



# Lent Term Update

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



As this week draws to a close I would like to thank all of our staff and students for the hard work that they have done to raise awareness and to support Children's Mental Health Week. I am sure that COVID has affected everyone in one way or another and pastoral support at school and home has never been so vital. This week I am grateful to our VI Form for offering "Corridor Chats" on Teams and to staff for hosting an outstanding Wellbeing Afternoon today that has seen students enjoying a variety of activities (yoga, art, mindfulness, sport) chosen for the benefits they provide to body, mind and soul. This adds to the usual excellent support that is given. Next week our whole school community will take part in a talk on Strength and Potential from Cat Williams (further details later in the Newsletter), which will be followed by time in Tutor Groups to discuss the issues raised. There will be a follow up session on Resilience after Half Term. Parents are encouraged to also attend the sessions if they are available. We continue to support students throughout this time and I very much value and appreciate the wonderful, supportive comments that many of you have shared with me and my staff body.

Our boarding students will celebrate Chinese New Year next week and we will be treated to a wonderful assembly of celebration from them on Friday afternoon. It is huge shame that due to COVID we will not be able to host our usual fabulous celebration meal for the wider community which includes a meal prepared by the students and traditional games and music, but I am sure that the boarders will have a fabulous time celebrating as a boarding community over the weekend. I know that they have plenty of decorations ready and activities planned to ensure that they can enjoy such an important event in their cultural calendar.

This week, Lower Preparatory have been working extremely hard writing non-chronological reports about Arctic animals while Upper Preparatory have begun their persuasive letters based on Drew Daywalt's brilliant story 'The Day The Crayons Quit.' Congratulations to Taylor Lea (Year 6) on becoming the latest word millionaire and to this week's Star of the Week: Malaaika Waris (Year 5) for demonstrating excellent scholarship in her English and mathematics work.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February is International Book Giving Day. To celebrate this wonderful day, and ensure that our pupils have enough exciting books to read over half term, Miss Gresley-Jones has arranged a socially distanced book collection for Friday afternoon. If your son or daughter would like to swap their reading books, please email Miss Gresley-Jones to arrange a library visit for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

In the Senior School there have been many exciting things taking place during lessons and I hope that you will enjoy the updates section of our Newsletter to see some of the wonderful work that has been done. I am also very grateful to our teachers for arranging so many excellent competitions and events for our students to participate in. I'm very much looking forward to hearing the results of the Storytelling competition which saw entries due today.

Our VI Form students are strongly encouraged to participate in the Yipiyap presentation on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 16:00 (details later in the Newsletter). This is an opportunity for students to have paid work during a gap year by being placed in schools, colleges and online to grow both personally and professionally and to feel that they have done something positive too.

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

- **Charlie Thomas** (Lower Preparatory, St. George's House) for scholarship; composing a very accomplished musical piece called "Upper Denbigh Road".
- **Noura Ben-Sassi** and **Phoebe Allman** (both Upper Preparatory, St. David's House) for scholarship; for performing with real aplomb during the Upper Preparatory class concert this week.
- **Taylor Lea** (Upper Preparatory, St. George's House) for scholarship; becoming a word millionaire.
- **Arran White** (Year 7, St. George's House) for scholarship; he has made an extraordinary improvement and puts so much care into his work, with excellent participation in lessons.
- **William Glanville** (Year 7, St. Patrick's House) for scholarship; he has produced a video showing you how to paint an image of the rapper Stormzy.
- **Aimee Tramaseur** (Year 8, St. Patrick's House) for scholarship; she enjoys learning languages with her family and works incredibly hard in her lessons. She loves practising Speaking with her classmates too.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

## Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



### Coronavirus Update

Kirsty Williams CBE MS, Welsh Government Minister for Education, announced earlier today that a phased return of the youngest school children (up to and including Year 2) will begin from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. The next Welsh Government review will be announced on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and it is expected to include more information regarding the potential return of older children. I will keep you informed as new information becomes available.

Please note that the provision in place for vulnerable children and the children of key worker parents will continue and remains unaffected by this decision.

When we are permitted to return to the College, it is vital that the mitigation measures in place continue to be **adhered to by all** – students, staff and parents. These include maintaining good hand hygiene, wearing face masks at all times, keeping distance from each other as much as possible (particularly at pick up/drop off for day students) and ensuring fresh air circulation throughout the buildings. As has been the case throughout the pandemic, these measures are continuously reviewed and we will notify you of any changes through this update.

### Public Examinations Update

**Pearson Edexcel iGCSE:** These examinations have been cancelled for summer 2021 (affects iGCSE English as a Second Language) and grades for the qualification will be determined by a robust approach based upon teacher assessment. It is expected to follow a similar model to the majority of UK awarding bodies, which is still being finalised.

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.

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day. Students in all years will be participating in special assemblies with the Police Community Liaison Officer, PC Llinos Owain. I am aware that the Preparatory School will also have a wide range of Safer Internet Day activities to engage in and I look forward to reporting on them in next week's newsletter!

# The Week Ahead: Lent term 2021

## Timetable Week B

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

08:45 – 12:40 Upper Preparatory School LTTO

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day

All day Year 9 DTP/MEN vaccinations (appointments only)

08:45 – 16:00 Year 7Y LTTO

13:35 – 14:10 Safer Internet Day Assembly (Years 7 -13)

14:10 – 14:40 Safer Internet Day Assembly (Preparatory School)

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

08:45 – 16:00 Year 8Y LTTO

16:00 – 16:30 VI Form Yipiyap presentation (virtual)

16:20 – 19:30 Year 9 into Year 10: GCSE Options Evening (virtual)

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February International Day of Women and Girls in Science

08:45 – 16:00 Year 9Y LTTO

09:40 – 10:10 'Strengths' Webinar: Cat Williams (All Years, Parents Welcome)

10:10 – 10:35 Q & A/Discussion to follow up on Webinar with Form Tutors

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February Chinese New Year begins

13:35 – 14:10 Chinese New Year Assembly

16:00 Half Term Begins

19:00 Boarders' Chinese New Year celebration

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Boarding Trip: Chinatown, Liverpool (cancelled)

Boarding Activities: Onsite activities

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February St. Valentine's Day

Boarding Activities: Onsite activities

*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

The appointment booking system for the following Parents' Meetings and GCSE Options Evening is 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.

10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Virtual GCSE Options Evening (Year 9)

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Lower VI Virtual Parents' Meetings

17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Year 10 Virtual Parents' Meetings

Booking will open soon for the next set of appointments:

24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Virtual A Level Information Evening (Year 11)

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

## VI Form Yipiyap presentation



VI Form students are requested to attend a presentation from Yipiyap – an organisation specialising in providing students with amazing and enriching gap year experiences in between A Levels and university.

The gap year roles they have available are designed to make your CV and UCAS Personal Statement stand out from the crowd and enhance your chance of admission to your chosen university.

The presentation will be live, interactive, virtual and will take place at 16:00 on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February via Zoom. The session will be a 15 minute presentation followed by a question and answer session and can be accessed by the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83939301457?pwd=aDdlOXJmdmpJZGxXc01Lb1c3UDVodz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3930 1457, Passcode: 173018



If you are thinking of taking a gap year after your A-Levels, here's your chance to capitalise on this brief pause and make sure you are the very best version of you by the time you go to university next year.

Yipiyap employs academic gap year students who have taken a year out and we place them in schools, colleges and online to support students in the subjects they love. It's an invaluable opportunity if

you want to grow both personally and professionally in your time out and to really feel that you have done something incredibly positive too.

Next week we are hosting a scheduled Q&A session just for you to see what a gap year with Yipiyap is all about.

## An Introduction to Personality Strengths

Cat Williams from Helping Reach Potential Ltd is excited to be delivering 'An Introduction to Personality Strengths' for all pupils on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 09:45 via zoom.

Cat is a strengths psychology coach, rapid transformational therapist, speaker and author specialising in helping children and adults to overcome whatever holds them back, and reach their full potential.



Cat's session will be uplifting and interactive and pupils will leave knowing:

- What personality strengths are and why they matter
- Which of the four strength 'clusters' they most identify with
- What some of their top strengths are likely to be
- Information and questions to think about to make the most of their natural strengths



If following the session you or your child have further questions, or would like a full individual strengths discovery session you can contact Cat via [cat@helpingreachpotential.co.uk](mailto:cat@helpingreachpotential.co.uk). For more information on Cat, including links to her free resource material and downloads please visit <https://linktr.ee/cathelpingreachpotential>

The Zoom Meeting can be accessed by using the link and following the prompts:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6558107473?pwd=dHhmSjBIM1dVd1VuUXRFcHRyR2xFZz09>

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## 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](https://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.



## Preparatory School LTTO

Spending time outside in natural settings is more important now, more than ever, for our physical and mental wellbeing. With February already in full flow and a half term break rapidly approaching, consider using this outdoor activities calendar to set yourself some challenges throughout the month. How many can you complete?

Have fun and good luck!

# FEBRUARY OUTDOORS

This February it is even more important to get outdoors, here are some ideas to try:

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Mental Health Week</b> Take a mindful walk, find as many colours as you can	<b>Photo</b> Can you take a photo of a bird? What type of bird is it?	<b>Sticks</b> Can you use sticks to make a sword?	<b>Den</b> Can you make a teepee for a fairy or other small creature?	<b>Number Day</b> Lets go a number hunt, what is the biggest number you can find?	<b>Mental Health Week</b> Mindful walk, how many sounds can you hear today?	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> Find something beginning with each letter of your name or the whole alphabet!
<b>Maths</b> Can you take part in the Great British Schools Birdwatch?	<b>Animals</b> Try and Identify 3 different types of bird today. Can you name them?	<b>Read</b> Can you find a cosy space to read a little outdoors?	<b>Journal</b> Can you write (or draw) what happened outdoors today?	<b>Chinese New Year</b> Can you spot any of the Chinese zodiac animals?	<b>Game</b> Play i-spy on your walk today	<b>Valentines Day</b> Find something you love outdoors. It might be a treasure or a photo
<b>STEM</b> Make a tower of sticks, how high can you build it?	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b> Why not try making a pancake on the campfire?	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> Complete our winter signs scavenger hunt or find signs of your own	<b>Photo</b> Can you take a photo of an old tree? How do you know it is old?	<b>STEM</b> Can you make a flying dragon or a kite?	<b>Story</b> Have your read our Greenman story? Why not make a green man?	<b>Science</b> Can you keep a piece of ice frozen outdoors? For how long?
<b>Read</b> Can you find out 4 facts about an animal you can find outdoors?	<b>Art</b> Can you make a natural mandala? Look up Andy Goldsworthy for ideas	<b>Wild Card</b> Do whatever you like outdoors today! Just stay safe	<b>Game</b> Find some natural objects and their names before playing Kim's Game	<b>Animals</b> How many animals can you spot with 4 legs or more today?	<b>Den</b> Can you make a den for you and someone else to fit in?	<b>Reflect</b> Can you share what your favourite outdoor activities were this month?



## English Update

Thank you to all who participated in our 'Once upon a time in Myddelton ...' storytelling this week. Winners will be announced later on next week so keep your eyes peeled!

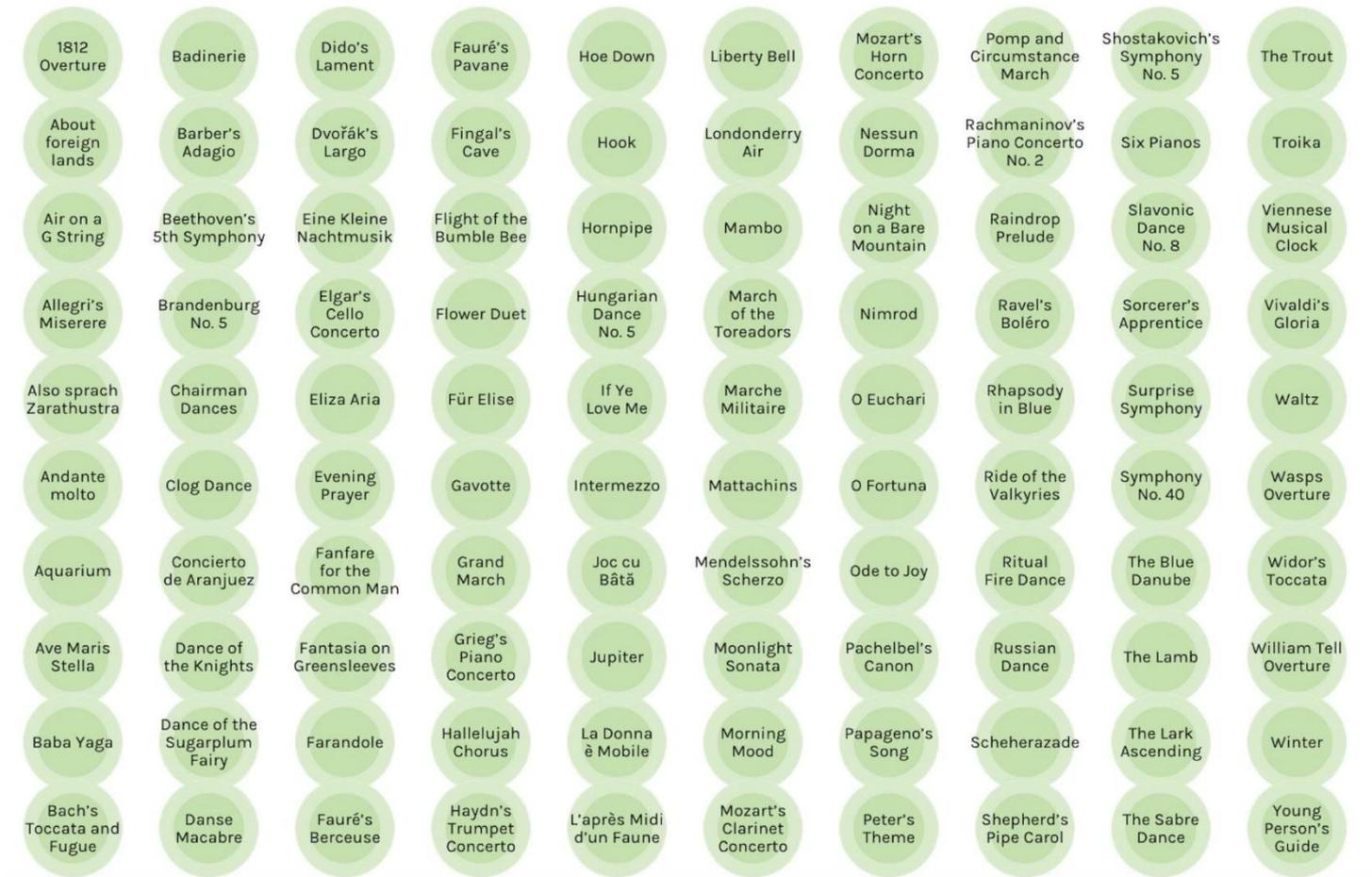
Due to the lockdown the English Faculty would like pupils at Myddelton to think about celebrating Valentine's Day slightly differently this year. Borrowing a great idea from the Poetry by Heart competition we would like pupils to record and recite their favourite love poem on a Flipgrid. This could be dedicated anonymously...to a dearly loved member of the family...or to the much loved family pet! You decide and it can be as serious, quirky or funny as you like.



A Flipgrid has been created <https://flipgrid.com/3cf99aaf> and the join code is **3cf99aaf** which is all you need to access using your Myddelton logon address of @myddeltoncollege.co.uk All entries must be submitted by 16:00 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and the best recitations will be in line for some Chocolate after half term break!

## Music Update

Mr Cadman strongly recommends using half-term to explore the Top 100 Classical Pieces of Music - choose a few and see what you think!



## Spanish Update

During this half term, students of Spanish continue to practice all skills of the language, including speaking. Miss Alos has been really impressed to see students of all different groups demonstrate so much effort, using their microphones in the online lessons, not being too shy to participate. Many students are practising their Spanish in their evening voluntarily, even with their family members – ¡Excelente!

## Sports Update

### Hockey Wales Virtual Cup

Myddelton College have been drawn against Ysgol Gymunedol Penweddig in the first round of the Hockey Virtual Cup. Please search @HockeyWales on Twitter and vote for Myddelton College to progress to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Voting closes at 12:00 on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February.



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> January – 7<sup>th</sup> March. The Web Registration Page and Challenges in the TopYa! Active App are live.

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.

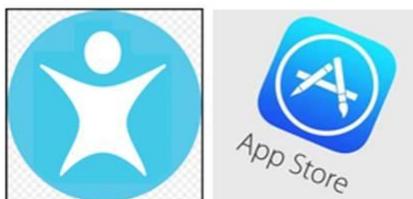
Enter YOUR details.....

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.



## Science Update

In year 7 science this week, students have been learning about the adaptations of animals in their natural habitats and some brilliant posters have been created by the students!

# RHINOS

Black rhinos have a number of adaptations that help them survive in their environment, including an upper lip that is prehensile, which sets them apart from white rhinos. They also have thick skin and can rotate their ears. In addition, they allow small birds to ride on their back.



The most obvious white rhino adaptation is its two large horns. The larger of the two, located further down the white rhino's head, can grow up to five feet long. ... Due to this adaptation and their size, white rhinos have few predators in the wild other than humans.

## Adaptations Of a Giraffe

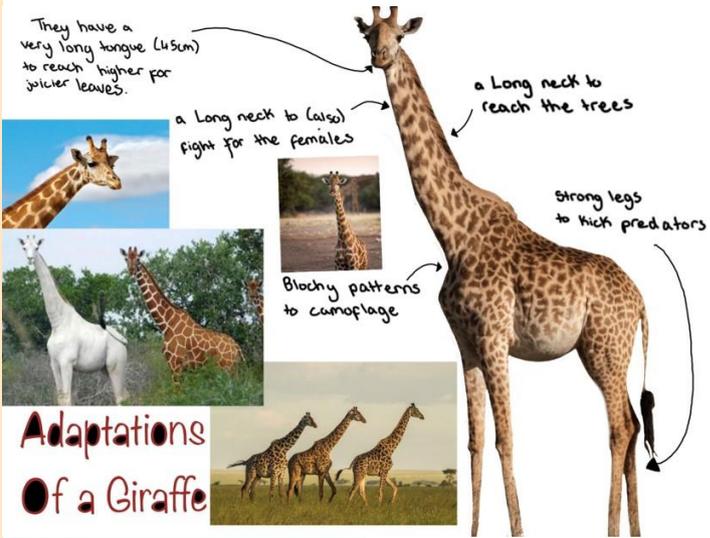
They have a very long tongue (45cm) to reach higher for juicier leaves.

a Long neck to (also) fight for the females

a Long neck to reach the trees

Strong legs to kick predators

Blocky patterns to camouflage



## *The wild dog*

Their unusual spotted fur consists of black, brown, white and yellow colors. They use the markings on their coats to identify and recognize members of their group. Also, these wild dogs use their coat patterns as camouflage, they can easily hide in their natural habitat of grassland, savannahs, and woodland.

The most important survival adaptation is teamwork. The African Wild Dog works as a team to bring down prey twice as big as it is. They also have superb hearing and sense of smell. They use these two senses to track down prey.

The wild dogs tend to leave their young in dens when they set off for their early-morning and late-evening hunts, thus avoiding the worst heat of the day.

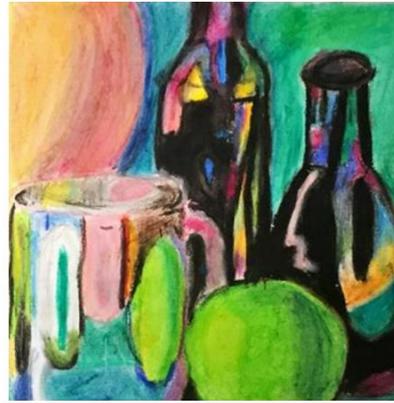
There scientific name for wild dogs are: *Lycaon pictus*



## Art & Design Update

This week has flown yet the work of our pupils continues to impress me. I would like to showcase two year 9 pupils Isabella Stone and Lewis Roberts who have worked incredibly hard to ensure their drawings are of a high standard. Last lesson you could see they had made a good start to the project. What a difference this lesson. Two excellent drawings completed.

3 pupils from the Year 10 class have working on their animal drawings. They have been focusing on exploring colour, pattern and texture before starting their painting projects.



Isabella Stone



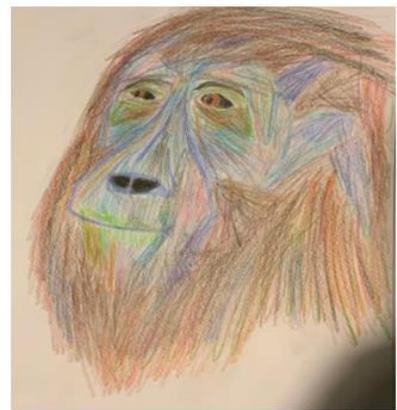
Lewis Roberts



Nathan Allsopp-Huddle



Hadassah Yakubu



Leon Debonnaire-White

William Glanville our budding film maker from year 7, has produced a video showing you how to paint an image of the rapper Stormzy. An informative and creative way of working. Well done Will. [Paint your own Stormzy!](#)

Next week I hope to show you the results from our Mindfulness art sessions run by Jude Wood in collaboration with Ruthin Craft Centre. Have a relaxing weekend.

## 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*

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[Direct Link to the Move  
A Marathon Hub:  
Denbighshire Leisure  
#MoveAMarathonFor  
Ethan](#)



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[Direct Link to the Just  
Giving Donation Page:  
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## 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!**



**WIN**

**Landxcape Robotic Lawnmower**

**+**

**Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner**

- ⚙️ 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 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).