chocolate Selection Boxes for the Denbigh Foodbank and kindly donated chocolate and sweet hampers to our boarders who were unable to go home during the Christmas break. Thank you to all for participating and to the Friends of Myddelton for organising.



**Sweep The Floors With This Prize!**



**WIN**

**Landscap Robotic Lawnmower**

**+**

**Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner**

- Support your school this term
- Weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Ticket cost just £1 a week
- Help boost school funds when we need it most

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 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).