



Lent Term Update

Friday 29th January 2021

Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



During my assembly on Wednesday I reflected on the significance of Holocaust Memorial as we remembered the six million Jewish people and other groups of people who were systematically persecuted and murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust. I explained that while we are not at an immediate risk of genocide here in the UK, hate speech and prejudice are frequently seen online and the number of hate crimes recorded each year has been increasing. I thank those families that lit candles and remembered this day with their children and we will continue to learn about genocide and think of ways to raise awareness on the prejudices that still exist in society.

It has been another fantastic week of online learning in the Preparatory School. On Monday, Upper Preparatory enjoyed their LTTO lesson with Mr Stanyer where they designed and created shelters and produced some beautiful ice art. In Science this week, they have been learning about the eye. Lower Preparatory are deepening their knowledge of fractions in Mathematics and Miss Williams is incredibly impressed with their work so far. Congratulations to this week's Star of the Week: Alex Baddock for the scholarship that he has shown in his online lessons. We are aware of what a difficult time this is for our pupils and so every day next week, Miss Gresley-Jones will be offering '5 minutes of mindfulness' sessions where Preparatory School pupils will be given the opportunity to try out different mindfulness practices throughout the week. The daily 5 minute sessions will begin at 1.30pm each day.

To celebrate National Handwriting Day on 23rd January the Preparatory School held a handwriting competition. Both Miss Gresley-Jones and Miss Williams were delighted with the standard of the entries and found it very difficult to choose the winners. Congratulations to Jessica Roberts for winning the Upper Preparatory category and Rufus Glanville for winning the Lower Preparatory category. For the Senior School, Mr Biles-Liddell has also launched a creative story competition for National Storytelling Week, "Once upon a time at Myddelton College..."

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and I am looking forward to the assembly and work that has been organised by our Heads of House. There are more details about many of these activities in the Newsletter.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Matthew Stubbins has won the ISA Athlete of the Term for Michaelmas. This is an amazing achievement recognising Matthew's sailing skills and there is a beautiful trophy waiting for him when we can return to the College!

Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- **Sophie Williams** (Year 11, St. George's House) for scholarship; successfully completing her LAMDA Grade 5 Acting (solo) examination, achieving a Distinction.
- **Matthew Stubbins** (Year 10, St. Andrew's House) for scholarship; Matthew has been awarded ISA Athlete of the Term for Michaelmas.

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

- **Alex Baddock** (Lower Preparatory, St. David's House) for scholarship; Preparatory School star of the week for his attainment in lessons
- **Isla Peake** (Year 7, St. David's House) for scholarship; Isla has crafted multimedia journey through her OneNote including sound effects during the story telling – one super terrifying!
- **Eloise Brown** (Year 7, St. Andrew's House) for resilience; Eloise has completed a very dramatic hike up Snowdon
- **Brooke Lea** (Year 7, St. George's House) for scholarship; for her good adventure based story that included some strong messages about ones character and what to do in tough situations
- **Luciana Farinha** (Year 8, St. Patrick's House) for scholarship; creating different characters within the story the reader could be, each with their own journey
- **Seren Roberts** (Year 8, St. Patrick's House) for scholarship; using her story to tackle a difficult issue around the negative impact of salmon farming
- **Evaya Hall** (Year 8, St. David's House) for scholarship; a brilliant story and perfectly presented piece of work

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



Coronavirus Update

The First Minister of Wales, Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, today announced that if infections continue to fall, schools will be able to resume classroom-based learning from 22nd February 2021. He has indicated that this will be conducted gradually with younger students and those who are required to complete examinations returning first; further details and confirmed dates will be announced by Welsh Government next week. As the proposed date of return falls within our half term break, the earliest that students will be able to return to College for classroom-based learning will be Monday 1st March 2021.

Public Examinations Update

There has been no new information announced this week.

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.

Consultations conducted by regulators and awarding bodies are now coming to end and we expect to receive further details of the procedures soon.

Parent Voice

The Parent Voice group, representing parents of all students at Myddelton College, met on Tuesday 26th January. We are grateful to them for the feedback and support they have provided, which is always discussed by the Senior Leadership Team and with the wider staff body. Parents are reminded that they can contact their year representatives, or the Chair of Parent Voice to ensure that your voice is heard.

Remote Learning and Parents' Meetings

Thank you to the many parents who have contacted us recently sharing their feedback about the remote delivery of lessons to their children and the recent Year 8 and Year 11 Parents' Meetings.

The overwhelming majority of comments regarding remote lessons have been very positive and it is reassuring to hear that parents support the steps we have taken to ensure continuity of high quality education that engages and enthuses our students. We continue to refine lesson delivery to be as inspiring and inclusive as possible, so please keep sharing your valuable experiences with us.

Parents' Meetings have also been very successful and parental engagement has been even higher than previous 'on campus' meetings!

The Week Ahead: Lent term 2021

Timetable Week A

Children's Mental Health Week

National Storytelling Week

Monday 1st February

08:45 – 12:40	Lower Preparatory School LTTO
13:35 – 14:10	Heads of House Assembly – Introduction to Mental Health Week
15:15 – 18:00	Upper Preparatory School Parents' Evening (virtual)

Tuesday 2nd February

08:45 – 16:00	Year 7M LTTO
13:35 – 14:10	Form Time Online (All Years)
15:15 – 18:00	Upper Preparatory School Parents' Evening (virtual)

Wednesday 3rd February

08:45 – 16:00	Year 8M LTTO
11:45 – 12:40	UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge (Year 10)
15:05 – 16:00	UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge (Year 11)
15:15 – 18:00	Lower Preparatory School Parents' Evening (virtual)
16:20 – 19:30	Year 13 Parents' Evening (virtual)

Thursday 4th February Rosa Parks Day & Time to Talk Day

08:45 – 16:00	Year 9M LTTO
15:05 – 16:00	UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge (Year 9)

Friday 5th February NSPCC Number Day (postponed until 7th May)

14:10 – 16:00	'Express Yourself' – Myddelton Mental Health Afternoon
16:00	Deadline for entries: 'Once upon a time in Myddelton College...'

Saturday 6th February

Boarding Trip:	Laser Combat, Llandegla, near Wrexham (cancelled)
Boarding Activities:	Onsite activities

Sunday 7th February

Boarding Activities:	Onsite activities
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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.



Parents' Meetings and Options Evenings

Parents' evening appointment bookings for Preparatory School, Upper VI and 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.

1 st & 2 nd February 2021	Upper Preparatory School Virtual Parents' Meetings
3 rd February 2021	Lower Preparatory School Virtual Parents' Meetings
3 rd February 2021	Upper VI Virtual Parents' Meetings
10 th February 2021	Year 9 Virtual Options Evening

Booking will open soon for the next set of appointments:

3 rd March 2021	Lower VI Virtual Parents' Meetings
17 th March 2021	Year 10 Virtual Parents' Meetings
24 th March 2021	Year 11 Virtual Options Evening

Parents' meetings for students in Years 7 and 9 will follow in the first half of the Trinity Term.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 1-7 February 2021. This year's theme is **Express Yourself**.

We will be holding our very own Children's Mental Health Day on the afternoon of Friday 5th February. At 14:10 all students will gather (virtually) in their form groups where they will have the opportunity to choose one of four activities on offer.

- Option 1 Art Workshop
- Option 2 Physical Activity
- Option 3 Creative Video, 'My life in Lockdown'
- Option 4 Creative writing

More details on these options will be given to the students on the day. There will also be the opportunity for students to 'Dress to Express' and send pictures in for the schools social media.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Dress to Express!

In recognition of Child Mental Health week 2021, we're asking you to use colour to express yourself by wearing your most colourful outfit on Friday afternoon!

We want you to wear what best represents your personality, be that bright yellow, pink, blue or sparkles and sequins!

Send your tutors and Heads of House photos of you in your 'dress to express' outfit, and explain how it expresses your personality!

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK
1-7 FEBRUARY 2021

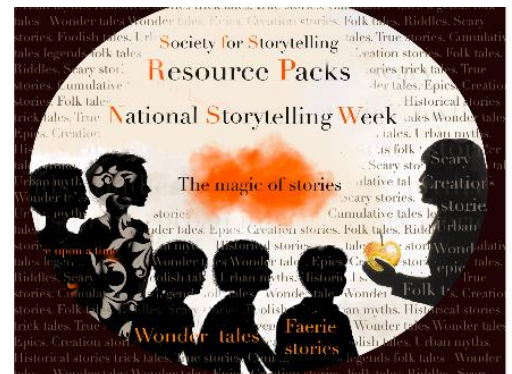
Congratulations to Matthew Stubbins in Year 10 who has won ISA Athlete of the Autumn Term for his recent sporting achievements. Well done Matthew, your award is here waiting for you on your return to school.



Once upon a time at Myddelton College...

It is **National Storytelling Week** (1st - 6th February) and we want you to take part. What you need to do is create a story that begins with the opening line, *"Once upon a time in Myddelton College..."*. The story can be set in past, present or future, you decide!

You can either submit your story as a word document to your English teacher or better still become a real storyteller and retell your story orally and submit it via a Flipgrid (<https://info.flipgrid.com/>) recording.



If entering your story as a word document then the following word counts will apply:

Prep School	500 words
Years 7-9	500 - 800 words
Years 10-13	1,000 words

Flipgrid submissions will be submitted via the account links provided by the English Faculty and the time limit on the recording will be set at 10 minutes.

Deadline for entries: Friday 5th February at 4pm.

So get storytelling!

#CreativeStories #Onceuponatime

Art & Poetry

This week I tasked my year 13 English Literature students with finding a work of art that would inspire them to write a poem. The results are quite spectacular I am sure you will agree!

Abbey Hughes

Figure passing a farmhouse with a hillside town in the distance
- Gabriel Deschamps



25/01/2021

Figure passing a farmhouse with a hillside town in the distance

Carried Away

The whispering wicker fingers intertwined with time
Grasp her frock,
Teasing the integrity of her hem as
She takes the only path down the hillside;
Driven by the weight of her grandmother's peaches

Cradled in the nook of her forearm.
The rays of golden French sunrise
Seep through the peep-holes
Just big enough
To let the curiosity of children, pass through.

She collects irises on her way past the farmhouse this day –
The purple ones.
Carried in her free hand
She replaces the weight of the brown wicker basket
And continues her journey 'till dawn.

Encapsulated amidst regime
Collected between the times
By this extraordinary scheme
Yet to some t'is not a crime

The people scream for their liberty
Claustrophobic yet with all their might
Waiting for their delivery
Stuck within the division of right

It's either this or that
Segregation to the finest degree
Withheld by society
For their freedom they plea

Exiled here and there
By those with no expectations
The life they possess
Is to others full of hesitations

They say the end is near
But there's still a way to go
However one thing may be clear
The immense strength they show

Be you in this world
No matter how different you seem
It is your life to lead
So make sure of it that you gleam

- Gabriel Meador-Pritchard



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UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

Friday 5th February is NSPCC Number Day, where children across the UK are encouraged to participate in games, activities and quizzes that make mathematics count. With schools across the UK currently closed to all but vulnerable children and the children of key workers, NSPCC has decided to postpone the Number Day until Friday 7th May.

This is not going to stop Myddeltonians from making the most of mathematics!

Promoting a love of problem solving

The UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at students across the UK. It is normally conducted under 'exam conditions' on the College premises, but this year it will be held online. The Intermediate Mathematics Challenge is great fun and encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.



**United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust**

The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience.

Students in Years 9 to 11 will be participating in this challenge during the course of this week and your mathematics teacher will provide you with more information.

Friends of Myddelton

Amazon Smile

Friends of Myddelton would like to encourage family and friends to sign up for Amazon Smile. It is really simple to do. To sign up, just follow the link smile.amazon.co.uk: You shop. Amazon gives. By doing this Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Friends of Myddelton College, at no cost to you!



Myddelton College Uniform Request

Friends of Myddelton would like to reach out to all parents and guardians to request any of your children's old uniform. With children not wearing their uniform at present there are probably lots of barely worn uniforms that may no longer fit! If you can hold onto these items until we are able to return, that would be greatly appreciated. We are happy to do a straight swap for clothing in a reasonable condition. All clothing sold via Friends of Myddelton will be steam cleaned, bagged and labelled to comply with COVID measures.

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 25th January – 7th 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.

Get started

Please select your category below

+ Student



Sign up as a student

Follow these steps to register,

- **Students already registered** in the TopYa! app can simply go to the **Web Registration Link**, log in, and join the new Series.
- **Students not registered** sign up on the **Web Registration Link**
- Be sure to select a Student role when signing up
- When prompted to select a school, search for yours and join. If for any reason you choose not to affiliate with a school, you may search and use 'General User'
- When selecting your school there is no unique code needed
- Download the TopYa! Active app from the App Store or Google Play
- Log in and upload your first skill challenge!



Click on this link to sign up.

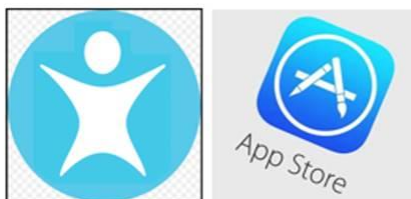
Enter YOUR details.....

Select Myddelton College

*If you are under 13 years old, you will be required to set up a parent account during the registration process.

**Do NOT create a new TopYa! account if you already have one. To join the Series, tap 'Sign in here' at the bottom of the Registration Page.

Once you have signed up, download the TopYa Active App, sign in and start completing the challenges set.



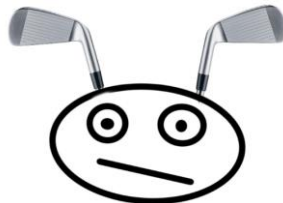
Mr M Pearson

Art & Design Update

Year 8 began the week by researching the artist Victor Nunes, an incredibly creative artist who works with everyday objects turning them into works of art.



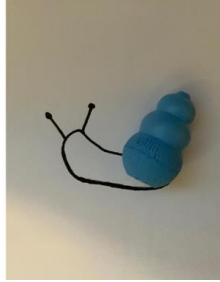
Ben Wynne Yesterday 14:44



Sarah Thongprasoot Yesterday 15:44



Alfie Roberts Yesterday 15:53



Megan Williams Yesterday 15:57



Ben Hodgkinson Yesterday 15:09



Evaya Hall Yesterday 15:45



Charlotte Goddard Yesterday 15:43



Samuel Duke-Williams Yesterday 15:03



Year 7 have continued their work inspired by the painting The Weeping Woman 1937 by Picasso, testing their colour theory knowledge by changing colours and tones. Repeating patterns were also developed.

Daisy Stone 22/01 15:55



Isla Peake 22/01 15:55



Sian Evans 22/01 15:42



Rhys Halls



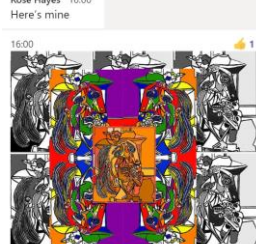
Brooke Lea 15:59



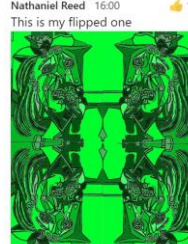
Ethan Foulkes-Jones 22/01 15:54



Rose Hayes 16:00



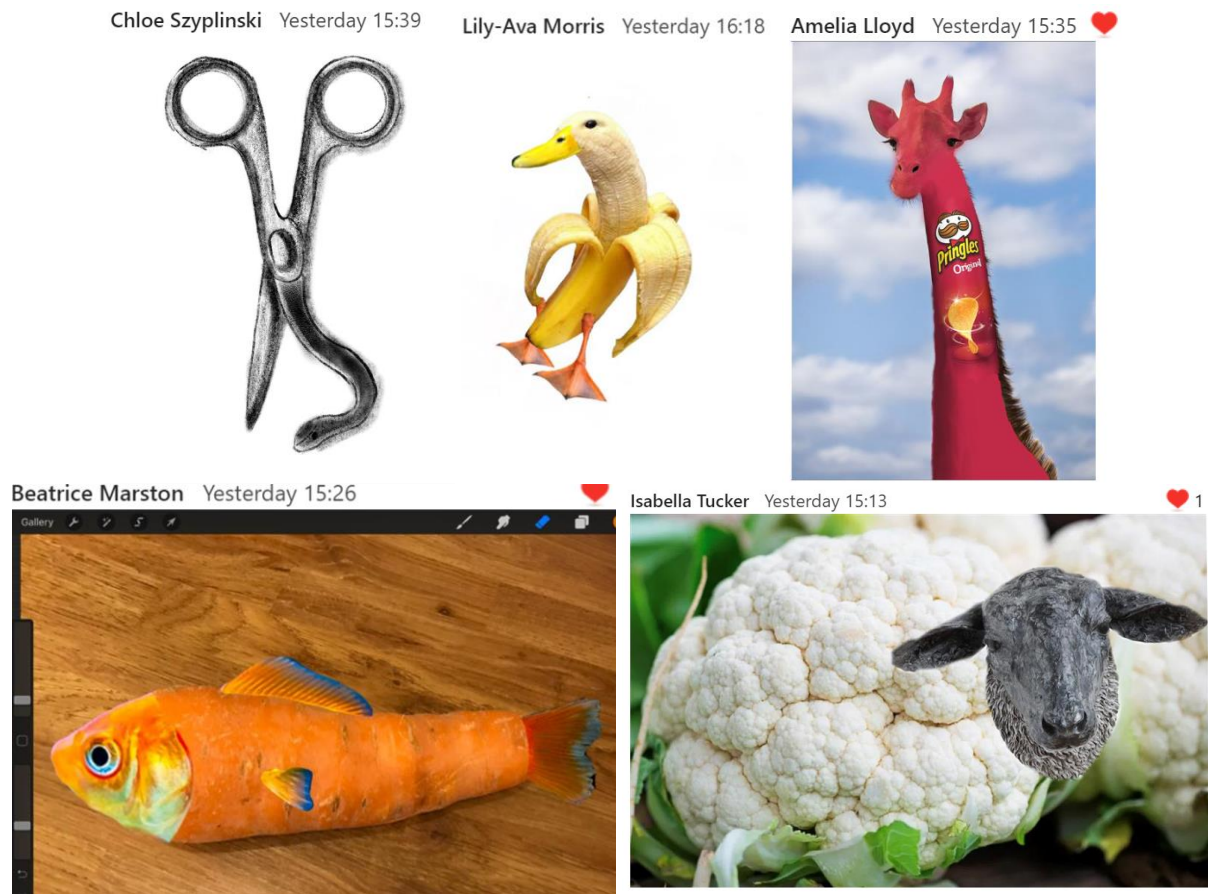
Nathaniel Reed 16:00



Eloise Brown 15:59



Year 8 were exploring combinations of animals and everyday objects following on from their Pop Art design brief. The cauliflower sheep really made me smile. A brilliant start to our project.



Have a look at the following website from BBC news <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-55795638> This shows that everyone can draw in one form or another and is an uplifting story.

Ms G Jones

Remote IT Support

Should any student experience any IT-related difficulties whilst learning remotely, please email support@1010systems.co.uk with full details and it will be investigated and addressed.

Social Media

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



Remote Learning Guidance

Please note our guidelines for remote learning, as outlined by the Government:

- Online communication should be conducted within normal College hours as much as possible (or agreed hours to suit the needs of the staff) and only through the primary channels of Microsoft Teams and College emails.
- Students should let their teacher know as soon as possible if they are experiencing difficulties accessing the lessons so that alternative arrangements can be made.
- If there are any access issues within an online lesson, wherever possible, students should continue to complete the work on OneNote and contact should be made in the first instance with the subject teacher (copying in their Form Tutor) to ensure all details of the remote lesson are relayed as soon as possible. If it is possible to complete tasks and activities by other means (for example, using pen and paper) this should be photographed and uploaded to OneNote by the student at their earliest possible opportunity.
- Students should contact their Form Tutor if there are continuing access issues as well as emailing 1010 to report any IT issues.
- Students should be sitting in a quiet space with as minimal disruption as possible.
- The great majority of lessons will be conducted via audio calls. The quality of the connection is improved when video is not used and there is no requirement for teachers or students to make or accept video calls unless it is necessary to enhance their subject or lessons with a visual element.
- We recommend alternative ways of engaging those students who are participating before or after the lesson due to different time zones. Ways to engage include: pre-recorded lessons, recording and sharing the audio from the live lesson, sharing clear instructions via email/Teams chat, etc.

Reporting of any child protection concerns should continue to follow the school's established safeguarding procedures.

During Video Calls:

- Try to have as neutral a background as possible (or use one of the background filters on Teams) and sit at a table or desk, wherever possible. Avoid working from a bedroom if at all possible but if this is not possible, try to have a neutral background. Students must never be sat on or in their bed on a video call.

Although students do not need to be in uniform, they should be wearing appropriate clothing (no pyjamas please!)

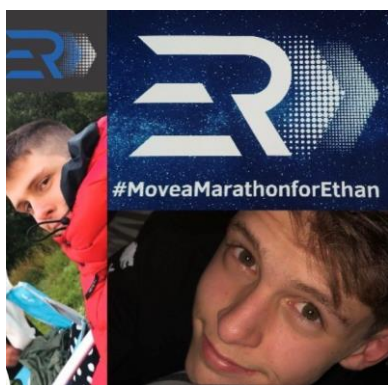


#MoveAMarathonFor Ethan

Libby Williams

*Direct Link to the Move
A Marathon Hub:*

[Denbighshire Leisure](#)
[#MoveAMarathonFor](#)
[Ethan](#)



*Direct Link to the Just
Giving Donation Page:*

[Just Giving -](#)
[#MoveAMarathonFor](#)
[Ethan](#)



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!



Sweep The Floors With This Prize!



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Landxcape Robotic Lawnmower

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- ⚙️ 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

To start supporting your school, go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
and search for: Friends of Myddelton College

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 20th Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).