



# Lent Term Update

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

## Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



Once again I have been impressed by the attitude of our students, not only during another week of online learning but also throughout the flooding in the UK. I would particularly like to congratulate John Lloyd-Williams who read a post on Facebook calling for help as the flood waters breached Llys y Felin sheltered accommodation in St Asaph. He spent 3 hours in the rain and sleet brushing flood water away from the sheltered housing. Denbighshire Council had to open the leisure centre to offer emergency accommodation and John displayed a calm and mature approach, offering quiet reassurance and help. A true act of Myddelton fellowship.

The Preparatory school have been working incredibly hard as usual and we are pleased to announce that we have had more Accelerated Reader success! Noura Ben-Sassi has become Year 6's first word multi-millionaire, reading more than 2 million words. Congratulations to Preparatory School Star of the Week, Charlie Thomas, who has become Lower Preparatory's first word millionaire.

Lower Preparatory have really enjoyed their practical science activity this week. They explored how different liquids flow. They wrote predictions, formed a method, ensured that they were conducting a fair test and collected their data scientifically. Upper Preparatory have explored the art work of Keith Haring and have learnt about colour theory. They are looking forward to producing art work inspired by Haring next week.

In the Senior School, I have continued to be impressed by the work that is being done online. I hope you enjoy seeing the amazing achievements in Art and LTTO and Sport which are reflected later in the Newsletter. We are also extremely excited that Anna Jackson, a retired International Wheelchair Basketball player, Paralympic athlete and now a sports coach, mentor and motivational speaker will be speaking to Year 11 GCSE PE & A-Level PE students on Tuesday afternoon next week. We very much look forward to meeting with Anna and hearing some of her inspirational stories.

As we approach St. Dwynwen's Day, the Welsh equivalent to St. Valentine's Day, I hope that your children show their usual acts of love and kindness and help you to have a relaxing weekend.

## Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- **Noura Ben-Sassi** (Upper Preparatory, St. David's House) for scholarship; becoming Myddelton College's first word multi-millionaire this year in Year 6, having read more than two million words.
- **John Lloyd-Williams** (Year 11, St. Patrick's House) for fellowship; providing immediate support to vulnerable neighbours during the recent flooding.

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

- **Charlie Thomas** (Lower Preparatory, St. George's House) for scholarship; becoming a word millionaire.
- **Evan Hughes** (Year 7, St. David's House) for scholarship; Evan has created a piece of music to "Earth". Here is his [sound clip](#)
- **Lois Bradburn** (Year 9, St. George's House) for scholarship; Lois has created a piece of music to "Earth". Here is her [video clip](#)
- **Libby Williams** (Upper VI, St. David's House) for fellowship; for her work to raise funds for the Welsh Air Ambulance and Young Minds charities in memory of her close friend, Ethan Ross, who tragically died last year. Further details of her fundraising activity are included in the newsletter.

## Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



### Coronavirus Update

There has been no further announcement regarding when schools in Wales will be allowed to resume. Welsh Government has confirmed that we must 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

Parents' evening appointment bookings for Preparatory School, Year 11, Upper VI **and now GCSE Options Evening** 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	Year 11 Virtual Parents' Meetings
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Upper Preparatory School Virtual Parents' Meetings
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021	Lower Preparatory School Virtual Parents' Meetings
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021	Upper VI Virtual Parents' Meetings
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Year 9 Virtual Options Evening

### Public Examinations Update

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. Regular revision, past paper practice and reading around the subject content will be rewarding, enriching, engaging and deepen both knowledge and understanding.

**Qualifications Wales (WJEC):** This week, it was announced that the external assessment window proposed for 17<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled. Grades will be awarded based on assessment of students' work by the College. Examples of work that can be included in this assessment are Non-Examination Assessments (coursework), practice examinations and classwork. To support the determination of a grade, WJEC will offer a set of adapted past papers, providing extra support for teachers and students. Further detail is expected from the regulator and awarding body during the course of the next two weeks.

### 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.

## The Week Ahead: Lent term 2021

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January**      **Dydd Santes Dwynwen (St. Dwynwen's Day) & Burns Night**  
08:45 – 12:40              Upper Preparatory School LTTO

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**  
08:45 – 16:00              Year 7Y LTTO  
13:35 – 14:10              Form Time Online (All Years)  
16:10 – 17:00              Year 10 Statistics Revision Session  
19:00 – 20:00              Parent Voice Meeting

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**      **Holocaust Memorial Day**  
08:45 – 16:00              Year 8Y LTTO  
13:35 – 14:10              Headmaster's Celebration Assembly  
16:20 – 19:30              Years 11 Parents' Evening (virtual)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
08:45 – 16:00              Year 9Y LTTO  
09:40 – 10:35              Year 10 Statistics Practice Examination  
19:00 – 20:00              Friends of Myddelton Meeting

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
Boarding Trip:              Llandudno Ski Slope (cancelled)  
Boarding Activities:      Onsite activities

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
Boarding Activities:      Onsite activities

*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 Voice Meeting

The next Parent Voice meeting will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. Parents are invited to email representatives with any items you wish to raise.

Preparatory School	Kailey Jones	<a href="mailto:kaileysassijones@gmail.com">kaileysassijones@gmail.com</a>
Year 7	Julie Baddock	<a href="mailto:juliebaddock@yahoo.co.uk">juliebaddock@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Year 8	Lindsay Lloyd	<a href="mailto:lindsaymyddelton@gmail.com">lindsaymyddelton@gmail.com</a>
	Ann Marie Tramaseur	<a href="mailto:annmarietramaseur@gmail.com">annmarietramaseur@gmail.com</a>
Year 9	Belinda Cain	<a href="mailto:bluebelle1973@icloud.com">bluebelle1973@icloud.com</a>
Year 10	Nicola Stubbins	<a href="mailto:n.stubbins@sky.com">n.stubbins@sky.com</a>
Year 11	Clare Stapleton	<a href="mailto:clarestapps@outlook.com">clarestapps@outlook.com</a>

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 ([maryt@bsac.com](mailto:maryt@bsac.com)) if your year group is not currently represented.

## Friends of Myddelton Meeting

The next Friends of Myddelton meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm via zoom. All parents are welcome to attend and can obtain the meeting link by sending your contact details (name and email address) to Catherine Frith, Chair of the Friends of Myddelton, on 07738 998690.

## PE Guest Speaker

Paralympic athlete, retired International wheelchair basketballer, sports coach, mentor and motivational speaker ANNA JACKSON will be speaking to Year 11 GCSE PE & A-Level PE students on Tuesday afternoon next week. We very much look forward to meeting with Anna and hearing some of her inspirational stories.



## Social Media

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





# #MoveAMarathonFor Ethan

*Libby Williams*

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[Direct Link to the Move  
A Marathon Hub:  
Denbighshire Leisure  
#MoveAMarathonFor  
Ethan](#)



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[Direct Link to the Just  
Giving Donation Page:  
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## Story:

Ethan Ross was only 17 years old when he tragically lost his life following a collision on the A55 near St Asaph, Denbighshire in North Wales on September 12th 2020.

Along with his family, friends we are encouraging the public to 'move a marathon for Ethan' in his memory.

Ethan was a hugely popular, and well respected young man, who worked part time as a waiter in Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel, and was also a member of the Denbigh Town FC Development Squad.

He was "selfless, kind, caring, determined, quiet and gifted with huge competitive nature."

Ethan was studying Maths and Physics A Levels at Denbigh High School and hoping to go on to Bristol University to study Aerospace Engineering. Ethan had great aspirations and desires.

Ethan wanted his life to be purposeful and benefit man kind in some way, he has certainly done this by giving so many a gift of life with his organ donations. We must now carry on his legacy.....

## How to get involved?

Over the weekend of **18th/20th June 2021**, you can help raise funds for this worthwhile cause by completing 26.2 miles (approximately 55,00 steps!) of any activity you enjoy. You can get friends and family to join you in as many activities as you want and break your 'marathon' into as many sessions as you need. Once your 26.2 miles is complete, you've moved your own marathon!

Ethan's dad Paul, his brother Callum and hopefully his mum Helen will take the tougher route by running a full marathon on Sunday 20th June and we would like to invite as many people as possible to join in and support them along the way.

Planning for the event is well underway, with a number of activities already lined up. A logo in Ethan's memory has been designed by his girlfriend Mya, and a webpage has been created as a hub for the event.

We would love as many people as possible to get involved and Move a Marathon in memory of Ethan. Denbighshire Leisure Ltd have offered to support the event and being the official partner. The charities chosen are the Welsh Air Ambulance and Young Minds, two charities that are very important to Ethan's family.

**Upper Sixth student Libby Williams was a close friend of Ethan, knowing him since she started school almost 13 years ago. She wants to help Ethans parents by raising as much awareness as possible and get people involved in this event. Donations would be greatly appreciated however, if you just want to get involved in the Move A Marathon with friends and family, and just have some fun, that would also be amazing!**

## Music Update

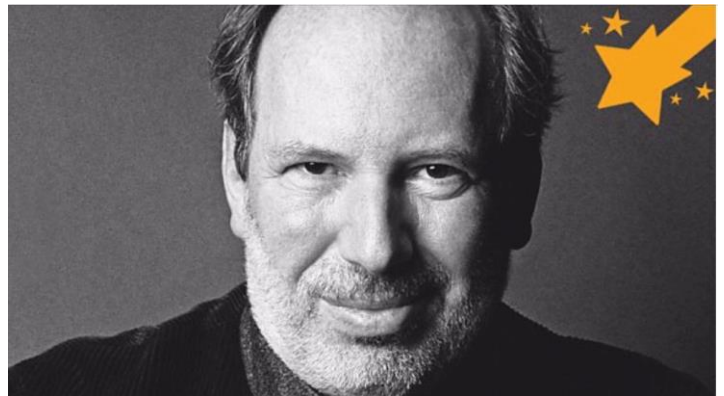
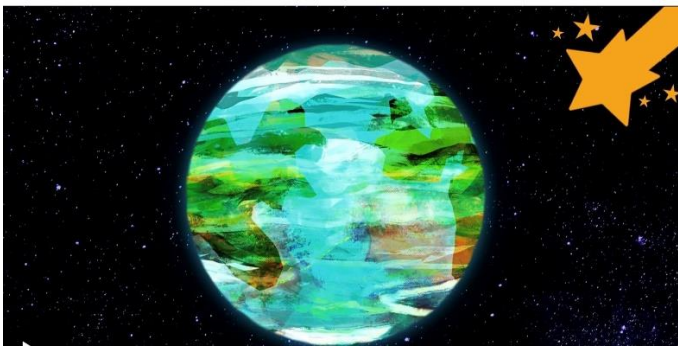
Keep on composing Myddeltonians!

Years 7 to 9 have all been busy writing their own music taking “Earth” by Hans Zimmer as inspiration. “Earth” is a piece primarily composed for the BBC “Ten Pieces”. Evan Hughes and Lois Bradburn composed their own ideas of Earth, worthy of special mentions this week: [Evan's sound clip](#) and [Lois' video clip](#).

All pupils have been encouraged to use pianos, keyboards, instruments and technology to start writing music during online lessons and it is proving very successful. Here is a link for all you budding composers to give you lots of ideas! [BBC - Composing](#)

I am sure Hans Zimmer would be very impressed with all composers at Myddelton!

Earth:



Hans Zimmer: (Gladiator/Blue Planet II/Rain Man/Inception/Interstellar) <http://www.hans-zimmer.com/>

*Mr M Cadman*

## Preparatory School Battle of the Schools Virtual Cup!

Please follow @MyddeltonColl & @MyddeltonPE on Twitter for updates and to support the Preparatory School in their quest to win the Battle of the Schools Virtual Cup. The competition starts on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**ACTIVE COMMUNITIES  
BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS  
VIRTUAL CUP**

All schools entered will be put into a draw of fixtures

**2 schools go against one another in "school vs school vote showdown"**

There will be a separate competition for BIG school & SMALL school entries (dependant on entries)

**AIM:**  
Your school to gain the highest number of votes in the 'showdown'

**TIMEFRAME:**  
First round to vote will open Friday 29th January and will end Thursday, February 4th

**Winner is announced the day after.**

All schools will compete in round/week 1 and winner will advance to week 2 and so forth

**Winners of the cup will receive a voucher worth £100 to purchase sport equipment!**

## ISA Limitless Series

It is with great excitement that I announce our school's participation in this year's Limitless Skills Series at Home, presented by the Independent Schools Association and powered on the TopYa! Active app.



In the Autumn of 2020, hundreds of pupils completed over 1,300 hours of physical activity. In the app, students watched challenge tutorials, uploaded their own videos and received *real* feedback from TopYa!'s team of Virtual Coaches. With tighter lockdown restrictions, cancelled sporting events and limited access to in-person learning, the Limitless Skills Series at Home is here to provide fun, physical activities and competition anytime, anywhere.

The Series will run for 6 weeks from 25<sup>th</sup> January – 7<sup>th</sup> March. The Web Registration Page and Challenges in the TopYa! Active App go live first thing Monday morning.

For more information visit [Limitless Skills Series | The Independent Schools Association \(isaschools.org.uk\)](https://isaschools.org.uk) and follow @MyddeltonColl and @MyddeltonPE on Twitter or see next week's newsletter for how to sign up.

*Mr M Pearson*

## LTTO Update

We have completed our first cycle returning to Learning through the Online in LTTO! Building on our reflections from the Trinity term, we are returning to a project-based approach to learning that offers the students a chance to get stuck into a task that requires flares of creativity. It also offers a different pace of day compared their other nine in the timetable. Both Mr Stanyer and I are mildly concerned that sitting alone in front of a computer is almost the opposite of being outside with their classmates, but the core ethos of LTTO remains the same. The activities, either in the outdoor classroom, up a mountain or in the snow are the vehicle for the learning we are striving for. We want the students to gain confidence in a range of behaviours that will aid their long-term learning in all subjects. Simply, gaining more independence in and over their learning. For example, being able to reflective effective, build links between subjects or know how to effectively work collaboratively. With this in mind, our project based approach means that LTT-online can the same educative goals as LTT-outdoors.

However, Mr Stanyer and I love the outdoors, so we encourage everyone to get outside as much as possible – green physical activity is so good for everyone physical and mental well-being. Especially if you can connect to nature while outside – winter tree identification is surprisingly hard, even the most obvious oak or birch tree become difficult. Similarly watching a squirrel or robin move around, going about their business can offer some moment of joy. My other suggestion is you might be able to add a little more excitement to your local hourly exercise by looking to into GeoCaching, it is modern day treasure hunting – there are spots everywhere. Have a look at [start GeoCaching](#) for a bit of a guide.

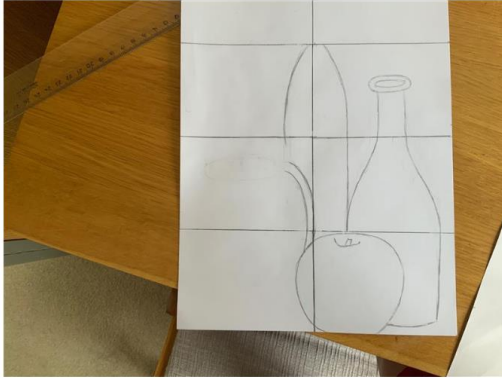
*Mr C Eastabrook*



## Art & Design Update

At the start of this week Year 9 were experimenting with oil pastels. They were set quite a difficult task looking at objects with reflective surfaces, ellipse construction and ensuring they all look three dimensional. Working from home I am missing not being able to walk around the art room and view the progress being made in each 50 minute slot. However, this has not stopped 9M from making such an excellent start to their project as you can see below. Pranay Patel had the additional challenge of having to draw freehand on his computer!

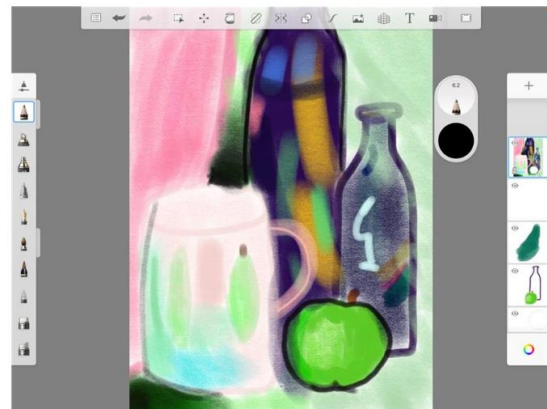
Cai Frith Yesterday 11:40



Katherine Lloyd-Williams Yesterday



Isobel Smith Yesterday 11:03

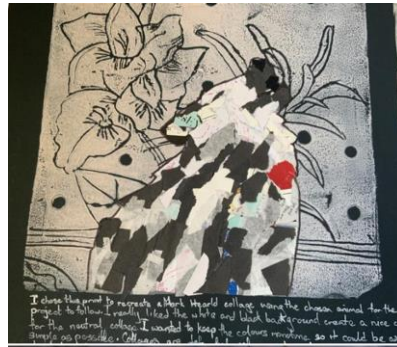
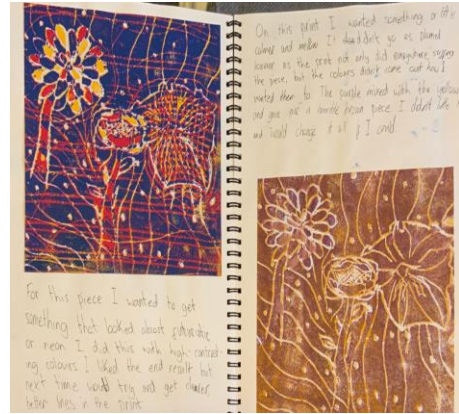


Reuben Cadman Yesterday 11:01



Additional congratulations to Reuben on completing his excellent drawing.

Year 10 have continued developing their living forms project. They have drawn out ideas, made collages, built models using wire, and researched artists and designers of interest. On the next page are extracts from the sketchbooks of Kimi, Zac, Leon, Hadassah, Bethan and Natalie.



Aaron Leacock, Year 12, has been designing sportswear inspired by this Trinidadian family heritage. Even the Covid mask has been updated to be included in his catwalk collection.



To finish, a photograph from the Ruthin Craft Centre website to remind us Spring is just around the corner.

## 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**

**Landscaper 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

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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).