

# **Myddelton College Newsletter**

Edition 29

## **The Week Ahead:**

## Trinity term 2021

## Timetable Week A Pride Month // Refugee Week

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June

All DayYear 10 Art Students – Ceramics Workshop with Wendy Lawrence08:45 – 12:30Lower Preparatory School LTTO (Summer solstice activities, onsite)13:35 – 14:10Headmaster's Assembly14:10 – 15:00'Living Under Canvas' Upper Prep Session with the National Archives

## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

08:45 - 16:00 13:35 - 14:10 Year 7M LTTO (climbing, Snowdonia National Park) Accelerated Reader

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

# All DayYear 8M Bush Craft Expedition, Porthmadog (John Muir Award)12:00 – 18:00UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair13:35 – 14:10Wellbeing Wednesday16:00 pickupFriends of Myddelton Meeting

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June

All Day	Year 8M Bush Craft Expedition, Porthmadog (John Muir Award)
All Day	PSHE Day/Induction for new students in Preparatory School and
	Year 7
13:15 – 13:35	Prep School Lunchtime Music Concert
13:35 – 14:10	Accelerated Reader

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 11 'Stress Less, Do More, Feel Good Friday' programme
Feel Good Friday
Move a Marathon for Ethan

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Boarding Trip:	Llandudno Beach and Shopping Trip
Boarding Activities:	Badminton

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Boarding Activities: Creative Writing Workshop and Science Fun

Please note that LTTO and Boarders' activites and locations are subject to change depending upon a range of factors including weather, learning objectives and safety.

## **Arts Update**

From Mrs Hughes

On the last day of term, the whole college will be participating in and watching our very own Proms in the Park of Drama and Music performances. The pupils will be performing outside in the main Quad, so please send good weather requests to the Mother Nature for us!

As we will not have the space for adequate social distancing if we were to invite parents, the whole afternoon will be recorded instead and put onto the <u>Performing Arts YouTube Channel</u>, as well as being shared via all of the College's other social media platforms.

All pupils are requested to bring a blanket or cushion to sit on whilst watching the performances on the last day of the College year.

I would also like to request the help from parents in helping with the learning of lines! Once parts, lines and sections have been assigned, all pupils will have their scripts / lyrics / movement videos in their Drama OneNote to rehearse from. Your help is very much appreciated!

## **Boarding Update**

From Mr Farquhar

Over half-term the boarders enjoyed barbecues and shopping trips aplenty, before getting ready for the final half-term of the academic year. The activities have not let up, however, with a gokarting trip this weekend being one of the highlights. Football and was yet again on the order of events throughout the week and on Thursday evening we were greeted by a double rainbow view for our weekly rounders match.



## **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition Update**

From Mr Stanyer

For those students in **Year 11** that have completed their Silver training expedition, please save this date in your diaries: **Saturday 26th - Monday 28th June**. This will be the proposed date for a Silver Qualifying expedition, more details to follow closer to the time.

We are taking the upmost care and precaution keeping safety paramount for our students throughout these COVID-adapted expeditions



whilst trying our best to give them an experience that is as true to the values award as possible. I look forward to seeing you on the hill!

## Spanish Update

From Miss Alos

#### Barcelona Trip: 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Year 10, 11 and Lower VI.

I am excited to officially launch our first Spanish trip to the city where I am from: the amazing city of Barcelona! This is an incredible opportunity to learn more about the culture, language and traditions of Spain. The trip is open to students of Spanish from Year 10, 11 and Lower VI. The maximum number is 15. As well as visiting some of the most iconic



tourist attractions, learning about traditions and trying delicious food of the region, students will join three days of lessons in a fantastic school in Barcelona where they will be able to learn how Spanish schools operate, practise and improve Spanish and make friends.

Students who will attend Y10, Y11 and Lower VI in the following academic year 2021-2022 have been given a letter with information about this trip.

#### Pen Pal Schools

This Half Term, Students from Year 7 to GCSE are starting a beautiful project on the online platform <u>Pen Pal Schools</u>.

Pen Pal School connects over a quarter of a million students from 150 countries to learn together! Students collaborate through online projects whilst practising literacy. Students are only invited by a verified teacher, Miss Alos. Teachers and parents can follow their progress. Firstly, our Myddeltonians will learn about aspects of the Hispanic World such as daily life there, food and popular culture.

See what your child shares	
with peers around the world	ł.

Enroll your child in collaborative topics.

Monitor your child's discussions. See the lessons that your child reads.

Then, using only Spanish, pupils create their own profile and write about their own country and town, life (food, hobbies, traditions, etc.). Practising all the grammar and vocabulary studied this academic year and will consolidate all their learning thorough this fantastic project. They will also have to read opinions written in Spanish by other students from around the world and reply to at least 3 of them.

As a parent you can join your child on PenPal Schools to motivate them!

If you are interested in joining, as a parent to support and encourage your child, please contact <u>Miss Alos</u>.



## **Expeditions Update**

From Mr Eastabrook

#### 2021-2022 Expeditions

As mentioned last week, there are two expeditions planned for 2022. Mr Eastabrook has compiled some information regarding the two trips and would welcome an email from any parents wishing to discuss the expeditions further before students can apply for places. Applications will open in September with early notice now, so that students can start working their summer jobs to fund them. Please contact <u>Mr Eastabrook</u> for more details.

In **February 2022**, we are pleased to run **Ski Trip**! Students will depart and arrive back from College for a week of Europe's finest slopes. Equipment hire, lessons and support will be offered to those wishing to learn, with more freedom for the more experienced skier around. This is an experience I would encourage everyone to undertake at least once. There are limited spaces, and places will be awarded by application once they open in September. I cannot recommend a ski trip like this enough, as one of the most affordable ways to get into the mountains and experience the thrill of skiing, learning a new skill and going away with you friends. The cost of this trip is £999 per student, which is good value, considering lift passes to access the mountains represent 25% of this cost.





In **July 2022**, we are proud to launch Myddelton College's inaugural 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, covering 450km along the Teslin and Yukon Rivers. During this time, the student will use their adventure skills to live effectivity and undertake one science-based and one arts-based project.

The trip will be aiming to return to the UK following the end of term. 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 traveling days, a couple of days to get our supplies organised for the trip and a day of R&R before our return. A full itinerary will be developed by the students. Similarly, in September 2022, the students will host an evening for all to report back on their arts and science projects. The cost of the trip will be £2,750 plus students may need to purchase a few items for the trip. While this is a lot of money, British Exploring run this trip for £3,500 plus flights so is good value for the programme and experience on offer.

## **Music Update**

From Mr Cadman



Calling all musicians and singers at Myddelton! Instrumental lessons have resumed in the Trinity Term. So, dust those keys, oil those valves, tune that violin and do some practice! Timetables are up on the board **now**.

The Music Department also has a range of activities throughout the week. If you have any enquiries, please contact <u>Mr Cadman</u>.

Activity	Day & Time	Info
Choir	Monday @ 13.05	All year groups welcome. Come along and sing any style!
Theory Surgery	Tuesday @ 16.05	Open to all musicians and singers who want to develop their knowledge of how music works and to understand the mechanics of notation. Great preparation for composing and Grade 6 practical exams
Jazz Combo	Wednesday @ 16.05	By invite – Year 7 and above who want to enjoy exploring jazz/pop and funk music
Recording Club	Wednesday @ 16.05	All year groups welcome – if you want to develop your studio techniques and record live music, this is for you.
Drop-in Accompaniment	Thursday @ 16.05	All year groups – If you are working towards an exam/concert or just want to be heard, Mr Cadman will be able to accompany you and offer advice – <i>Drop</i> <i>in</i> for GCSE and A level performance prep also.
Practice Time	Monday-Thursday @16.05	Need to fit in some practice time? Please see Mr Cadman for permission to use a practice room to play.

#### **BBC Young Composer 2021**

Calling all young (12-18 years old) singersongwriters, eclectic electric composers, genre-spanning songsmiths, and creative melody-makers...

The nationwide BBC Young Composer competition 2021 is now open!

Students may not think of themselves as composers, but if they love to create their own original music, and are bursting with creativity, originality, and potential, then we want to hear from them. So please encourage them to enter the BBC Young Composer competition 2021.

**Closing date** - 5pm on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



## **Preparatory School Update**

From Miss Gresley-Jones

It has been a fabulous first week back for the Prep School. We have made the most of beautiful weather this week during our after school activities. Both sports club, where we used our new kit from Premier League Primary Stars, and gardening club, where we planted summer squash and kohlrabi, took place out in the sunshine and were a huge hit!

Upper Prep have been busy beginning their new maths and English units. In maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter and in English we have begun identifying the features of a newspaper article in preparation for our sentence stacking lessons next week. We have also enjoyed learning about the Mayan number system and creating dream catchers inspired by the work of Mexican artist, Leonora Carrington. In our science lessons this week, we have begun investigating the question 'Does the amount of light affect the growth of plants?' To help us understand how different plants grow within the different layers of the rainforest.



Lower Prep have been practising their mastery skills in English this week through recounting Mr Toad's escape from prison, dressed as a washerwoman. In maths, they have been exploring length and perimeter. We have enjoyed the good weather too, as in science lessons, we have been exploring 'What is a Plant?', so we have spent lots of time outdoors. In our topic lessons, we have explored erosion and deposition and how this forms meanders in a river course.

Star of the week: Jessica Roberts for scholarship; Jessica has written an incredible adventure story.

## PE & Sports Update

From Mr Pearson

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Move a Marathon for Ethan

On Friday 18th June all Myddelton College students and staff will be joining a number of schools from Llangollen, Denbigh, St. Asaph & Prestatyn taking part in the #MoveaMarathonforEthan charity event. Students will have the option to walk or run.

We are asking that students raise as much money as possible for this cause using the sponsorship forms <u>here</u>.

Teenager Ethan tragically lost his life following a collision on the A55 near St Asaph in September, and his family and friends are encouraging the public to 'move a marathon for Ethan' in his memory.

All students should wear something **BLUE** when taking part in the event. Students in Years 3 to 9 will take part during Period 5 (2:10pm – 3:05pm) and Students in Years 10 to Upper VI will take part during Period 6 (3:05pm – 4:00pm). Blue t-shirts have been specifically designed for the event. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt please visit the following <u>site</u>.

## Myddelton College Tennis Academy 'Try Outs'

Our Tennis Programmes are now available to all students. Why not come for a taster on our try out days!

Dates for try outs can be found below:

16th June - Years 7 - 13

30th June - Prep School

7th July - Years 7 - 13

Sign up for our try out days <u>here</u>.



Learn more about the Tennis Academy packages on offer!

Bronze Package – £210 per year Silver Prep Package – £750 per year Gold Prep Package – £1400 per year Silver Package – £3000 per year Gold Package – £4500 per year

We have a variety of scholarships on offer Head to our website to find out more

#### COMING SOON - Myddelton College & APD Football Academy



We are very excited to announce our new partnership with Advance Player Development (APD).

Students will have the opportunity to sign up to one of our three packages which includes 1-to1 coaching, group sessions, analysis of performance, strength and conditioning training, competitive fixtures against academies and professional clubs and much more.

More information on this will be released in the coming weeks.

#### **Squash Court Renovation**

If we have any parents/volunteers that are keen to get involved with the renovation of our squash court please contact Mr Pearson.

#### CCF Basic 2 training days (Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June)

Letters have gone out to all cadets. Please return/email these to Mr Evans by Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June.



## **Future Event Invitations**

#### **Virtual Apprenticeship Fair**

The UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair is taking place on Wednesday 16th June from 12 - 6pm. Students, teachers and parents can register for their free place <u>here</u>.

This free event for students in Years 13, 12, 11 and 10, will feature a vast range of exhibitors and vital webinars. Exhibitors will include the universities' of Cardiff, Swansea, Warwick, Liverpool, Aberystwyth, Bristol, Cardiff Met, Sheffield, York, Exeter, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Nottingham, Newcastle, Lancaster, Queen Mary, Glasgow, Kent, Reading, UCLan, and Southampton, as well as the National Apprenticeships Service. See the list of exhibitors and webinars <u>here</u>.



#### Face-to-Face University and Apprenticeship Fair (Autumn 2021)

Alongside the virtual event above, both **Manchester University** and **The University of Liveprool** are now hosting face-to-face University and Apprenticeship Fairs this autumn.

These free, exciting and informative events provide attendees with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include; the Russell Group, red brick, modern institutions, as well as many of the UK's biggest apprenticeship providers and local colleges. The fair is for students in **Year 11 and VI Form**.

Leaflets for both events will be attached alongside this week's Newsletter, Headmaster's Update and Menu.

## **Friends of Myddelton**

#### **Next Friends of Myddelton Meeting**

Friends of Myddelton will be holding our next meeting on **Wednesday 16th June at 4pm** pickup. We will be holding the meeting possibly on the field so please bring a blanket if you would like to join us. Please also remember to follow social distancing guidelines.

Friends of Myddelton are offering support to the Year 11 and Year 13 Ball and also Speech day, so the main discussion will be what is required from Friends of Myddelton to ensure all events are successful.

Friends of Myddelton are also looking for a treasurer to join our fun friendly team. If you are interested, please email <u>Catherine Frith</u> or text her at 07738 998690. We would love all to attend.

## Friends of Myddelton School Lottery

This week's lottery winner was Mrs. Suzi Peake. Well Done Suzi!

This half-term sees the return of a prize that people LOVE – a whole year of Fruit & Veg Box Home Delivery. That's right, on 17th July one lucky player will win 12 monthly boxes packed with the freshest produce, delivered directly to their door. Make sure you spread the word about this great new prize.

#### Friends of Myddelton Uniform Request

If anyone has any uniform that they no longer need or wish to swap for a smaller/larger size please text Catherine on 07738 998690 as we may have your sizes available.

For those not swapping but require uniform for the September term please get in touch. There will be a small fee for this uniform and the funds will go to the College.

#### 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 <u>link</u>. By doing this Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of

eligible purchases to Friends of Myddelton College, at no cost to you!

#### Friends of Myddelton Clothing Bank

Please remember to bring any old clothing items to our clothing bank by the sports hall. Friends of Myddelton receive a small amount of funds for the weight of the clothing which goes to the College.



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## **Social Media**

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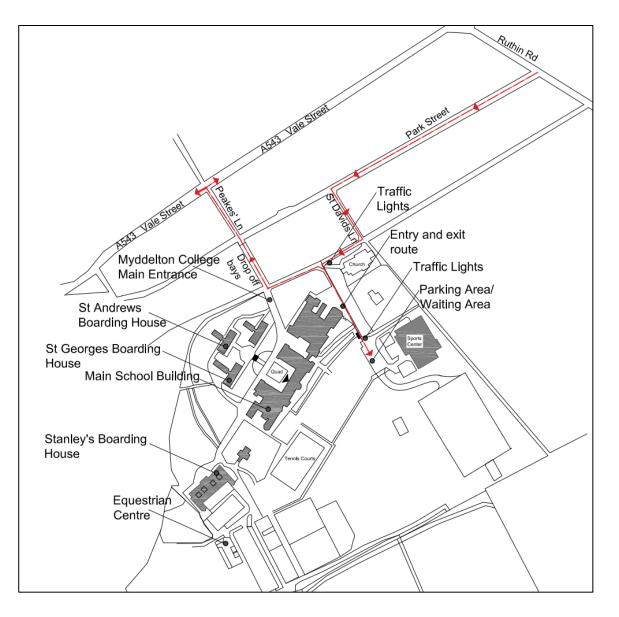








## **One Way System Reminder**



Parents are respectfully reminded that vehicular access to the College ought to be via Park Street (in accordance with the arrows indicated on the map). Please exit via Peake's Lane, turning right or left onto Vale Street as required. With very narrow local roads, the adherence to a one-way system supports good traffic flow and public safety.