

Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 16th October 2020



Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



I would like to express my gratitude to the whole Myddelton community for their efforts and resilience during the first half of the Michaelmas term. I am delighted that we have been able to reach the half term break without the need for any absence of 'bubbles' for Covid-19 reasons. Our students and staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the 'new normal' includes continuation of the same high academic standards, while balancing the importance of the wellbeing of our students and I look forward to this continuing throughout the second half of term.

Highlights this week in the Preparatory School have included; designing Christmas cards (further details in the Newsletter), planting Mexican Hat Plants into our handmade plant pots, producing fun comics in Spanish, exploring solubility in science and the long awaited Preparatory School film screening. Well done to Georgia Garnett-Hughes for receiving the Golden Racket Award in Tennis Club and congratulations to Oliver Corbett in becoming the Star of the Week for constantly demonstrating fellowship and working incredibly hard in his reading this half term.

Some of the highlights in the Senior School have included; an outstanding Year 10 Athletics lesson in PE and incredible model cell construction in Year 7 as part of their Science project. In LTTO, highlights have included Year 9 enjoying a great day in the Welsh Hills, leading multiple legs of a journey and utilising the 5D's to ensure pinpoint accuracy, as well as learning about bushcraft skills in preparation for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions. Year 8 braced the wet weather this week whilst climbing at World's End and Lower Prep learnt about tool safety and created wonderful wooden medals as well as enjoying the tyre swing. In Upper VI mathematics lessons, Mr Hunt and I have been particularly impressed with students breaking down language barriers by using mathematics as the universal language.

It has been an incredibly busy week in boarding and I have been impressed by the attitude that our students have shown in all of the evening and weekend activities. Particular highlights were seeing the creative work done in the craft club last Saturday and taking part in the football activity in the sports hall, with girls and boys aged between 11-18 all showing such positivity and fellowship towards each other. We look forward to a productive week of activities for our international boarders next week.

I hope that you all have a peaceful week during the half term recess and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 26th October.

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



Lower VI Update

UK University & Apprenticeship Virtual Fair

On Wednesday 21st October from 1200 until 1800, the UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair will be available online to students in Year 11 and VI Form.

The fair has been designed to feel exactly like a Careers Fair, just on your device. You will be able to visit a virtual Exhibition Hall full of over 90 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers and scroll through their colourful and informative stands and chat directly to representatives.

There will also be a virtual Auditorium where webinars will be taking place throughout the day, including topics such as personal statements, higher and degree apprenticeships and creative careers. Students, parents and teachers are welcome to attend and registration prior to the event is strongly recommended.

For more information and to register, please visit: [UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair](#) and see the additional information in the Newsletter below.

Lower VI interviews

During the course of the week, the Senior Leadership Team have been interviewing all students in Lower VI, covering a variety of academic, pastoral and aspirational matters. These meetings have been invaluable for learning more about our students and how we may best help them to fulfil their potential. The feedback from students was incredibly positive and we thank them for helping to shape the future of Myddelton College.

Uniform

As explained in previous Newsletters, students will not be required to wear uniform until after Christmas at the earliest. This enables students to change clothes daily, without having to purchase multiple uniform items or the pressure of washing and drying items (particularly kilt skirts) overnight and this is one of our range of Covid-19 mitigation measures.

Please note that this concession only applies to the standard daily uniform and not PE kit, nor LTTO kit (including rucksacks) where safety and comfort are of paramount importance. As the weather becomes more inclement, the suitability of the LTTO equipment in particular becomes increasingly important. Students are expected to have the correct equipment, including rucksacks and Myddelton waterproofs. Rather than change the activities, destinations and level of challenge offered to all students, any students attending LTTO lessons after this half term without the full and correct equipment may be sent home.

Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster Commendations to:

- Matthew Stubbins (Year 10, St. Andrew's House) – Matthew has been selected for the 2020-2021 RYA Cymru Wales Laser Transitional Squad
- George Oliver (Upper VI, St. George's House) – George has shown outstanding scholarship in his A level studies

The Week Ahead:

Monday 26th October

- Preparatory School Cauliflower Christmas Card order forms to be returned
- Upper Preparatory LTTO Fossil hunting, near Llanferres
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Assembly - Year 7

Tuesday 27th October

- 7Y LTTO Bushcraft/Fire (onsite)
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Assembly - Year 8

Wednesday 28th October

- 8M LTTO Climbing, Clwydian range
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Assembly - Year 9

Thursday 29th October

- 9M LTTO Llantysilio Mountain, Llangollen – Summit Fever!
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Assembly - Year 10

Friday 30th October

- Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Day in aid of Genesis Umbrella to Empower All (GUTEALL)
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Assembly - Year 11
- 1600 Finish (no activities, buses depart at 1610)

Saturday 31st October

- Boarders' Activities Jewellery making
 Hallowe'en pumpkin carving

Sunday 1st November

- Boarders' Activities "Slow Down" Sunday
 Mindfulness
 Car maintenance and understanding

Please note that LTTO 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 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation The Covid-19 test comes back as negative .

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Absence Procedures (continued)

<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<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 	<p>The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>We have received advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<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 	<p>School/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p>
<p>A member of staff or a member of their household becomes symptomatic</p>	<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. 	<p>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.</p>
<p>I can't get a test for my symptomatic child when I go online or ring</p>	<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!) 	<p>The test is negative</p>

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:



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Welsh Government



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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. 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 students and staff.



Mobile Telephones

We kindly ask that students do not bring mobile phones into the College. It is College policy that phones are not to be used during the day and this includes break and lunch times. If a student is seen with a mobile phone, Heads of House will issue them with a demerit, an email will be sent to parents/guardians by the student's Form Tutor and the phone will be confiscated for the rest of the day. VI Form students are allowed to have mobile phones with them (on silent), but they are not to be used anywhere except for the VI Form Common Room.



Parent Voice

Parent Voice are looking for class representatives to attend Parent Voice meetings (virtual, or face to face in the future). The objective of a Parent Voice Class Representative will be to bring any feedback from each year group and be able to communicate between your year group and Parent Voice.

Year group representatives are being sought for:

- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Year 12
- Year 13

Should you wish to represent your child's year group within the Parent Voice body, please contact Mary Tetley, Chair of Parent Voice: MaryT@bsac.com



Friends of Myddelton

If you have any items of school uniform that you are happy to donate, please can you hand these into the Reception. We will wash all clothes in our boarding houses and then add them to the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop. Items will be available to purchase on various days after Half Term, in preparation for the possible return to uniform after Christmas. For further information, please email friendsofmyddelton@myddeltoncollege.co.uk

Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Day

On Friday 30th October, we will host a Hallowe'en Fancy Dress day to raise money on behalf of Genesis Umbrella to Empower All (GUTEALL). This charity is run by Jane Lucas, mother of Esther Lucas (Lower VI Form) and information about their charitable work was included in Mr Allman's update and can be found at the charity website <https://www.guteall.org/about-us/>

Students are encouraged to dress up in Hallowe'en costumes and donate at least £1 each to support this worthy cause. Boarding students will be encouraged to make bunting and dress the boarding houses in a suitably spooky way on the final Sunday of the half term break.

Students are respectfully asked not to wear any Hallowe'en masks (except for the Covid-mitigation face coverings currently being worn), particularly now that Myddelton College has expanded to include Preparatory Students as young as 7 years old.



English Faculty Update

Scholastic Bookclub up and running! Due to current restrictions we are not able to run our usual Book Fairs that we normally do with Scholastic Books. However don't worry we have come up with a solution to keep your son/daughter reading throughout the year. We have now created our virtual bookclub with Scholastic Books and if you go to [Digital Book Club](#) you will be able to place orders direct, up until the **25th November** – to ensure delivery in time for the Christmas break. You will be able to order and pay directly online using this link and every book purchased will gain the College rewards which can be used to purchase books for our Accelerated Reading programme and the book boxes we are creating whilst the library remains Covid free. If you have problems accessing the online system then simply return your book order via your son or daughter and we will place it on your behalf.

SoS/Trapped writing competition

Write your 100 word mini saga on a word document and email to Mr Biles-Liddell by Thursday 22nd October to ensure it is entered by the deadline of **23rd October**. Full entry details can be found by following this link: <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/>

Mr A Biles-Liddell

Preparatory School Update

All students have designed a Christmas card designs this week. Students have the opportunity to have their art work turned into a Christmas card with Cauliflower Cards and have taken their order forms home with them - please can parents complete these and bring them into school on Monday 26th October if they wish to purchase any items.



Preparatory School students also completed their independent writes this week, following Mrs C's fabulous lessons! Both Miss Williams and Miss Gresley-Jones are incredibly proud of the wonderful stories that the pupils have written, full of rich vocabulary.

Miss K Gresley-Jones

Mr Cadman's "Getting to know your car" activity

Calling all 6th Formers: CARS, CARS, CARS! Are you driving or learning to drive yet?

Mr Cadman will be running a basic "getting to know your car" session on Mondays at 1610 starting after half term - (mainly for the good old combustion engine drivers!)

This sessions will include:

- Changing a flat tyre (very useful if you are in the middle of nowhere, late at night!)
- What do to if you breakdown/have an accident
- What a car looks like under the bonnet (how do you open the bonnet!)



- Fluids/filters - checking levels
- Checking brakes /tyres/changing bulbs
- Sourcing parts/buying a car.... PCP/HP
- Insurance/driving abroad

All welcome and don't worry, he won't make you sing...

LTTO Expeditions

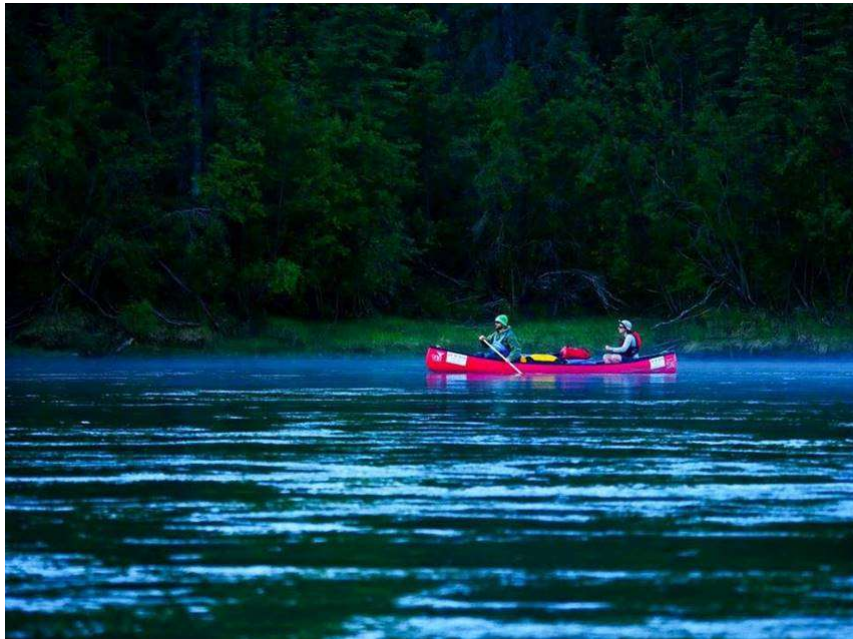
As the ability and experience of our students grows, so does the level of challenge offered! Similarly, in times of lockdown, our daydreams are filled of the adventures to come, so in LTTO, we plan and scheme! To this end, we would like to share our hopes for two expeditions this academic year.

Winter Skills Trip to Scotland

No better challenge for our students than to take their prior knowledge and apply it in the wilds of Scotland, in the winter. It is dark, snowy, icy, bleak and incredibly rewarding. This 7-day trip based around Fort William will introduce ice axes and crampons to the students taking them to new heights. Students will use their mountaineering skills and climbing techniques to scale snowy peaks safely. The team will live fully catered in a hostel, with appropriate COVID measures, as such there will be a small cost to the trip to fund boarding and technical equipment, at the moment this is £280 but is subject to change as the accommodation determines how they may open COVID safely. The trip will leave College the Friday before February half term, returning the following Thursday, 12-18th February 2021. The trip is aimed at students in Year 9 and above.



Picture: Students on an ascent to above the clouds in Glen Coe.



Picture: Mr Eastabrook descending the Yukon in 2015 early one morning.

Yukon River Expedition, Canada

We are proud to launch Myddelton College's first expedition to the mighty Yukon River, Canada. It is a wild place, rich in history and an ideal place for an expedition in a true sense of the word. Students will be spending 12 days descending the river, wild camping along the way, cover 450km along the Teslin and Yukon Rivers. During this time, the students will use their LTTO skills to live effectively and undertake one science-based project and arts-based project. For example, for Arts this could be a painting, photos or poetry

and for Science, river measurements, wildlife spotting or litter monitoring. Places are limited, in part due to the size of the camping spot along the river, so we will be running an application process for those who wish to participate. It is the intention of the LTTO department that we

will run a variation of this trip every two years with a more mountain-based trip in the in-between years. The trip is aimed at students in Year 9 and above but is on an application basis.

The dates of the trip will be 11-26th August 2021, aiming to return to the UK before the start of term permitting boarding students to attend. This will give us great weather and ideal river levels for the trip. We will be away for 16 days; that gives us a couple of travelling days, a couple of days to get our supplies organised for the trip and an evening for R&R before our return. A full itinerary will be developed by the students and communicated back to parents and the Headmaster long before the trip departs. Similarly, in September 2021, the students will host an evening for all to report back on their arts and science projects. The cost of the trip will be no more than £2,900, students may need to purchase a few items for the trip but we will help keep this expenditure to minimum. While this is a lot of money, British Exploring run this trip for £4,500; using the experience and qualifications of the LTTO team allows us to run this as cost effectively as possible.

Note on COVID-19 matters

It seems reasonable to think that Covid restrictions should allow travel to Canada towards the end of next summer, however, we feel comfortable advertising the trips given the experience and contacts of the LTTO department. This means that while the College will take a payment for the trip in stages, we are not using an external company to organise the trip and therefore not sending money anywhere before we need to. We can ensure we only commit funds closer to the departure date to protect the expedition budget and your money in the event of cancellation due to COVID-19. Similarly, we hope that by February, businesses will be open who can cater for a closed booking and travel to Scotland will be possible and again we will protect funds until the last second to make cancellation simple for Myddelton College and parents.

Applications

For both trips spaces are limited and we are expecting demand to be competitive, students will need to submit an application to c.eastabrook@myddeltoncollege.co.uk and answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to go on the trip?
- What interests you, inspires you to want to come?
- How will you make yourself a useful and valuable member of the team?
- (Yukon only) What ideas do you have for a science-based project and an arts-based project?
(You will need to do some research on the river: location, history and opportunities)

I would welcome a telephone call or email from any parents wishing to discuss this expedition further before the students apply for a place on either expedition. The deadline for applications for both trips is Friday 30th October 2020.

Mr C Eastabrook

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

Myddelton College CCF training day

CCF cadets have the opportunity to attend a training day at College on Sunday 8th November 2020. The training will cover the CCF basic training syllabus and preparation for the College remembrance parade. Due to time constraints at school it is a great opportunity to build on the training covered in the cadet drill nights. Cadets will be taking part in drill, field craft including cooking and leadership, all building towards the basic cadet qualification. We should have issued the new cadets with uniform so it will also include uniform preparation (we will show them how to iron uniforms and bull their boots!!). The training will take place on the College grounds 0900 - 1600.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Nicholls, School staff Instructor
i.nicholls@myddeltoncollege.co.uk

Mr I Nicholls

Half Term Boarding Activities

Friday 16th October

- Evening 5-a-side football

Saturday 17th October

- Daytime Badminton
- Evening Harmony choir

Sunday 18th October

- Daytime Basketball
- Evening Movie night

Monday 19th October

- Daytime Myddelton spa day
- Evening Cake decorating

Tuesday 20th October

- Daytime Sushi making
- Evening Movie and popcorn

Wednesday 21st October

- Daytime Badminton competition
UK University & Apprenticeship Virtual Fair
- Evening Music mania & 5-1-side football

Thursday 22nd October

- Daytime Denbigh walk
- Evening Table tennis competition

Friday 23rd October

- Daytime Tennis tournament
- Evening Disco room art

Saturday 24th October

- Daytime Indoor bouldering
- Evening Movie and take away night

Sunday 25th October

- Daytime Activities in the sports centre
- Evening Hallowe'en costume making and house decorating

- FREE EVENT -

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