

Michaelmas Term Update

Friday 9th October 2020



Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



It has been another busy and productive week at Myddelton College and I was particularly proud to end the week attending the Independent Schools of the Year 2020 Virtual Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to our Head Girl, Katherine Balmer, for reaching the final and getting so close to winning the award only missing out marginally to the grandson of Captain Tom. It is such a huge achievement for Katie.

The Upper Preparatory have been applying their knowledge and understanding of rounding (mathematics) to discuss the crime statistics of the 1800s and particularly enjoyed a virtual lesson with the National Archives Service where they learnt about crime and punishment in the Victorian Era through the primary sources at the archives. They asked lots of interesting questions and we now have a few aspiring historians. Our Preparatory students also enjoyed a session of mindfulness on Wednesday in Calm Club as part of Mental Health Week 2020. They took time out of their day to notice their breathing and participate in mindful eating. I would like to give a special mention to Squiggy Halls for receiving the Golden Racket Award in the lunch time tennis lessons and to Charlie Thomas who performed, 'I Shall Not Live In Vain' virtually with the Welsh National Youth Opera last week. Congratulations to Marwan Ben-Sassi, Preparatory School Star of the week for demonstrating excellent scholarship in all of his lessons.

In the Senior School, even when the weather is inclement, it does not stop our amazing Learning through the Outdoors Department from working hard to embrace all of their enrichment activities. Students particularly enjoyed the bush craft skills sessions, making shelters and fire and constructing a giant slingshot. Other highlights were in Music where our Year 9 students enjoyed learning and developing their notation skills and developing ideas inspired by a piece of writing from nearly 50 years ago. In Humanities, Year 7 had a sophisticated debate on the ethical implications of zoos and breeding animals in captivity. Congratulations to Brooke Lea and Josh Roberts for their outstanding contributions.

In my celebration assembly, Esther Lucas spoke to us about her mother's charity, Genesis Umbrella to Empower All (GUTEALL), a charitable organisation working mainly with the most vulnerable members of society. The charity addresses issues of education, sustainable livelihood, rehabilitation of drug abusers, prisoners and street children, health, women's social economic empowerment and emergency interventions. To raise money for this worthy charity there will be a Hallowe'en fancy dress day on Friday 30th October. Further details will follow later in the Newsletter.

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



CAAT and OxBridge Applications

In early November, a number of our students will be engaged in the Cambridge Assessment Admissions Tests that support the UCAS application processes for entry to highly competitive courses and universities. Upper VI Students should check the entry requirements carefully for each of their chosen courses and contact Dr Corner as soon as possible to make arrangements for any compulsory admissions tests.

Mr David Ewart, the College's UCAS Mentor, is supporting all Upper VI students with their UCAS applications and all those applying to Oxford or Cambridge will be completed over the course of this weekend. The students' personal statements and College references will be submitted early next week and we wish these students every success with their applications. Mr Ewart will continue to liaise with those applying to other universities to ensure their applications are completed and submitted very soon.

Michaelmas Half Term Reports

During the week commencing 12th October, parents can expect to receive an email from their child's Form Tutor, including a summary of progress during the half term which focusses on their performance against our Three Pillars of Scholarship, Fellowship and Resilience:

- Scholarship – an overview of academic performance
- Fellowship – an overview of pastoral development
- Resilience – an overview of effort and how they have adapted following periods of remote learning and/or quarantine

Students in Years 11 and 13 will receive a Progress Check report, which includes grades based upon the GCSE and A Level syllabi.

Catering

On behalf of the College, I would like to express thanks to Mark Foster and his Catering Team for the smooth reintroduction of hot meals at lunchtime. Every Friday, students select their meals for the following week and a copy of next week's lunchtime menu is attached for your information.

With effect from Monday 26th October, we will be inviting the Preparatory School to join us for lunch. We aim to provide a menu suitable for the younger palates and they will dine in the Howellian Room, thus minimising the number of students in the Dining Hall and allowing them as much time as they need to enjoy their lunch. Also from Monday 26th October, we switch to the winter timetable for dinner. At 1700, boarders will be served their evening meal in the Dining Hall with Evening Prep being conducted between 1800 and 1900.

Headmaster's Commendations

Congratulations for achieving Headmaster Commendations to:

- Lauren Malpas (Year 11, St. Andrew's House) – Lauren has demonstrated outstanding fellowship by helping her peers in their preparation for a science test on the topic of electrolysis.

The Week Ahead:

Monday 12th October

- Lower Preparatory LTTO Bravery medals (onsite)
- 1335 – 1410 Headmaster's Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 13th October

- 7M LTTO Local nature trail and navigation

Wednesday 14th October

- 8M LTTO Climbing, Clwydian range

Thursday 15th October

- 9M LTTO Mountaineering in the Berwyns – Summit Fever!
- 1800 Chamber Concert (regretfully cancelled)

Friday 16th October

- Lower Preparatory Film screening of The Terrible Tudors
- Upper Preparatory Film screening of Oliver Twist
- 1600 Finish (no activities, buses depart at 1610)

Saturday 17th October

- Boarders' Activities Wool-based arts and crafts
Tennis
Karaoke

Sunday 18th October

- Boarders' Activities "Slow Down" Sunday
Creative writing workshop
Paper plane competition

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"> • 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 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation The Covid-19 test comes back as negative .

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Absence Procedures (continued)

<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<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 	<p>The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>We have received advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<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 	<p>School/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p>
<p>A member of staff or a member of their household becomes symptomatic</p>	<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. 	<p>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.</p>
<p>I can't get a test for my symptomatic child when I go online or ring</p>	<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!) 	<p>The test is negative</p>

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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Welsh Government



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Cymru
Public Health
Wales



CATCH IT.



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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. 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.



Parent Voice

Parent Voice are looking for class representatives to attend Parent Voice meetings (virtual, or face to face in the future). The objective of a Parent Voice Class Representative will be to bring any feedback from each year group and be able to communicate between your year group and Parent Voice.

Year group representatives are being sought for:

- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Year 12
- Year 13

Should you wish to represent your child's year group within the Parent Voice body, please contact Mary Tetley, Chair of Parent Voice: MaryT@bsac.com



Friends of Myddelton

If you have any items of school uniform that you are happy to donate, please can you hand these into the Reception. We will wash all clothes in our boarding houses and then add them to the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop. Items will be available to purchase on various days after Half Term, in preparation for the possible return to uniform after Christmas. For further information, please email friendsofmyddelton@myddeltoncollege.co.uk

Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Day

On Friday 30th October, we will 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 was included in Mr Allman's update and can be found at the charity website <https://www.guteall.org/about-us/>

Students are encouraged to dress up in Hallowe'en costumes and donate at least £1 each to support this worthy cause. Boarding students will be encouraged to make bunting and dress the boarding houses in a suitably spooky way on the final Sunday of the half term break.

Students are respectfully asked not to wear any Hallowe'en masks (except for the Covid-mitigation face coverings currently being worn), particularly now that Myddelton College has expanded to include Preparatory Students as young as 7 years old.



Sports Update

VI Form Activities – Every Wednesday 1610-1700, the Sports Hall is open for VI Form to take part in some form of Physical Activity/Games. Please bring your sports kit with you on this day, make the most of our facilities and improve your Health whilst having some fun. Also, VI Form Football Training takes place every Thursday 1610-1700.

PE kit – All students should now have Myddelton PE kit and should be wearing this for their PE lessons. The PE kit consists of a Hoodie, T-shirt, Shorts (Boys), Skorts/Black leggings (Girls). All students should also have their own water bottles for PE lessons. These can be carried with them during the school day and filled up in the dining hall during break or lunch.

Update on Sports Fixtures – The College is continuing to follow guidelines set by Association for Physical Education and the Independent Schools Association. School, County and ISA fixtures may slowly begin to restart after half term.

LTTO Expeditions

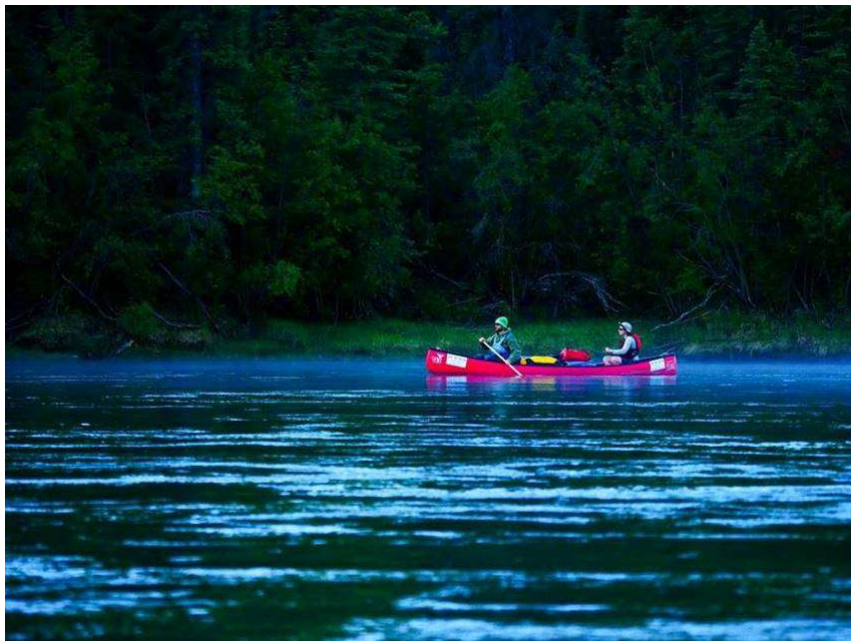
As the ability and experience of our students grows, so does the level of challenge offered! Similarly, in times of lockdown, our daydreams are filled of the adventures to come, so in LTTO, we plan and scheme! To this end, we would like to share our hopes for two expeditions this academic year.

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, 12-18th 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 11-26th 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.

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 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

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 'Shoebbox 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: [Shoebbox 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

UK University & Apprenticeship Virtual Fair

On Wednesday 21st 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](#)

Half Term Boarding Activities

Friday 16th October

- 1600 5-a-side football
- Evening Karaoke

Saturday 17th October

- Daytime Badminton
- Evening Harmony choir

Sunday 18th October

- Daytime Basketball
- Evening Movie and take away night

Monday 19th October

- Daytime Myddelton spa day
- Evening Cake decorating

Tuesday 20th October

- Daytime Sushi making
- Evening Movie and popcorn

Wednesday 21st October

- Daytime Badminton competition
- Evening Table tennis competition

Thursday 22nd October

- Daytime Denbigh walk
- Evening Music mania

Friday 23rd October

- Daytime Tennis tournament
- Evening Disco room art

Saturday 24th October

- Daytime Indoor bouldering
- Evening Movie and take away night

Sunday 25th October

- Daytime Activities in the sports centre
- Evening Hallowe'en costume making and house decorating

WANT TO PLAY RUGBY FOR WALES BUT LIVE ELSEWHERE?

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- Have been **born** in Wales, **or**
 - Have **one parent** born in Wales, **or**
 - Have **one grandparent** born in Wales.
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The WRU Exiles programme provides exciting pathway opportunities for all Welsh qualified players aged 13 & above in the UK and abroad and has strong links with universities in Wales.

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LAMDA is one of the UK's oldest and most respected awarding bodies. The examinations equip students with the key skills and experiences to successfully continue their pathway through the arts spectrum as well as developing transferable skills to other areas of life and education. LAMDA examinations help learners gain a variety of skills but their ultimate aim is to provide all people with the opportunity to develop the life skills they need to be a success. LAMDA Exams currently offer learners the chance to earn UCAS points, (Grade 6-8) which is also an excellent asset to any young person wanting to further their education. We offer tuition and preparation for examinations from ages 7 to 18 and from Introductory Level through to Grade 8 Gold Medal. Lessons are taught by Professional Actor LAMDA Tutor Tracy Spencer Jones.



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