

Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 27th November 2020



Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



The boarders are a wonderful community, always showing respect and support for each other regardless of their age or nationality. On Sunday they were treated to Spanish Tapas from Miss Alos and it was lovely to see all of the creative food that was produced. This week they have been producing their own Christmas decorations and settling down to some Christmas films with hot chocolate. During this weekend there will be origami crafts, scrabble, a scientific aeroplane competition, as well as all of the usual sports that we have on offer.

Upper Preparatory have begun their new science unit on 'Evolution and Inheritance'. They used the beautiful picture book, 'Moth' to learn about adaptation. Lower Preparatory have been learning about balanced diets in their science lessons. Calm Club took on a Christmas theme as we began making beautiful decorations to decorate our Christmas tree; the students really are getting into the Christmas spirit. The assembly this week was about National Tree week and during the assembly, Miss Williams helped the Preparatory School to plant a tree. This week's Star of the Week is Logan Peake (Year 5) for his commitment and attitude towards reading; he is thoroughly enjoying the 'Tree House' book series.

LTTO highlights have included the Lower Preparatory building a Tudor House and Year 8 completing resilience challenges in the Snowdonia National Park and increasing their levels of confidence. Year 9 have sought adventure deep in the Welsh slate mines, showing faith in their equipment, classmates and safety checks for flying over the stream! I would like to give a special mention to the following students for impressive resilience in LTTO; Alys Roberts-Jones, Ashton Restall, Sarah Thongprasoot and Charlotte Goddard (all Year 8).

Congratulations to Year 8 for completing their Spanish Escape Room; their problem solving has been incredibly impressive. Year 9 have had a superb week in Music, with some amazing Graphic Notations being produced; lots of focus and enthusiasm by all members of the group.

We are looking forward to Christmas jumpers/fancy dress on the final day of the term to raise money for 'Genesis Umbrella to Empower All' (GUTEALL), a charity that our Lower VI student Esther Lucas holds so close to her.

Finally as we mentioned last week, we are very excited about our online lessons in A level and GCSE English, Science and Mathematics. Spaces are still available, should you know anyone who is interested.

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



Open Week & Year 11 Meetings

Open Week has been very successful and well attended this week. We are delighted to have secured more new students starting in January, Easter and September 2021 and look forward to welcoming them into the Myddelton community. Additionally, the Senior Leadership Team have held remote meetings with Year 11 students and their parents to discuss their aspirations and A Level course considerations for VI Form next September.

Reports, Parents' Meetings & Options Evenings

We hope that you found the summary email from your child's form tutor useful and informative during the Michaelmas half term. It was intended as a quick update focussing on how your child had settled back into classroom learning after a period of learning from home. At the end of term, you will receive a formal report on your child's progress with specific feedback from subject teachers about the content and skills they have been learning and, most importantly, what they need to do to continue to improve. You will receive one of these reports at the end of every term. Of course, parents are always welcome to contact their child's form tutor at any time with any questions they may have.

During the Lent term, our programme of parents' meetings and options evenings will resume and, whilst we have tried to hold out as long as possible in the hope these can be held face-to-face, these will now be conducted via Teams. Specific details of how to book will follow nearer the time.

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 booster lessons. The background is a photograph of a young woman with long dark 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', 'DELIVERED BY OUR EXPERIENCED SUBJECT LEADERS', 'LESSONS START 30TH NOV', 'SIGN UP NOW: MYDDELTONCOLLEGE.COM/COURSES'. In the top right is the Myddelton College crest. In the bottom right, it says 'Free Online GCSE and A Level Booster Lessons'. There are navigation arrows on the left and right sides of the text area.

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Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- **William Harrington** (Year 8, St. George's House) – William has recently achieved a tennis ranking of 8th in Wales.

The Week Ahead:

Monday 30th November

- Upper Preparatory LTTO Slate mine exploration, above Llanberis
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Assembly

Tuesday 1st December

- 7Y LTTO Bushcraft, onsite

Wednesday 2nd December

- 8Y LTTO Climbing, Snowdonia National Park

Thursday 3rd December

- 9Y LTTO Hillwalking and Navigation, above Conwy

Friday 4th December

- 1600 Finish (no activities, buses depart at 1610)

Saturday 5th December

- Year 10 Adventure Day Booking essential, email [Mr Eastabrook](#) to secure a place
- Boarders' Activities Go-karting, Sandycroft
 Jewellery Making and Yoga

Sunday 6th December

- Boarders' Activities "Slow Down" Sunday
 Mindfulness activity and Lessons in Car Maintenance

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.

More details regarding the LTTO arrangements for next week are provided in the Newsletter following this update. Please check these carefully to ensure that your child comes fully equipped for the different activities this week.

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:



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.



LTTO & Year 10 Adventure Day

Monday, Upper Preparatory

Slate mine exploration, above Llanberis. This will be a full-day, offsite visit with Miss Gresley-Jones and the LTTO team to explore the impacts of the industrial revolution on North Wales; where adventure and history meet. Please ensure the students have plenty of warm layers in their bag, waterproofs, spare pair of shoes, hand sanitiser, tissues and snacks (**must be nut-free**). Packed lunch will be provided to all students.

Saturday, Year 10 Adventure Day

Drop in session from 10am - 4pm for Year 10 students. We'll be cooking our own lunch, making fire, making spoons and using the climbing wall. Students are invited to come to school for an hour or two, or all day as they wish to spend some time getting close to nature and enjoying some informal time with their peers. Please email [Mr Eastabrook](#) to secure a place.



– – Faced with a classic scrambling route around the side of Gribin Facet above Llyn Idwal, Ogwen Valley, four young explorers from Year 8M experienced some apprehension when Mr Stanyer first explained the route and the skills they would need for performance. The grey cloud sucked the colour saturation from the mountainside as the students decided their fate their eyes darted to each other, me, and yonder to the sea – just visible on the horizon. However,

Alys Roberts-Jones, Ashton Restall, Sarah Thongprasoot and Charlotte Goddard took a deep breath in and reached for the rock. Minutes later, despite calls of 'I can't do it', they had reached a point, using hands and feet to 'scramble' up the rockface, where up was the only route available and with that knowledge, the weight of decision was lifted and the four students could breathe out. The view was better than before, the terrain not as hard as they had imagined and they were able to hear the encouragement being offered by the rest of their class. Smiles reached across their faces. They remembered their voices, yelling encouragement to each other as they continued to the top, safe in the knowledge they ARE more capable than they had realised. These four students, went up, because it was there!

Mr C Eastabrook

Christmas Lunch

Our whole-College Christmas lunch will not be able to take place this year as we look to keep the College community safe by continuing with our staggered lunchtime arrangements. However, Christmas lunch is not cancelled and students and staff will be treated to a traditional festive feast during the final week of term.

The arrangements will be as follows:

Monday 7th December

1200	Years 7, 8 & 9 (and form tutors) will enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch
1240	Preparatory School (normal lunch menu)
1250	Years 10 & 11 (normal lunch menu)
1310	VI Form (normal lunch menu)

Tuesday 8th December

1200	Years 10 & 11 (and form tutors) will enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch
1240	Preparatory School (normal lunch menu)
1250	Years 7, 8 & 9 (normal lunch menu)
1310	VI Form (normal lunch menu)

Wednesday 9th December

1200	Preparatory School & VI Form (and form tutors) will enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch
1240	Years 7, 8 & 9 (normal lunch menu)
1300	Years 10 & 11 (normal lunch menu)



Staff vs VI Form Sports

On the afternoon of Monday 7th December, Myddelton College are hosting the first ever Staff vs VI Form Sports Competition.

Activities include 5 a-side Football, Badminton and Netball.

VI Form students wishing to take part should speak to A Level PE students Aaron Leacock, Esther Lucas and Jack Wright.

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

Football Shirt Friday

Thank you to all students and staff who took part in the recent Football Shirt Friday to raise money for Bowel Cancer and The Bobby Moore Fund.

I am happy to announce that we raised a total of £122.00



**Wear your shirt,
donate, share**

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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.

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>.

Tennis

Christmas break holiday activities

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December with discounted rates for Myddelton students.

To register your interest and book your place, follow this link: [First Advantage Tennis Christmas Break](#)

Lunch time clubs continuing after Christmas

Tuesday prep and Thursday lower school (Years 7-9)

Tuesday link to book: [First Advantage Tuesday](#)

Thursday link to book [First Advantage Thursday](#)

Private lessons are fully booked Tuesdays, 2pm and 3pm, but spaces are available on Thursdays at 2pm for 45 minutes & 2:45pm for 45 minutes.

To register your interest and book your place, parents should email John: [First Advantage](#)

Christmas Jumper/Fancy Dress Day

On Friday 30th October, we were due to 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 can be found at their website <https://www.guteall.org/about-us/>

Unfortunately, our original event was cancelled because of the extended half term break enforced by the Welsh Government. However, this will not stop us from raising money to support this worthy cause!

As an alternative, on Thursday 10th December, students are encouraged to wear their favourite Christmas jumper and festive decorations or dress up in a Christmas costume and donate at least £1 each.

