

Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 20th November 2020



Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



The highlight of the week was listening to our talented musicians perform during Thursday's lunchtime concert. It was particularly lovely to see a number of students perform for the first time. Congratulations to Isaac Evans (Year 5), Reuben Cadman (Year 9), Hadassah Yakubu, Alice Gubert, Aderyn Lloyd, Michael Thompson, Nathan Allsopp-Huddle (all Year 10), Oliver Lewis (Year 11), Ffion Lloyd and Manon Roberts (both Lower VI) for their outstanding performances.

It has been a colourful end to the week with so many students and staff taking part in 'Football Shirt Friday' organised by Mr Pearson and I look forward to hearing the total raised for Cancer Research. Students in all year groups have taken part in anti-bullying lessons this week as well as an assembly from their Tutors. Students in the Preparatory School are invited to take part in an anti-bullying colouring and design competition: they are taking home an outline of a pair of socks and over the weekend, they should design a pair of odd socks and bring their finished picture in on Monday if they wish to enter the competition. The Lower Preparatory also took part in a virtual lesson with Jen from the National Archives and enjoyed a fantastic lesson on the digestive system, both were nice to see featured on social media.

Bronze Sports Ambassadors were selected this week. Well done to all of those who applied and those who were selected for interview. This Bronze Sports Ambassadors are: Noura Ben-Sassi (Year 6), Ffion Evans, Isaac Evans and Phoebe Allman (all Year 5). Congratulations to the Preparatory School Star of the week: Isaac Evans as he has had a number of successes over the last few weeks. These include achieving 'distinction' in both Grade 1 and Grade 2 piano, full marks in both his mathematics and spelling tests, becoming a Bronze Ambassador for Sport and becoming the Preparatory School's second Accelerated Reader word millionaire this year.

Last weekend was a busy weekend for boarders, with a trip to Llandudno on Saturday and a day of Christmas crafts and board games on Sunday. This weekend they will be having a trip to Broughton, making some Spanish Tapas and a super quiz. There is of course the regular football, basketball, badminton and tennis activities taking place.

Myddelton College is beginning to look festive and it was a delight for our youngest pupils Chirag Patel and Elizabeth Hughes (both Year 3) to have the honour of turning the lights on our Christmas tree. Thank you for the support of the Friends of Myddelton for the outside tree and to Mrs Gail Jones for producing another outstanding recycled tree; we are all in awe of your creativity and appreciate the time spent on producing such a fabulous tree!

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



Student Interviews

During the course of this week, the Senior Leadership Team met individually with all students in Year 7. Discussions have included identification of strengths and weaknesses, both academically and pastorally, what we can do to support them, what they believe we have done well and what we need to improve on. I would like to thank Year 7 students for their time and the invaluable feedback that will help us to support them to fulfil their potential.

Uniform

It has always been our intention for students and staff to be back in uniform as soon as possible. However, the latest Covid-19 information suggests that society is far from returning to 'normal' any time soon. Therefore, the temporary uniform policy will continue to be in place until at least Lent half term. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated via the newsletter. If you have any questions about the temporary uniform guidance, please raise these with your child's form tutor.

Booster Lessons

To help students both within and outside the Myddelton community, there will be a programme of GCSE and A Level Booster courses covering Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics and Physics. Starting on 30th November, these lessons are free and designed to bridge any gaps in learning resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic during 2020. Participants must sign up via the College website: [Myddelton College GCSE and A Level Booster Lessons](https://www.myddeltoncollege.com/courses)

An advertisement for Myddelton College's GCSE and A Level Booster Lessons. The background is a photograph of a young woman with long brown hair sitting at a desk in a library, looking at a tablet. The text is overlaid on the image. In the top left, it says 'AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP'. Below that, 'DELIVERED BY OUR EXPERIENCED SUBJECT LEADERS'. Then, 'LESSONS START 30TH NOV SIGN UP NOW: MYDDELTONCOLLEGE.COM/COURSES'. In the top right, there is the Myddelton College crest and name. In the bottom right, the text reads 'Free Online GCSE and A Level Booster Lessons'. There are also navigation arrows on the left and right sides of the image.

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Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- **Schweifen Liu** (Upper VI, St. David's House) & **Kim Gu** (Upper VI, St. David's House) – Schweifen and Kim achieved excellent results in the recent UK Mathematics Trust Senior Mathematics Challenge and have qualified for the next round, the Senior Mathematics Kangaroo.
- **Isaac Evans** (Upper Prep, St. Patrick's House) – Isaac has achieved distinctions in Piano: Grades 1 & 2, become a Bronze Sports Ambassador and made outstanding academic progress in English and mathematics.

The Week Ahead:

Monday 23rd November

- Open Week
 - Lower Preparatory LTTO
 - 1335 – 1410
- Visitors by appointment only please
Climbing and Shelter Building (onsite)
Headmaster's Assembly

Tuesday 24th November

- Open Week
 - 7M LTTO
- Visitors by appointment only please
History of the Great Sea Monster, Great Orme

Wednesday 25th November

- Open Week
 - 8M LTTO
- Visitors by appointment only please
Hillwalking in Snowdonia National Park

Thursday 26th November

- Open Week
 - 9M LTTO
- Visitors by appointment only please
Adventure Day in Snowdonia National Park

Friday 27th November

- Open Week
 - 1600
- Visitors by appointment only please
Finish (no activities, buses depart at 1610)

Saturday 28th November

- Boarders' Activities
- Trip (destination t.b.c.)
Origami Crafts, Scrabble Competition & Badminton

Sunday 29th November

- Boarders' Activities
- "Slow Down" Sunday
Red Bull Paper Wings Competition

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... |
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| 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)

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| <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:



Llywodraeth Cymru
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. They should be worn at all times, removing them for as short a time as possible when eating and/or drinking.



Parent Voice

A Parent Voice meeting was held on Friday 13th November. At this meeting it was agreed that the following parents will be year group representatives. You are welcome to email your year group representative using the email addresses below.

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| Prep School | Kailey Jones | kaileysassijones@gmail.com |
| Year 7 | Julie Baddock | juliebaddock@yahoo.co.uk |
| Year 8 | Lindsay Lloyd | lindsaymyddelton@gmail.com |
| Year 8 | Anne Marie Tramaseur | anmarietramaseur@gmail.com |
| Year 10 | Nicola Stubbins | n.stubbins@sky.com |
| Year 11 | Clare Stapleton | clarestapps@outlook.com |

Would anyone wish to represent Year 9, Lower VI and Upper VI? If so, please contact Mary Tetley, Parent Voice Chair, on maryt@bsac.com

We would appreciate feedback on all areas including academic, well-being, support & pastoral care, Covid-19, uniform, communication, catering, sport and car parking. You can also email the Chair, Mary Tetley on maryt@bsac.com if you have any queries which do not fall into the relevant areas above. Feedback is presented to the Senior Leadership Team, discussed and a response sent back to Parent Voice.

Open Week

Next week is Open Week! As with the previous Open Week, we have spread a series of appointments throughout the week in order to minimise any potential infection risks. Only one family at a time will be shown around the campus and all visitors will be accompanied by senior staff. They will be required to maintain suitable distances from our community, wear face coverings at all times and we will ensure they make good use of our hand sanitiser stations.

You may have seen our Open Week Invitation on social media during the last few weeks, but if you have friends or family considering moving their children to Myddelton College, please contact Mrs Carly Gilmour on 01745 472201 or c.gilmour@myddeltoncollege.co.uk in order to book an appointment. Please note that all visitors must have a pre-booked appointment.

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



Introducing a New Artist...

A local artist and friend of the family saw Evaya Hall's sketchbooks (Year 8, St. David's House) and thought her pieces were good enough to offer for sale in her local shop in Ruthin <https://www.tycelf.org/> One of Evaya's works of art has been sold; it was of a cow (similar to this) and she is 'very chuffed!' Congratulations Evaya.

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.

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| 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>.

Virtual Christmas Celebration Concert

In preparation for the recording of the plays to be featured in the virtual Christmas Celebration Concert this year, Lower Prep, Upper Prep and the Drama Club have all been cast into their roles and asked to find a costume for their part. Mrs Hughes needs these costumes in school for their next lessons as we are starting to record. They do not need to be of professional quality, homemade or store bought will be perfect.

Lower Prep - "The Nativity"

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| Wise King | Harry |
| Angel Gabriel | Lizzie |
| Shepherds | Alex |
| King Herod | Rufus |
| Narrator / Star | Charlie |
| Inn Keeper | Chirag |

Year 7 Drama Club (D.O.T.); "The Santa Interviews"

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| Narrator | Dylan (Christmas jumper) |
| Gamble Elf | Matteo |
| Mary Elf | Elfreda |
| Santa Claus | Isla |
| Prancer Reindeer | Jake |
| Frosty the Snowman | Ava |
| Sméagol | Nathaniel |
| Galadriel Elf Princess | Zoe |
| Scrooge | Arran |
| Tiny Tim | Rhys |

Upper Prep - "Backstage at Christmas"

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| Mary | Tilly |
| Joseph | Noura |
| Angels | Squiggy, Malaika |
| Inn Keeper | Siham |
| Gabriel | Phoebe |
| Inn Keeper's Wife | Sophia |
| 2 Guards | Jess, Taylor |
| Zechariah | Oliver |
| Elizabeth | Noura |
| Star of Bethlehem | Will |
| King Herod | Isaac |
| Rachel | Ffion |
| Wise man | Billy |
| Shepherd | Logan |

Any questions, please don't hesitate to email Mrs Hughes; l.hughes@myddeltoncollege.co.uk
Thank you for your support!



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