



Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 6th November 2020

Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



It has been wonderful to welcome back students in Preparatory School, Year 7 and 8 this week. I have been impressed by their attitude and I very much enjoyed speaking to them around the College. However, I am very much looking forward to welcoming back the remaining College community on Monday and I would like to congratulate them on their efforts during online lessons. As there is an ever-changing situation in education due to the pandemic, we have made the decision to adapt our term times to create further stability in our academic provision and build in some resilience in case there are any further announcements over the coming months. The changes in our term dates will largely mean that there is more time spent academically during the Trinity term, which will be of major help for our students as they approach public examinations. The details of the new term dates are attached.

I was extremely impressed by our boarders over the half term break, as they demonstrated our true family values; this was seen in all aspects of day-to-day life. It was lovely to see so many nationalities and a wide range of age groups coming together, taking part in the wide range of activities that were organised by our wonderful boarding team. These ranged from learning how to cope in the outdoors, carving pumpkins, a ghost hunt, a spa day, and many more. Last night there was a huge celebration for bonfire night and a wonderful selection of fireworks. We are very much looking forward to being able to include local trips back to our schedule of weekend activities from next weekend.

This week's Star of the Week in the Preparatory School is Noura Ben-Sassi who has become the Preparatory School's first world millionaire this year. Noura is also our librarian and does a fantastic job looking after our books and keeping them in Accelerated Reader order. The Preparatory School have done a great deal of science this week; Year 6 have completed their unit on materials and conducted filtration investigation, Years 4 and 5 have begun learning about teeth and particularly enjoyed learning about the teeth of different animals. Today the Year 5 and 6 pupils learnt about how to apply to become a Bronze Ambassador for the College. Bronze Ambassadors are sport role models who raise the profile of sport and healthy lifestyles within the College. Congratulations to William Cheesley, Sophia Corbett, Jessica Roberts and Taylor Lea (all Year 6), for winning Wednesday's White Rose Maths Barvember competition for their fantastic maths bar models. They are now very excited to receive their prizes.

I would like to give a special mention to Amelia Lloyd (Year 8) and Matteo Iavazzo (Year 7) for working so hard during their holiday to improve their Spanish voluntarily.

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



Remembrance Day

Next week we will be paying our respects on Remembrance Day and there will be a series of lessons on the importance of the act of remembrance as well as the significance of the date and time. Sadly, we will not be able to hold our special parade and service, but the day will still be marked with the usual respect that it deserves. Can I please insist that all students are wearing a poppy on Wednesday (they are available from reception).

VI Form Update

UCAS and CAAT Admissions Tests

Congratulations to all Upper VI students who have successfully completed their 2021 UCAS applications. Working together with our Higher Education Adviser, Mr David Ewart, the final personal statements and applications have now been submitted and conditional offers have already started rolling in. Mr Ewart's attention will turn towards preparing the Lower VI students. Also this week, the Cambridge Assessment Admissions Tests for prestigious university and course combinations were held and we wish these students every success as their papers are marked and applications are assessed.

UK Mathematics Trust Senior Mathematics Challenge

Students of Mathematics in Upper and Lower VI completed the 'virtual' Senior Mathematics Challenge this week. This annual competition, which can lead to participation in the British Mathematical Olympiad, challenges students thinking skills as well as mathematical skills and promoting a love of problem solving. Well done to all participants! We look forward to receiving your results and sharing your success.

Face Coverings and Masks

VI Form students are required to wear face coverings or masks **at all times**, including in the common room. It is important to respond to the national statistics showing a significantly greater number of transmissions across this age group, compared to younger groups, and collectively we must do everything possible to keep the Myddelton community as safe as we can.

Preparatory School Film Screening & Library

At the end of half term, the Preparatory School Film Screening raised £78 for new library books - an excellent achievement! Mr Allman kindly agreed to treble the total. During the half term break, a fabulous mountain of books arrived and many Preparatory School students have already got stuck into them.

Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster's Commendations to:

- Filip Holik (Year 11, St. George's House) – Filip took the lead in designing and organising a new entertainment space in Stanley's boarding house during the half term break. This space will be available for all students to use in the future.
- Martin Wong (Lower VI, St. Patrick's House) – Martin organised Hallowe'en activities for boarders including a spooky treasure hunt around the College site during the evening.

The Week Ahead:

Monday 9th November

- Lower Preparatory LTTO Autumn Painting and Beginning Shelters Project
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Assembly

Tuesday 10th November

- 7M LTTO Bushcraft - Fires (onsite)

Wednesday 11th November

- 8M LTTO Bushcraft - Fires (onsite)
- 1100 2 minutes silence - Remembrance Day

Thursday 12th November

- 0900 – 1530 VI Form, Young Professionals Conference
- 9M LTTO Duke of Edinburgh's Award Navigational Challenge (local)

Friday 13th November

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

Saturday 14th November

- Boarders' Activities Trip to Llandudno
Mathematics Enrichment and Puzzle Solving
Sports events/5km run

Sunday 15th November

- Boarders' Activities "Slow Down" Sunday
Board Games Club
Christmas Ornament Decoration

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.

Next Year 10 Adventure Day: Saturday 21st November

Please email c.eastabrook@myddeltoncollege.co.uk to book your place

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Absence Procedures

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child or another family member has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate – follow guidance Book a Covid-19 test Inform school immediately about test results 	The test comes back as negative .
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate for at least 10 days Inform school immediately about test results Keep siblings off too Seek guidance from TTP 	They can return to school after 10 days (siblings after 14 days if not showing symptoms) even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
Somebody in my household has Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate Household member to book a Covid-19 test Inform school immediately about test results 	The household member test is negative or self-isolation is completed
Somebody in my household has tested positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate for 14 days 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.
NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Book a Covid-19 test Keep school updated Self-isolate for 14 days 	<p>The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p> <p>The Covid-19 test comes back as negative.</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"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Keep school updated Self-isolate for 14 days 	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"> Do not come to school Contact the school as advised by the attendance officer/pastoral team Shield until you are informed restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	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"> That member of staff must remain at home until they or a member of their household receives their test result. School will seek advice from Test, Trace, Protect Wales and the Local Authority. 	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"> If you cannot access a test locally when you go online Apply for a coronavirus (COVID-19) test GOV.WALES or ring 119 please contact the school and we will try to help. (We cannot promise we can help but we will try our best!) 	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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NHS
WALES

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Cymru
Public Health
Wales



CATCH IT.



BIN IT.



KILL IT.



**Wear a face
covering or
mask**

To help reduce the risks of infection, all students, staff and visitors are asked to wear a face covering or mask whilst inside the buildings. Where possible, this should cover the mouth and nose. They should be worn at all times, removing them for as short a time as possible when eating and/or drinking.



VI Form Young Professionals Conference

On Thursday 12th November, VI Form have the exciting opportunity to join the online Young Professionals Conference. The event, taking place from 9am to 3.30pm, will allow the students to participate in a number of interactive webinars with a wide range of companies, from GSK to IBM. There will be sessions on the recruitment process, and advice on how to apply for jobs, which will be invaluable as our students prepare to enter the workplace. An outline of the day will be shared with the students next week.

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

Movember

Movember is the leading global organisation committed to changing the face of men's health.

Men's health is in crisis. Men are dying on average 6 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons. Unchecked, prostate cancer rates will double over the next 15 years. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among men aged 15-39 years of age. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 75% of all suicides. Movember is uniquely placed to address this crisis on a global scale. We fund groundbreaking projects all over the world, engaging men where they are to understand what works best and accelerate change.

The movement gained its momentum by getting the world over growing moustaches throughout the month of November in solidarity and supporting men's health causes whether it be by raising awareness or raising money which Movember pledges to thousands of charities centred on addressing these issues.

However, the times have changed and anybody can get involved in Movember, you don't even need to be able to grow a mo!

This year Mr Stanyer has pledged to take part in Movember to raise awareness and money for this noble cause. Sticking by tradition, he will be sporting a moustache for the entire month to turn a few heads and hopefully a few smiles. In addition Mr Stanyer is planning on running 60 miles (100km) throughout the month which is 60 miles for the 60 men we lose to suicide each hour, every hour, across the world.



Please find the link to his Movember page: [Mr Stanyer's Magnificent Movember Moustache](#)

If you are in a position where you would be willing to donate any money, this would be greatly appreciated. That being said, sharing this message, spreading the word and encouraging others to look out for one another is just as important.

Virtual Christmas Celebration Concert

As the Christmas Play Evening and Carol Service have been cancelled, for obvious reasons, we are working hard to create a virtual celebration instead. We are working with students in lessons and clubs to create appropriately safe performances that we will record ready for the release of the virtual Christmas Celebration Concert.

Bonfire Night with the Boarders!

Last night, despite the dark shadow over the world at the moment, the boarders and boarding staff embraced the tradition of Bonfire Night and lit up the skies of Denbigh and beyond with a set of fantastic fireworks and a brilliant bonfire.

Accompanied by hot dogs, kindly prepared by the kitchen staff, s'mores and hot chocolate, all the boarders joined in with the festivities, watching



the rockets and fountains explode and light up the night sky. A big fire was made for toasting marshmallows and warming your hands, and everyone got a chance to try out sparklers, some for the very first time!

So despite it being a cold and dark Welsh autumn, the boarders were able to enjoy themselves in warmth and light in what turned out to be a lovely and memorable evening.

LTTO Expedition

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!

Yukon River Expedition, Canada

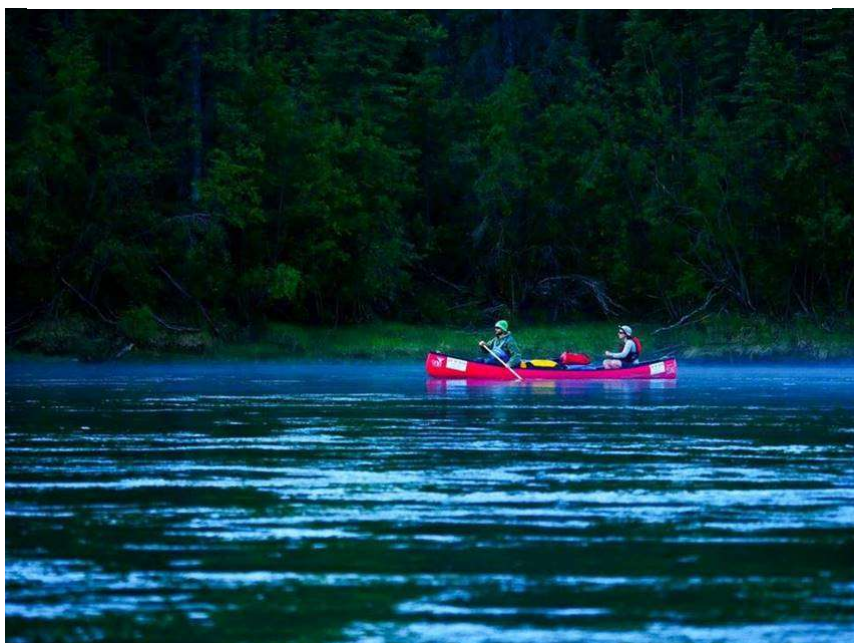
We are proud to launch Myddelton College's first expedition to the mighty Yukon River, Canada. It is a wild place, rich in history and an ideal place for an expedition in a true sense of the word. Students will be spending 12 days descending the river, wild camping along the way, cover 450km along the 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 11-26th 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.

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

Note on COVID-19 matters

It seems reasonable to think that COVID-19 restrictions should allow travel to Canada towards the end of next summer, however, we feel comfortable advertising the trip 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.



Applications

Spaces are limited and we are expecting demand to be competitive, students will need to submit an application to 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?
- 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. The deadline for applications has been extended to Thursday 12th November 2020.

Art Department Update



Year 9 in their online art lessons this week have been inspired by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Our pupils were asked to select a celebrity to work from and to use whatever they could find in their home, to create a face. I hope you enjoy the small selection below.



Anya Dolan



Zoey Owen



Isabella Stone



Jac Frith



Cai Frith



Denbighshire Drama Clubs

Denbighshire Youth Service are holding virtual drama workshops and have limited spaces available. There is a workshop for Year 6 and a workshop for Years 7, 8 and 9. If you would like a place on the workshops, please email the Youth Service Services using the email address on the flyer.



Denbighshire Youth Service Junior Drama Club

Denbighshire Youth Service is organising a series of sessions for young people aged 11–14. The aim of the project is to get them involved in drama whilst being able to socialise with others and have fun.

When: Every Thursday at 6:30pm (Until the 17/12/20)

Where: Zoom (Link below)

Who: 11– 14 yr olds

Join zoom meeting here,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85463038899pwd=KzJNVlQ0eFhKRHZtcmVxQXhYbJlVdz09>

- Meeting ID: 854 6303 8899
- Passcode: 969188

For more information on specific activities or for any help or advice please contact Will or Wendy on 07833255607 / 07920287458. Alternatively you can speak with a member of the Youth Service team on;

Facebook - Denbighshire Youth Service

Twitter - @DCCyouthservice

Email - youth.service@denbighshire.gov.uk

Youtube - DCCyouthservice



Denbighshire Youth Service Year 6 Drama Club

Denbighshire Youth Service is organising a series of sessions for yr 6 pupils to get them involved in drama. The sessions will allow them to have fun with friends, meet new people and learn new skills.

When: Every Monday at 6:30pm (Until the 21/12/20)

Where: Zoom (Link below)

Who: Yr. 6 2020

Join zoom meeting here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85418794369pwd=eE14NFYyRzhYVkZRTURISnM2NjRIQT09>

- Meeting ID: 854 1879 4369
- Passcode: 261993

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