



# Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

## Headmaster – Mr Andrew Allman



I would like to congratulate all students who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition last weekend. It was a fantastic effort by all and I enjoyed speaking to the Year 10 and 11 students as they were preparing their tents and cooking their banquets on Saturday night. I would like to say a huge thank you to the LTTO staff and Mrs Hughes for organising and supporting the trip with the extra COVID provisions necessary.

The Preparatory School have enjoyed their live lessons with Mrs C which have now come to an end. We are very proud of the fabulous writing that our students have produced, but it was particularly special to see that Jessica Roberts and Noura Ben-Sassi's (both Year 6) work made it onto the nation's sentence stack. Upper Preparatory also enjoyed a virtual field trip to The Big Pit Museum using Google Expeditions as part of their learning of materials in science and the Industrial Revolution in humanities. Lower Preparatory have particularly enjoyed their science experiments this week and have had lots of fun learning about how sound travels. Miss Gresley-Jones has asked for a special mention to be given to Phoebe Allman (Year 5) for receiving this week's Golden Racket award in the First Advantage lunchtime tennis lessons. Congratulations to Georgia Garnett-Hughes (Year 3) in becoming the Preparatory School Star of the week for demonstrating outstanding resilience each morning.

In the Senior School it has been a superb week for the Music Department, with a wealth of talent being displayed during the lunchtime concert. Thank you to Nathaniel Reed, Harry Mead and Mr Farquhar for their performances. I look forward to hearing them perform again during my assembly on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. I would also like to give a special mention to the following students in Senior School; Janet Swanzy-Mensah (Year 7) and Ethan Foulkes-Jones (Year 7) for winning the Spanish Spelling Bee Competition for 7Y, Sarah Thongprasoot (Year 8) for impressing her teacher by wanting to study Pythagoras's Theorem as an extension to a question she encountered and Libby Argent (Lower VI) for showing outstanding scholarship in Chemistry.

I have already mentioned in a previous update that Katie Balmer (Upper VI) is in the final six candidates for the Rising Star Award this year. Katie was originally nominated through the English Department for this award and Katie, SLT and members of the English Department will be at the virtual awards ceremony on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October when the winner is revealed. I am sure that like all of us at Myddelton College you will want to wish Katie well on a nerve-wracking afternoon. Please follow our Tweets and Facebook threads to keep updated and show your support.

## Senior Deputy Headmaster – Mr Ian Lloyd



### UK University & Apprenticeship Virtual Fair

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 1200 until 1800, the UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair will be available online to students in Year 11 and VI Form. The fair has been designed to feel exactly like a Careers Fair, just on your device. You will be able to visit a virtual Exhibition Hall full of over 90 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers and scroll through their colourful and informative stands and chat directly to representatives. There will also be a virtual Auditorium where webinars will be taking place throughout the day, including topics such as personal statements, higher and degree apprenticeships and creative careers. Students, parents and teachers are welcome to attend and registration prior to the event is strongly recommended. For more information and to register, please visit:

[UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair](#)

### Open Week

Next week is Open Week! Rather than welcome a large number of prospective students and their parents to the College on a Saturday morning, this time 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 and we will ensure they make good use of our hand sanitiser stations. I am confident that you will 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](mailto:c.gilmour@myddeltoncollege.co.uk) in order to book an appointment. Please note that all visitors must have a pre-booked appointment.

### Student Interviews

During the course of this week, the Senior Leadership Team met individually with almost all students in Year 11, with the final few meetings being arranged for the start of the new week. Discussions have included identification of strengths and weaknesses, both academically and pastorally, how we can best work together over the coming months and to discuss future aspirations for VI Form and beyond. I would like to thank Year 11 students for their time and the invaluable feedback that will help us to support them to fulfil their potential.

The Senior Leadership Team will continue to hold interviews with other year groups during the coming weeks to gain further valuable feedback and insights from the students. This process supports our continuing focus on driving up academic and pastoral standards, together with engaging in regular learning walks, lesson observations and delivering some lessons on behalf of our teaching colleagues, sharing best practice and our collective expertise.

## Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster Commendations to:

- Marwan Ben-Sassi (Year 4, St. Patrick's House) – Marwan has been awarded a blue belt in Taekwondo.

## The Week Ahead:

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

- Upper Preparatory LTTO Fossil Hunting, near Ruthin
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Celebration Assembly

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

- 7Y LTTO Climbing, Clwydian Range

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

- 8Y LTTO River study, near Llyn Brenig  
(students who own wellies are advised to bring them as well as their normal LTTO boots)
- Upper Preparatory Virtual Lesson with the National Archives' Education Service
- Preparatory School Mindfulness in Schools Project 'Schools Sit Together' during Calm Club

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

- 9Y LTTO Bushcraft, near Llyn Brenig

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

- Boarders' Trip (details to be confirmed)

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate – follow guidance</li> <li>Book a Covid-19 test</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	The test comes back as <b>negative</b> .
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Keep siblings off too</li> <li>Seek guidance from TTP</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate</li> <li>Household member to book a Covid-19 test</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	The household member test is <b>negative</b> or self-isolation is completed
Somebody in my household has tested positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Book a Covid-19 test</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p> <p>The Covid-19 test comes back as <b>negative</b>.</p>

## 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"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact the school as advised by the attendance officer/pastoral team</li> <li>Shield until you are informed restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	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"> <li>That member of staff must remain at home until they or a member of their household receives their test result.</li> <li>School will seek advice from Test, Trace, Protect Wales and the Local Authority.</li> </ul>	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"> <li>If you cannot access a test locally when you go online <a href="#">Apply for a coronavirus (COVID-19) test</a> <a href="#">GOV.WALES</a> 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!)</li> </ul>	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.**

Please reinforce these important messages with your children:



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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 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.





## 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.



## Water Bottles

The water dispensers will be reinstated in the dining hall over the weekend and so from Monday, no further bottled water will be provided. To avoid risk of cross-contamination, students will be expected to bring their own bottles, so they do not need to use disposable cups. Students can fill their bottles up during break and lunchtime.

## Faculty of English Update

A reminder that students should all have a book in their bag for our dedicated reading slot in the afternoon registration session. The English Faculty is looking at creating book boxes for the form rooms to allow wider reading at their own pace, but until such times remember your book in a bag.

*Mr A Biles-Liddell*

## Learning through the Outdoors Update

We appreciate there have been some delays with School Shop Direct with equipment and uniform for LTTO. Please continue to help the students pack their own bag for their lesson and make suitable changes if uniform is still outstanding. The students should know what extra equipment to bring each day, i.e. extra layer as the temperature drops but we will send them messages on their LTTO Teams for anything specific.

Additionally, during local lockdown, we will still be heading offsite but remaining inside Denbighshire and given the richness of the area this will offer fantastic lessons. As a note of reassurance, the places we go, we rarely ever see anyone and we have our COVID procedures in place as in the rest of the College. Heading offsite offers the students opportunities for personal and social development through challenge, improved wellbeing by fostering a connection with the natural world and offsite learning enriches the students' classroom lessons.

## LTTO Expeditions

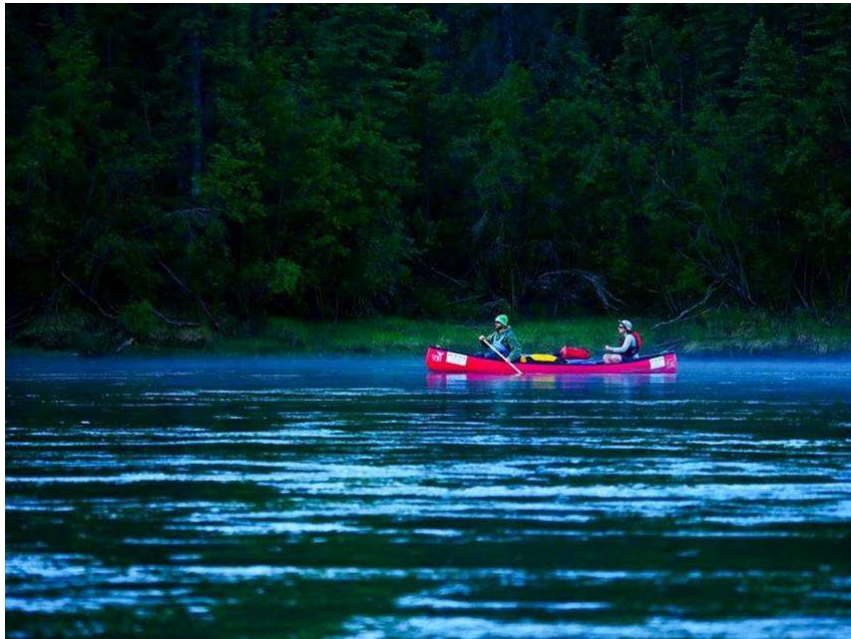
As the ability and experience of our students grows, so does the level of challenge offered! Similarly, in times of lockdown, our daydreams are filled of the adventures to come, so in LTTO, we plan and scheme! To this end, we would like to share our hopes for two expeditions this academic year.

### Winter Skills Trip to Scotland

No better challenge for our students than to take their prior knowledge and apply it in the wilds of Scotland, in the winter. It is dark, snowy, icy, bleak and incredibly rewarding. This 7-day trip based around Fort William will introduce ice axes and crampons to the students taking them to new heights. Students will use their mountaineering skills and climbing techniques to scale snowy peaks safely. The team will live fully catered in a hostel, with appropriate COVID measures, as such there will be a small cost to the trip to fund boarding and technical equipment, at the moment this is £280 but is subject to change as the accommodation determines how they may open COVID safely. The trip will leave College the Friday before February half term, returning the following Thursday, 12-18<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The trip is aimed at students in Year 9 and above.



*Picture: Students on an ascent to above the clouds in Glen Coe.*



*Picture: Mr Eastabrook descending the Yukon in 2015 early one morning.*

### Yukon River Expedition, Canada

We are proud to launch Myddelton College's first expedition to the mighty Yukon River, Canada. It is a wild place, rich in history and an ideal place for an expedition in a true sense of the word. Students will be spending 12 days descending the river, wild camping along the way, cover 450km along the Teslin and Yukon Rivers. During this time, the students will use their LTTO skills to live effectively and undertake one science-based project and arts-based project. For example, for Arts this could be a painting, photos or poetry

and for Science, river measurements, wildlife spotting or litter monitoring. Places are limited, in part due to the size of the camping spot along the river, so we will be running an application process for those who wish to participate. It is the intention of the LTTO department that we



will run a variation of this trip every two years with a more mountain-based trip in the in-between years. The trip is aimed at students in Year 9 and above but is on an application basis.

The dates of the trip will be 11-26<sup>th</sup> August 2021, aiming to return to the UK before the start of term permitting boarding students to attend. This will give us great weather and ideal river levels for the trip. We will be away for 16 days; that gives us a couple of travelling days, a couple of days to get our supplies organised for the trip and an evening for R&R before our return. A full itinerary will be developed by the students and communicated back to parents and the Headmaster long before the trip departs. Similarly, in September 2021, the students will host an evening for all to report back on their arts and science projects. The cost of the trip will be no more than £2,900, students may need to purchase a few items for the trip but we will help keep this expenditure to minimum. While this is a lot of money, British Exploring run this trip for £4,500; using the experience and qualifications of the LTTO team allows us to run this as cost effectively as possible.

### **Note on COVID-19 matters**

It seems reasonable to think that Covid restrictions should allow travel to Canada towards the end of next summer, however, we feel comfortable advertising the trips given the experience and contacts of the LTTO department. This means that while the College will take a payment for the trip in stages, we are not using an external company to organise the trip and therefore not sending money anywhere before we need to. We can ensure we only commit funds closer to the departure date to protect the expedition budget and your money in the event of cancellation due to COVID-19. Similarly, we hope that by February, businesses will be open who can cater for a closed booking and travel to Scotland will be possible and again we will protect funds until the last second to make cancellation simple for Myddelton College and parents.

### **Applications**

For both trips spaces are limited and we are expecting demand to be competitive, students will need to submit an application to [c.eastabrook@myddeltoncollege.co.uk](mailto:c.eastabrook@myddeltoncollege.co.uk) and answer the following questions:

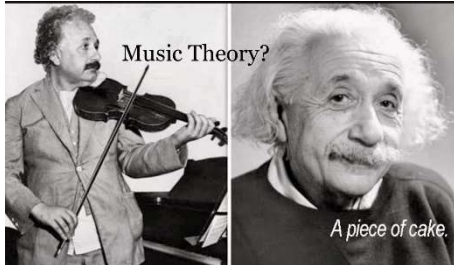
- Why do you want to go on the trip?
- What interests you, inspires you to want to come?
- How will you make yourself a useful and valuable member of the team?
- (Yukon only) What ideas do you have for a science-based project and an arts-based project?  
(You will need to do some research on the river: location, history and opportunities)

I would welcome a telephone call or email from any parents wishing to discuss this expedition further before the students apply for a place on either expedition.

*Mr C Eastabrook*

## Music Department Update

**Choir** is now on a Monday at 1305 in The Music Classroom. Come and sing music from The Beatles to Coldplay. All styles of music sung to help you stay positive during the winter months!



**Theory Club:** Tuesdays at 1600. All welcome who are learning an instrument. Come and improve your knowledge of music. A must for all singers and instrumentalists having lessons in and out of College!

Calling all students who are interested in voice lessons. Our new voice teacher Mrs Terry teaches on Mondays and is more than happy to meet you and have a chat about singing if you are interested. She is an extremely talented and experienced professional singer and lives close to Myddelton College! See Mr Cadman if you are interested.

Having established a career as a versatile soloist, classically trained mezzo-soprano Sioned Terry has shared the stage with internationally renowned artists, musicians, much loved entertainers and many outstanding male voice choirs throughout the UK and internationally.



To her credit Sioned has many televised performances, both recorded and live, two commercially released recordings, one of which was recently aired on BBC Radio 3 and exciting performances on two separate occasions for members of the Royal family. Sioned has also performed at international sporting events, festivals and concerts including a special performance for the Welsh Commonwealth Games team. A popular choice for concerts, corporate events, award ceremonies and classical recitals in equal measure, Sioned's extensive repertoire covers operatic arias, lieder, oratorio, musical theatre, great standards and Welsh song. Sioned is also a published composer and is a keen advocate of women's work in music.

[Album of Welsh Song](#)

[Classical Crossover Release](#)

Mr M Cadman



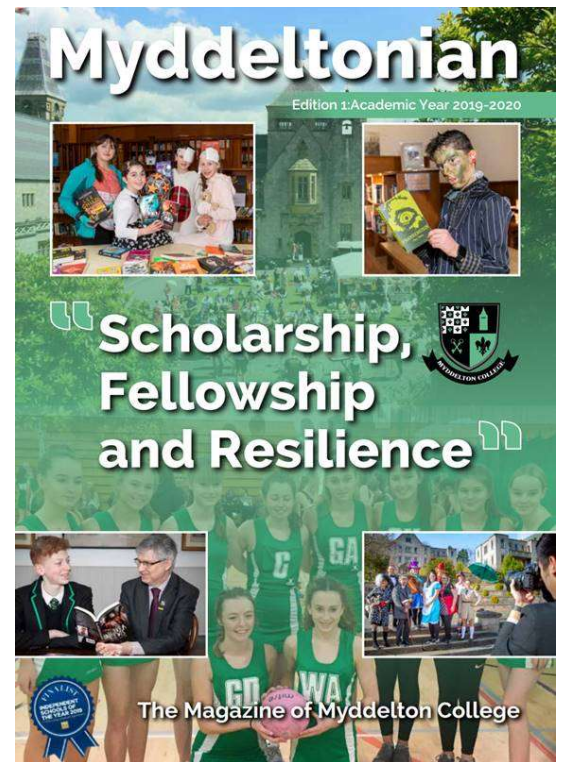
## Myddeltonian Magazine

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](mailto:office@myddeltoncollege.com) by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October if you would **NOT** like to receive a copy.



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

On behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award leadership team I would like to congratulate all of our students on the success of their expeditions last weekend.

We are proud of the Bronze candidates who worked hard to pass their qualifying expedition in the Clwyd Valley, demonstrating strong navigating skills and excellent campcraft.

Those who attended the Silver practice expedition, equally, pushed themselves at the weekend to complete invaluable training and broaden their experience in preparation for their qualifying expedition, which at this moment, is planned for the Lent term.

I would like to extend a warm thank you to the parents of those involved for the support received; enabling us to organise a successful and COVID 19 safe experience.

*Mr J Stanyer*





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