



Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 18th September 2020

Headmaster – Mr Andrew Allman



I have been delighted that our students have been able to enjoy a week of wonderful weather after the whole of the Trinity Term was in lockdown. It has been so nice to see students playing games on the fields, reading outside and relaxing during breaks and lunchtimes in the sunshine. It has also been lovely to see the boarders making the most of the gorgeous evenings, playing tennis, football and rounders among other things.

This week in the Preparatory School, the live English lessons with Mrs C also started and they have particularly enjoyed the lesson which consisted of tasting different types of food to help them to generate adventurous vocabulary. Geoff the Labrador came to visit to help with the 'chalk and chot' vocabulary in the playground ready for the sentence-stacking lesson. It was wonderful to see the buzzing atmosphere in the Lower Preparatory's first LTTO lesson; roasting marshmallows around the campfire was their favourite part. On Thursday, Upper Preparatory were invited to attend Mr Cadman's lunch time concert where we enjoyed guitar and piano performances from senior school pupils. Well done to Harry Mead, Alfie Roberts, Ashley Tramaseur for such fine performances. Congratulations to this week's Preparatory School Star of the week Phoebe Allman (Year 5) for being a fantastic buddy and for constructing a Victorian style dolls' house to show to the class.

Year 7 have been making hover boards in Science with our new teacher Miss Churchman, where they have been learning about forces. Their creative ideas were extremely impressive. Year 8 have been doing some wonderful work in Art and it has been nice to see the inspiring work they have been doing towards the John Muir Trust Award using acorns to create art. Well done to Lois Bradburn (Year 9) for outstanding work in Physics, perseverance and working at problem solving until she got it correct and helping others in class, showing them how to cope with problems and not just showing them the answers. It has been nice to see the Accelerated Reader Programme back in action, it is particularly impressive for Oliver Lewis (Year 11) to be commended by Renaissance International, and them commenting that he can now officially take an accelerated reader quiz on his own book. We are incredibly proud to become finalists in the Rising Star category of the Independent School of the Year Awards. Congratulations to Katie Balmer (Upper VI) for her entry and fingers crossed for the outcome in the final.

Finally some wonderful news to share with you; Leah Williams delivered a baby boy last night weighing 4lb 10oz. His name is still to be decided, but mother and son are doing very well. Alicia Davies has a lovely shiny new ring on as her partner Tom proposed to her last weekend.

Senior Deputy Headmaster – Mr Ian Lloyd



Uniform Day – Monday 21st September

It is somewhat of a juxtaposition to request that all students attend on Monday in uniform – normally we would be asking the opposite and raising funds for a deserving charity!

Our marketing staff will be taking photographs for new website, brochure and marketing literature to spread the word about all of the amazing opportunities available at Myddelton College. This will help to promote our College domestically and internationally as we continue to grow and expand and your support to help us achieve this goal is very much appreciated.

- Lower Preparatory students – uniform
- Upper Preparatory students – LTTO kit
- Years 7 & 8 – uniform
- Year 9M – LTTO kit
- Year 9Y – uniform
- Years 10 & 11 – uniform, except GCSE PE students who should wear Myddelton PE kit
- VI Form students – ‘corporate dress’ (uniform), except A Level PE students who should wear Myddelton PE kit
- Students who have full CCF uniform should wear this

We understand that some parents may have delayed the purchase of uniform following our decision to relax the dress code to enable clothes to be washed more regularly (Covid-mitigation measures). In this instance, students are to wear Myddelton PE kit instead.

Alternative arrangements will be made for VI Form sport on Monday afternoon and there may be some changes to the normal sporting activities after lessons as we do not want students changing clothes.

VI Form and UCAS

Following on from the meetings with Mr David Ewart, UCAS Mentor, Upper VI should now be finalising their personal statements and confirming their five university and course combinations. It is almost inevitable that questions will arise and Mr Ewart can be contacted on ewartdv@yahoo.co.uk to provide further support and guidance, or come directly to Mr Allman.

Please check your university course requirements carefully as some require CAAT admissions tests which we can arrange on your behalf, or minimum GCSE grades for specific subjects.

Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster Commendations to:

- Alfie Roberts (Year 8, St. Patrick's House) – Grade 2 Guitar
- Hugh Holland (Year 11, St. Patrick's House) – Grade 3 Rock and Pop (drums)

The Week Ahead:

Monday 21st September

- Uniform Day
- Upper Preparatory LTTO Onsite

Tuesday 22nd September

- 7Y LTTO Onsite (Bushcraft)

Wednesday 23rd September

- 8Y LTTO Onsite (Bushcraft)

Thursday 24th September

- 9Y LTTO Climbing at Pot Hole Quarry, Llanferres, near Ruthin
- 13:35 – 14:10 Headmaster's Assembly (Macmillan Cancer Research, Mrs Jones)

Friday 26th September

- 09:00 Tempest Photography – POSTPONED
- 10:35 – 10:50 Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 16:00 Finish (no activities, buses depart at 16:10)

Saturday 27th September

- Boarders' Trip (details to be confirmed)
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze Assessment/Silver Training)

Sunday 28th September

- Boarders "Slow Down" Sunday
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze Assessment/Silver Training)

Please reinforce these important messages 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.



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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

Preparatory School – Morning Supervision

Supervision is provided in the prep playground from 08:25 every weekday morning. We understand that some parents may need to drop their children off prior to this time and, if so, you are encouraged to join the Breakfast Club. The club takes place in the Dining Hall (please drop off at the main College entrance) with supervision and breakfast available from 07:45 until 08:25.

Of course, parents are welcome to stay with their children in the playground until 08:25.

Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons will resume next week.

- Mr Pearson (guitar) is teaching on Monday
- Mrs Terry (voice) is teaching on Monday
- Mrs Evans (piano) is teaching on Monday
- Mr Deacon (woodwind) is teaching on Tuesday

Those that are interested in voice lessons with our new voice teacher, Mrs Sioned Terry, please meet in the Music Department at 9.30am on Monday if you are interested.



1. Playing music is fun!
2. Playing an instrument makes you smarter
3. Your social life will improve
4. Playing an instrument relieves stress
5. Playing an instrument gives you a sense of achievement
6. It builds your confidence
7. Practising a musical instrument improves patience
8. It helps improve your memory
9. It increases discipline and time management skills.
10. Playing music makes you more creative

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



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LAMDA EXAMINATIONS IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS, INCREASE SELF-CONFIDENCE AND DEVELOP STRONG SOCIAL SKILLS.

LAMDA is one of the UK's oldest and most respected awarding bodies. The examinations equip students with the key skills and experiences to successfully continue their pathway through the arts spectrum as well as developing transferable skills to other areas of life and education. LAMDA examinations help learners gain a variety of skills but their ultimate aim is to provide all people with the opportunity to develop the life skills they need to be a success. LAMDA Exams currently offer learners the chance to earn UCAS points, (Grade 6-8) which is also an excellent asset to any young person wanting to further their education. We offer tuition and preparation for examinations from ages 7 to 18 and from Introductory Level through to Grade 8 Gold Medal. Lessons are taught by Professional Actor LAMDA Tutor Tracy Spencer Jones.



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WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Friday 25th September

**Cakes will be served in our
dining hall to our pupils.**

**We are requesting a minimum of £1 per cake to go towards this
worthy charity (no change will be given due to Covid
measures)**

**If you would like to donate further please send your money in a
sealed envelope labelled Macmillan and hand into reception.**

Thank you.

