



Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 25th September 2020

Headmaster – Mr Andrew Allman



The weather was kind on Monday for the visit of our marketing team and I thank all students for their help; it was nice to see them in their uniforms again and I am hoping that the pictures taken will support the marketing of the College in the UK and abroad. Unfortunately, it now seems that the autumn weather has finally taken hold.

It has been lovely to see the brightly painted benches and tables in the Preparatory School and I look forward to the yard being painted in due course. The children have enjoyed playing with skipping ropes, beanbags and hoops and if you have any indoor or outdoor equipment that you would be willing to donate, I am sure our Preparatory School would appreciate it. Upper Prep students recently had the opportunity to learn how to use the climbing wall in our Sports Hall and I was impressed by the effort shown by all students. Lower Prep had another busy week and I was particularly pleased to see their enthusiasm during science lessons where they were exploring how sound travels. It was also nice to see the Calm Club in full flow on Wednesday, where students enjoyed yoga, colouring and reading. Congratulations to Jessica Roberts (Year 6) for becoming this week's Preparatory Star of the Week, by demonstrating outstanding fellowship in class and excellence scholarship when completing her PLA's.

Myddelton students are always encouraged to work to their full potential and in LTTO, I was particularly impressed by 7M who got to grips with using bush craft knives, 9Y who enjoyed a Tyrolean traverse followed by exploring the history of the Wrysgan mines by delving deep underground. In music, Year 8 enjoyed learning about the drums during a taster session and demonstration by Mr Neil (drum teacher). The Spanish Spelling Bee has been taken place for Years 7 and 8 and Miss Alos has felt very proud of her students demonstrating the 3 pillars of our school, particularly fellowship. Congratulations to our winners; George Kingsley-Williams, Nathaniel Reed, Thomas Groves, Charlotte Goddard, Sarah Thongprasoot, Megan Williams, Ffion Williams and Aimee Tramaseur. There has been some impressive talent demonstrated in drama this week with special mentions for Noura Ben-Sassi for her undying enthusiasm, Abi Griffiths for her amazing use of movement during her monologue practice performance, Sophie Williams for breaking through a creative block and conceiving her concept for her devised exam piece and Libby Williams for being brave and humorous in the face of adversity.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Jones and our Catering team for organising the Macmillan Coffee Morning and our students and parents for supporting. I am delighted to announce that a total of £400 was raised – thank you and well done!

Senior Deputy Headmaster – Mr Ian Lloyd



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I am very much looking forward to hearing the ‘tales from around the campfire’ after this weekend with our Duke of Edinburgh’s Award groups heading off on their Bronze and Silver training/assessment expeditions. I know the students will have an amazing time and demonstrate the skills they have developed through the fantastic work of our Learning through the Outdoors team.

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.

Covid-19 Mitigation

Uniform: It was delightful to see such smart and immaculately dressed students at the beginning of last week and I look forward to the return to full uniform in due course. The reasons for not having uniform have been revisited by the Senior Leadership Team and we have taken the decision to continue with our existing clothing guidance during the second half of the Michaelmas term. We will continue to review national and local guidance during the next half term before deciding on our policy for the start of the Lent term. Whilst our uniform guidance is currently relaxed in order to facilitate daily washing of clothing, please ensure that all students have full College PE and LTTO kit and adhere to the temporary clothes policy guidance (included later in the Newsletter).

Lunch: It is our intention to gradually reintroduce cooked meals at lunchtime for students from Monday 5th October. The choice and variety will increase over time as students and staff become accustomed to the new lunchtime routine. To try to minimise the number of students in the Dining Hall at any one time, there will be different start times for Prep School, Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 and students will be seated with their year groups to keep the number of contacts to a minimum.

Consent Forms

As a matter of urgency, please can any outstanding consent forms be sent to:
office@myddeltoncollege.com

Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster Commendations to:

- Sian Evans (Year 7, St. Patrick's House) – Selected to join the Swim Wales National Skills squad, by being ranked in the top two places in Wales for the 50m freestyle for her age category
- Harry Mead (Year 9, St. David's House) – Achieved 96% (Distinction) in ABRSM Music Theory Grade 5 examination

The Week Ahead:

Monday 28th September

- Lower Preparatory LTTO Onsite, nature activities, campfire and adventurous play
- 13:35 – 14:10 Headmaster's Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 29th September

- 7M LTTO Onsite (Bushcraft)

Wednesday 30th September

- 8M LTTO River study, near Cilcain
(students who own wellies are advised to bring them as well as their normal LTTO boots)

Thursday 1st October

- 9M LTTO Bushcraft, Llyn Alwen
- National Poetry Day Lunchtime Music Concert
- 13:15 – 13:35

Friday 2nd October

- 16:00 Finish (no activities, buses depart at 16:10)

Saturday 3rd October

- Boarders' Trip (details to be confirmed)

Sunday 4th October

- Boarders "Slow Down" Sunday

Please note that LTTO activities and locations are subject to change depending upon a range of factors including weather, learning objectives and safety. Boarding trips are currently limited in order to minimise potential coronavirus transmission.

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)

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

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.

Temporary Clothes Policy: Guidance

The following points are intended as guidelines to assist in helping students to know what is acceptable attire during our adopted temporary 'own clothes' policy.

Requests to deviate from the guidance should be made directly to the school and will be carefully and sympathetically considered.

Please adhere to the guidance unless prior permission has been granted from the Headmaster.

Failure by a pupil to adhere to these guidelines without direct permission from the Headmaster will result in the following action being taken:

The pupil's Form Tutor will contact their parents to arrange collection of the pupil in order that they may return home and change their attire.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

- as per the intention of the temporary uniform policy, items of clothing should not be worn on consecutive days unless they have been laundered overnight
- clothing should be appropriate in relation to a normal school day with all its varied lessons and to this end, all clothing is worn at the owner's risk and remains their responsibility
- pupils are expected to wear clothing that enables them to participate safely and fully in all lessons
- no mini-skirts/dresses, no short shorts - skirts and dresses should be on the knee
- no heels or high platform shoes
- no cropped tops
- jewellery and make up should be in line with the normal school dress code
- jeans with a maximum of one or two rips per leg - not multiple rips
- hoodies permitted but not to be worn with hoods up
- no inappropriate slogans or graphics/pictures
- outdoor coats are not to be worn inside the school
- no baseball caps, beanies or other headwear unless prior permission has been granted by the Headmaster.
- hair should be worn as per school policy - long hair must be tied back and colouring should be natural
- on days where PE is timetabled, full school PE kit should be worn for the entirety of the day - changing facilities will not be available
- on days where LTTO is timetabled, full school LTTO uniform should be worn for the entirety of the day - as per the instructions of the LTTO department - changing facilities will not be available

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 students and staff.



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Faculty of English

Accelerated Reader: Our Accelerated Reader programme is back under way now and most students have just completed their first Star Reader assessment. As with last year, our dedicated reading slot takes place in the afternoon registration time. Due to Covid restrictions I must ask that all pupils bring their own reading book into the College with them on a daily basis. This can be a hard copy of the book or an electronic copy such as a Kindle Book. Books should where possible relate to the Accelerated Reader programme so that pupils can take the quiz that goes with the book. The link to Accelerated Reader Bookfinder is provided here for you to check suitable books: [AR Bookfind](#)

Alternatively you can also use Good Reads which also has a wide selection of Accelerated Reader Book titles: [Goodreads](#)

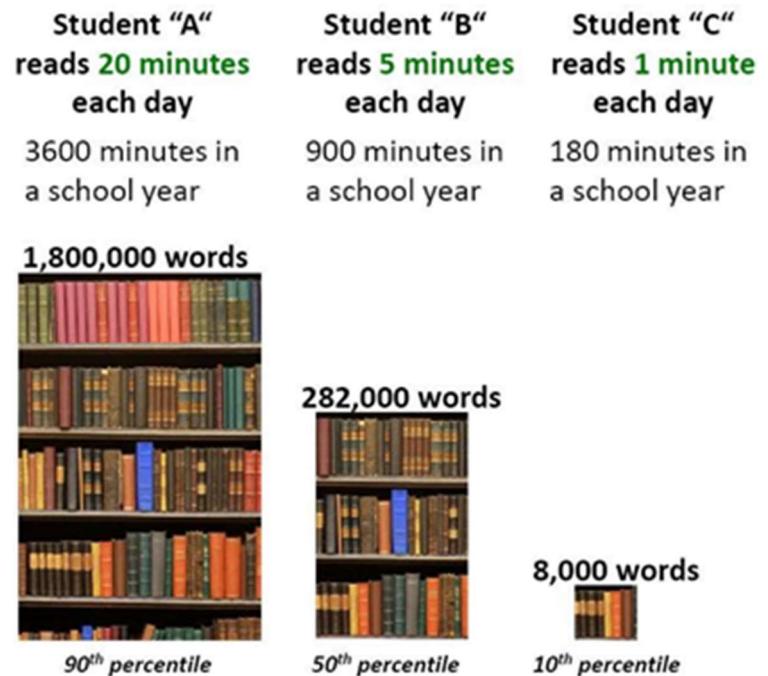
Return of books borrowed from Library:

Can I please ask that books borrowed from the library during the lockdown period are returned by students to their English teachers in lessons. Should a book have been lost or misplaced then please do not worry, just let your English teacher know and this title can then be removed from the Library stock list. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Preparatory School Reading

At Myddelton Prep, we place a huge emphasis on reading as we are well aware of its importance. In addition to reading lessons, many of our English, science and humanities lessons are inspired by our class text which is read to pupils by our class teachers daily. In return, we ask that our pupils pledge to read their school reading book for at least 20 minutes at home each evening. Please encourage your son/daughter to fulfil their reading pledge. This image shared by Mr Biles-Liddell speaks for itself!

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Bugsy Malone Update

Two weeks ago I asked the cast, and anyone else who wished to join, whether they would like to participate in a film version of the play instead as we could not complete the performance due to the lockdown. Unfortunately, not enough people have signed up and so I do not have enough people in the cast to make the film work, therefore I am officially having to say goodbye to Bugsy Malone as a whole school production for now. We will revisit the possibility of performing Bugsy Malone again at a later date once Covid restrictions permit.

People who bought tickets will be refunded their ticket money, minus the administration fee charged by the online ticket company. Please be patient with us whilst we sort out the logistics of this as it is proving rather complex. A third party ticket agency was used and we are awaiting some information from them to aid the refund process. Please make sure that you have access to the email address you used to book your tickets with, as they may send you further information regarding this.

Some of the previous cast who wanted to be in a film version will be used to create 3 short film versions as part of the BTEC Creative Digital Media Production practical exam. The pupils studying this course in VI Form are creating Film Noir style short film versions of Bugsy, which they will edit and make available for the public to see once they have been marked and submitted to the exam board. Those involved will be given further details next week.

Mrs Laura Hughes

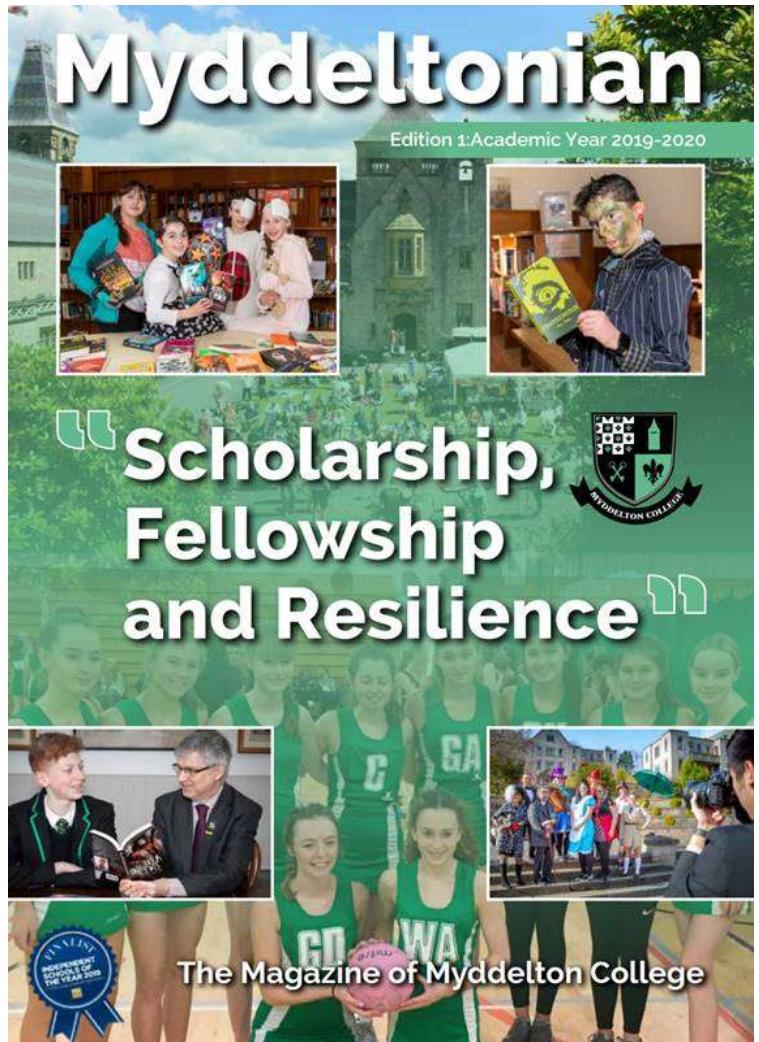
Myddeltonian Magazine

Our new annual magazine will be printed over the next couple of weeks.

The A4, 74-page, colour print, glossy magazine showcases many of our students' outstanding achievements during the course of the last academic year with articles and photographs throughout.

It is an excellent review of the previous academic year and a great keepsake to share with grandparents and wider family.

The cost of £12 will be added to your fees. Please email office@myddeltoncollege.com if you would **NOT** like to receive a copy.





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