



# Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



Despite this being a very different Michaelmas Term, we are trying our best to ensure that the Myddeltonian Christmas Spirit continues. We will of course all miss the several fantastic Carol Services that would have been held in St Asaph Cathedral led by Bishop Cameron, however, showing true resilience Mr Cadman and Mrs Hughes will be delivering 'Carols from the Quad' with our students, served with mince pies and hot chocolate on Thursday afternoon. There would have been several Christmas concerts and nativities to enjoy in the Great Hall, but despite not having a live audience, Mrs Hughes has ensured that the 'show must go on' and has been busy filming this week to ensure that parents will not miss out on those special moments. It would have been nice to have had our annual Christmas lunch together as a full community, but our Chef has ensured that we won't miss out by scheduling Christmas lunches within bubbles throughout next week. I am looking forward to our Christmas themed clothes day on Thursday, as I am sure our students will do us proud and help us to maintain such a positive Christmas spirit and will also donate some money to GUTEALL.

Upper Preparatory visited Bus Stop Quarry above Llanberis in LTTO this week. They learnt about the importance of slate during the Industrial Revolution and applied their climbing skills in the outdoors. This week's Star of the Week is Sophia Corbett for demonstrating outstanding resilience on the LTTO trip and excellent scholarship with her Accelerated Reader quizzes. I am delighted that the Myddelton Preparatory School were awarded 'Highly Commended' in the Renaissance Lockdown Learning Awards for continuing to raise the status of reading during lockdown. We are delighted with how well our pupils are doing with their reading this year too with many pupils well on their way to becoming 'word millionaires'.

There were also some heroic scenes at Moel Siabod in Snowdonia yesterday, where 9Y climbed the mountain in the snow and demonstrated true fellowship and resilience. 8Y also did some climbing above Llyn Padarn near Llanberis which made their LTTO teachers very proud. In Science lessons Ms Churchman has been impressed by the presentations from her Year 7 class on Cell Structure and Space.

The boarders have had a Christmas themed week: gingerbread house decorating, carol singing, Christmas movies and Secret Santa. They are looking forward to Go-Karting, yoga and car maintenance lessons this weekend, as well as decorating the new party room in Stanley's house.

I hope that you have a nice weekend and I look forward to our final week of this year.

## Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



### Parents' Meetings & Options Evenings

Dates for your diary:

13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Year 8 Virtual Parents' Meetings

Year 11 Virtual Parents' Meetings

Upper Preparatory School Virtual Parents' Meetings

Lower Preparatory School Virtual Parents' Meetings

Upper VI Form Virtual Parents' Meetings

Year 9 Virtual Options Evening

Instructions for how to book meetings with staff will be included in next week's newsletter and dates for other year groups will follow.

### Student Parliament

Elections for the student parliament are underway and it is delightful to have so many students nominated for these positions. Student Parliamentarians have an excellent opportunity to represent the entire student body, being an advocate and a voice for change - for the students, by the students. Thank you to Miss Williams for overseeing our election and ensuring fair access for all. Results of the election will be included in next week's newsletter.

### Booster Lessons

I would like to thank our wonderful subject leaders in English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics for offering such inspirational GCSE and A level online tutorials; we have received outstanding feedback from so many students; our own and from schools across the UK. I am looking forward to their continued success throughout next week.

It's not too late to take part. Participants can still 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 online booster lessons. It features a young woman with long brown hair sitting at a desk in a library, looking at a tablet. The background is filled with bookshelves. Text on the left side of the image reads: 'AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP', 'DELIVERED BY OUR EXPERIENCED SUBJECT LEADERS', 'LESSONS START 30TH NOV', 'SIGN UP NOW: MYDDELTONCOLLEGE.COM/COURSES'. On the right side, the Myddelton College crest is visible. At the bottom right, the text 'Free Online GCSE and A Level Booster Lessons' is displayed in a large, bold font. Navigation arrows are visible on the left and right sides of the image.

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## Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- **Oliver Lewis** (Year 11, St. David's House) – Oliver has recently published his fourth book, *Venturous*, the final novel of his Bloodcross trilogy.
- **Jessica Frith** (Year 10, St. Patrick's House) & **Matthew Stubbins** (Year 10, St. Andrew's House) – Jessica and Matthew have both been nominated for the ISA Athlete of the Term awards.

## The Week Ahead:

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- Lower Preparatory LTTO      Completing Tudor House project (full waterproofs and change of clothes required)
- 1200      Years 7, 8 & 9 Christmas lunch
- 1335 – 1410      Headmaster's Assembly
- 1410 – 1600      VI Form v Staff: 5-a-side football, badminton & netball

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- 7M LTTO      Christmas Bushcraft special, onsite
- 1200      Years 10 & 11 Christmas lunch

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- 8M LTTO      Adventure Day, Snowdonia National Park
- 1200      Preparatory School and VI Form Christmas lunch
- 1300      Upper Preparatory School Film: A Christmas Carol
- 1300      Lower Preparatory School Film: Nativity!

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

- 9M LTTO      Festival Challenges, onsite
- 1500      Carols in the Quad (warm clothing advisable)
- 1600      Finish (no activities, buses depart at 1610)

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Boarders' travelling day      Students travelling are to be off-site by 1600

**Lent term begins on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 0830.**

*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.*

## 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:



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government



GIG  
CYMRU  
NHS  
WALES

Iechyd Cyhoeddus  
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.



## Car Parking

As a consequence of communication with Parent Voice and Friends of Myddelton, we have decided to trial an option for Year 11 and VI Form to be picked up from the front door of the College in the quad at the end of the day. All other year groups can continue to be picked up from the Sports Hall car park and we hope this alleviates some of the traffic and parking difficulties that have been experienced. If there are siblings in multiple year groups, we will leave the collection point to the discretion of the parent.

Please can we remind all parents to be respectful and mindful of all students, staff, parents and other road users whilst driving on and around the College grounds.

## Update: Summer 2021 examinations

This week, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, UK Education Minister Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson CBE MP, announced further changes to the summer 2021 examinations. In summary these are:

- More generous grading, in line with national outcomes from 2020
- Pupils will receive advance notice of some topic areas covered in GCSE, AS and A-levels, to help focus revision
- Some exam aids, such as formula sheets, will be provided in some exams
- There will be contingency examinations available, if anyone misses a scheduled exam due to illness or self-isolation

The full implications of the announcement will not be known until the end of January and we will continue to keep you informed.

## Preparatory School Gymnastics

As part of the Sport Curriculum at Myddelton College Preparatory School students will attend Ruthin and Denbigh Gymnastics Club. These sessions will take place during school time and are due to begin in January for Lower Preparatory students and February for Upper Preparatory students. **All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed at all times in the transportation, before, during and after the Gymnastics session.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact [Mr Pearson](#).



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December

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1240	Preparatory School (normal lunch menu)
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### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Independent Schools Association Awards

Congratulations to Jessica Frith and Matthew Stubbins, both in Year 10, who have been nominated for ISA Athlete of the Term. Well done both.



## 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*

## Tennis

### Christmas break holiday activities

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please make sure that warm clothing is available as students will be outside during the afternoon for the carol singing, mince pies and hot chocolate.



## Instrumental Music Lessons - January 2021

If your son daughter is interested in starting to learn a musical instrument after Christmas please see Mr Cadman for details. Myddelton College offers a taster lesson with one of our Visiting Professionals to see if they like the instrument (and the teacher!) Please see below:

Brass (Trumpet/Cornet/Trombone/Euphonium)

Voice/Piano

Piano

Violin/Viola

Electric Guitar/Classical Guitar/Ukelele/Bass Guitar

Drum Kit

Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone

Cello

Mr Williams

Mrs Terry

Mrs Evans

Mr Barker

Mr West

Mr Neal

Mr Deacon

Mrs Merrion

Mr Cadman also offers Theory help and instrumental accompaniment in preparation for a concert or exam.



# Friends of Myddelton

## Selection Box Donations

The Friends of Myddelton have agreed to supply the local foodbank in Denbigh with 100 selection boxes. If parents and guardians would like to donate a selection box please leave them at the College reception. We would like to take the selection boxes on Wednesday and your support is greatly appreciated.

## Christmas Raffle

The Friends of Myddelton Christmas Raffle is back! Whilst it is clearly disappointing that we cannot enjoy the wonderful Myddelton College Christmas Fayre this year, there is no stopping the Christmas Raffle – an opportunity to win from a selection of fantastic prizes.



Enter our Friends of Myddelton Christmas Raffle  
for a chance to Win **2** Luxury Christmas Hampers  
And lots of other goodies!



**Hampers to include following Items**

Bottle of Bucks Fizz	Brandy Sauce
Jam & Marmalade	Christmas Pudding
Tea & Coffee	Christmas Cake
Bottle of Red Wine	Mince Pies
Bottle of White Wine	Chutney & Pickled Onions
Christmas Crackers	Cheese Biscuits
Selection Box	Chocolate Mints
Stuffing & Cranberry Sauce	Chocolates & Nuts
Bread Sauce	Biscuits

**Runner up prizes include**

Basket of Body Shop Products

Brookhouse Pottery Pot

Bottle of Boxed Whiskey

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Tree Topper

Handprinted Cashmere Blend Scarf

Chocolate Shop Goodies

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Raffle to be drawn on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Thank You for Supporting FOM x

**If you would like to enter the raffle**  
**TEXT FOMXMASRAFFLE TO 70085**  
**FOMXMASRAFFLE3 would be £3**

To enter, text: FOMXMASRAFFLE followed by the amount of your contribution to 70085.

**Important:** You must include a number at the end of FOMXMASRAFFLE to indicate the amount of your contribution. For example, texting **FOMXMASRAFFLE10** to **70085** means that you will contribute £10 in return for 10 entries into the raffle draw.

## Your School Lottery

The Friends of Myddelton have contributed many hours and items to fundraise, support and raise the profile of the College in the local community and beyond. Funds are raised by a wide variety of events including the partnership with 'Your School Lottery'. We would like to encourage as many as possible to participate in the lottery, so please take a moment to read through the accompanying attachment that details how you can get involved – including chances to win up to £25,000 and regular prizes like the Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle.



# Win a Nintendo Switch MEGA BUNDLE

**WITH** Nintendo Switch Console Neon  
Mario Kart Home Circuit DOUBLE PACK (Mario + Luigi)  
2 Games: Lego Marvel Heroes 2 and Minecraft  
Nintendo Switch case and accessory pack  
Mario and Luigi hats



- Help raise essential school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000
- Cash prize every week

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 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020. T&Cs apply, see website for details.