



Lent Term Update

Friday 19th March 2021

Headmaster: *Mr Andrew Allman*



It has been wonderful to welcome back to the site our students in the Preparatory School and Years 10 - 13. I am extremely grateful to Miss Gresley-Jones, Miss Williams and Mrs Pritchard for organising such an important week of well-being and mindfulness activities for our Preparatory Students. They have had lots of fun with their daily activities, consisting of circle time, art and craft, gardening, feeding lambs, celebrating the Holi Hindu Festival and much more. The week culminated in an Award Ceremony for every student in the Preparatory, celebrating their resilience during lockdown and achievements throughout the term. We will ensure that over the coming weeks there will continue to be time for mindfulness and well-being activities built into their day-to-day schedule and there will continue to be no prep set for the remainder of the academic year.

Our fabulous LTTO have organised an enriching schedule of activities for all of our older students and it has been fabulous to see the interaction between each year group while they have been completing the tasks. I am extremely grateful to Mr Easterbrook and his team for their hard work in ensuring that every student in the College will have this opportunity before Easter.

It has been nice to welcome to the site for their first time: Henry Fitzsimmons (Year 4), Noah Dingle (Year 5), Anwen Roberts (Year 6) and Sam McAllister (Year 13); I hope that they have enjoyed their week and I very much look forward to also welcoming in person our new students from Years 7-9. Noah was also the Preparatory Star of the week, which was a huge achievement. It was lovely to see the whole school within their bubbles taking part in the Comic Relief sponsored walk today. I look forward to hearing from Mr Pearson how much money has been raised.

Next week I am looking forward to seeing several of our students in Years 7-9 as they attend the LTTO wellbeing days, the mindfulness work that Preparatory will be doing with Combination Dance and of course continuing to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere on site with the Preparatory and Years 10-13 students.

Headmaster's Commendation

Congratulations for achieving a Headmaster's Commendation to:

- **Coby Chan** (Year 11, St. David's House) for scholarship; Coby achieved a Silver Certificate in the highly prestigious, Royal Society of Chemistry, 2021 Chemistry Olympiad
- **Andrew Thompson** (Year 10, St. David's House) for scholarship; Andrew represents Denbigh Tennis Club who came joint winners in the North Wales Tennis Men's Winter League, Division 1
- **Reuben Cadman** (Year 9, St. Andrew's House) for scholarship; Reuben successfully attained his ABRSM Grade 5 Alto Saxophone qualification

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

- **Sam Duke-Williams** (Year 8, St Patrick's House) for scholarship; full marks on his recent mathematics assessment
- **Jessica Frith** (Year 10, St. Patrick's House) for scholarship; full marks on her recent mathematics assessment
- **Rex Lai** (Year 10, St Patrick's House) for scholarship; full marks on his recent mathematics assessment
- **Imogen Rees** (Year 9, St Patrick's House) for resilience; challenging herself to "virtually" run from Land's End to John o' Groats this year (874 miles total). She has just broken her first 100 miles barrier
- **Robert Nash** (Year 8, St. Andrew's House) & **Leah Lamb** (Year 8, St. George's House) for scholarship; they started in the second term not having much previous experience in Spanish but have work very hard and participated fully in all lessons too
- **Matteo Iavazzo** (Year 7, St. George's House) for scholarship; Matteo has also created an amazing Lego stop-motion animation in his Philosophy, Politics and Ethics lessons, demonstrating deforestation

Senior Deputy Headmaster: *Mr Ian Lloyd*



Lateral Flow Testing

All students in Years 10 and above have been issued with 2 Lateral Flow Test kits containing 3 tests each. We recommend testing every 3/4 days, with results being uploaded to the UK Government website: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result) Staff have also been issued with Lateral Flow Test kits and are following the same process as students.

When submitting results, please be very careful to input the correct result as it is not possible to amend any mistake afterwards. I would recommend that staff and students use their device (and not mobile phones/app) to submit the test results as there is an extra, confirmatory step that will help to minimise any erroneous entries.

Unifrog

In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after College, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. All students in Years 7 and above now have access to this excellent website.

The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform include:

- Exploring Pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, MOOCs and webinars
- Recording – self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK and abroad), FE, virtual work experience and much more
- Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, Personal Statements, Common App Essays)

Students access the platform by clicking a link in their welcome email, where they create a password and can begin using the platform. They login to Unifrog using their email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child throughout the process. The form code you need is: MYDDparents and you can sign up here www.unifrog.org/code

For more information, go to www.unifrog.org or contact your child's form tutor.

The Week Ahead: Lent term 2021

Timetable Week B

In-class teaching for all Preparatory School, Years 10, 11 & VI Form students

Remote learning for all Years 7, 8 & 9 students

Monday 22nd March

08:45 – 16:00 Upper Preparatory School LTTO Wellbeing Day
13:35 – 14:10 Headmaster's Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 23rd March

National Day of Reflection – Anniversary of 1st Lockdown

08:45 – 16:00 Year 7Y LTTO Wellbeing Day (onsite)
10:50 – 11:45 Preparatory School Combination Dance Wellbeing Session
13:35 – 14:10 Form Time Online (Years 7 – 9, except 7Y)

Wednesday 24th March

08:45 – 16:00 Year 8Y Wellbeing Day (onsite)
16:20 – 19:30 Year 11 Sixth Form Information Evening (virtual)

Thursday 25th March

08:45 – 16:00 Year 9 Wellbeing Day (9M & 9Y, onsite)

Friday 26th March

World Theatre Day

Saturday 27th March

Boarding Trip: Arcade Club, Bury (cancelled)
Boarding Activities: Onsite activities

Sunday 28th March

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.

LTTO Wellbeing Days

Students are expected to wear normal LTTO kit and bring their LTTO bag with usual equipment. They will be outside all day and will be supplied with a packed lunch from Chef similar to what we would normally have for LTTO when offsite. Feel free to bring your own snacks too (please remember: no nuts).



Parents' Meetings and Options Evenings

The appointment booking system for the A Level Information 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.

24th 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. Students from other schools are also welcome to attend the Virtual A Level Information Evening with their parents. Please share with family, friends and colleagues and encourage them to speak with Mrs Carly Gilmour, Admissions Manager, on 01745 472204 or by email: admissions@myddeltoncollege.com so that bookings may be made on their behalf.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Students in School (Years 10, 11, Lower VI, Upper VI) - Sponsored walk

Today, all staff & students in College took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for Comic Relief.

It's not too late to donate!

HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP

All your donations make a difference. With your support we can help tackle important issues including homelessness, hunger, domestic abuse and mental health stigma, all of which have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We fund amazing organisations across the UK and around the world.

- Use the link to donate: [Myddelton College Red Nose Day - JustGiving](#)

Students at Home (Years 7, 8, 9) - Red Nose Day Challenge

Students took part in a challenge to complete missions 1-5 and rescue the nation's laughter.

[The Family Challenge | Comic Relief](#)



We have set a target of raising £500. If you would like to donate to this amazing charity, please click on the link [Myddelton College Red Nose Day - JustGiving](#)

Drama Update

World Theatre Day Friday 26th March 2021

This year to celebrate World Theatre Day, Mrs Hughes is running two competitions. Firstly, on the day of world Theatre Day, all pupils will take part in a Quizlet Live quiz all about the world of theatre and drama in their afternoon registration time. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 quizzers!

Secondly, there is a competition which is open to **all pupils, all staff and all parents!** Prizes will be awarded for the best entries!

The challenge is to recreate your favourite character or scene from any **PLAY** or **MUSICAL**, take a photograph of it and email it to [Mrs Hughes](#) with the subject World Theatre Day and say which play or musical you have recreated.

You may use any clothes, props, pets, people, puppets or anything your imagination can dream up and it can be any play or musical, such as:

Entries must be with Mrs Hughes by **4pm on Thursday 25th March** and the winners will be announced in the bulletin on Friday 26th March 2021.

Get creative and good luck!



English Update

Following on from last week's update I had the wonderful opportunity to share a live lesson with our link school in Pokhvistnevo in the Samara region of Russia, <https://gimnazia-baimenova.ru/>. During the lesson we had a cultural exchange and shared presentations on both of our locations and I then did a question and answer session with them. Plans are already underway to link up classroom to classroom via Teams once we have all our pupils back in after the Easter break.



Flipgrid was created for a single class, (Charlie's University of Minnesota PhD students, to be exact), but it didn't take long for educators to begin using Flipgrid to connect with classrooms around the world.



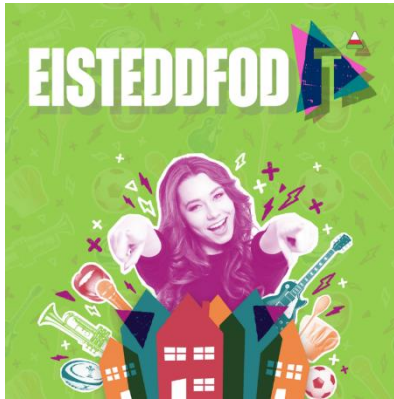
21st March World Poetry Day

This Sunday is the UNESCO World Poetry Day and to celebrate we have created a Flipgrid and invited our linked schools from Pokhvistnevo in Russia, Cambrai in France and Cicero in Illinois, USA to contribute to it. The idea is to share poems that we think help to reflect our cultural identity and engage in conversation through this. The link to the Flipgrid is included and I would urge all parents to encourage their son/daughter to take part. <https://flipgrid.com/69f7c961>

This truly is what Myddelton College is all about and exemplifies our 21st Century Learning Principles at its best.

Music Update

There are two fantastic opportunities for all Myddeltonians this week: Eisteddfod T and the BBC Young Composer competition.



Registration is now open for Eisteddfod T

Singing, lip-syncing and celebrity impressions - from the traditional to TikTok, Urdd Gobaith Cymru have announced that this year's Urdd National Eisteddfod will be an alternative, new-style digital festival for the second year running! The list of competitions and instructions on how to compete are available here: [S4C - Eisteddfod yr Urdd: Competitions](#)

To compete, upload videos, clips, and pictures of your performances and creations by 12pm, March 26th, 2021.

BBC Young Composer 2021

Calling all young (12-18 years old) singer-songwriters, 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 Monday 28th June 2021.

During this current time of uncertainty and with limited access to resources the BBC Young Composer competition offers young music-makers a vital opportunity to be creative without boundaries, all from their own homes.

For more information, head to [BBC Young Composer 2021](#) or contact Mr Cadman.

Preparatory School Request (books and games)

Do you have any unwanted books or toys or board games that your children have grown out of? Please don't throw them away! Our preparatory school pupils would be extremely grateful for them. As we are now welcoming younger pupils into our prep school, we are asking for donations of books, games or toys that could be used for our library, break times or after school activities. We can give your preloved items a new lease of life!

Please drop off any donations at reception.

Spanish Update

SPANISH UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THREE STUDENTS WHO WILL RECEIVE ...

A GIFT PACK OF SPANISH HOT CHOCOLATE AND CHURROS MIX TO PREPARE AND ENJOY WITH THEIR FAMILIES!



Issy in Y9

Sent her email first



Zoe in Y7

Sent her email second



Sam in Y8

Sent his email third



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF MANY MORE STUDENTS



Seren



Isaac



Kate



Aimee



Phoebe



Noura & Marwan
also translated
the ingredients
into Spanish

Sports Update

Tennis

Andrew Thompson (Year 10, St. David's House) represents Denbigh Tennis Club who came joint winners in the North Wales Tennis Men's Winter League, Division 1. Well done Andrew!



Lent Term Inter-House Competition

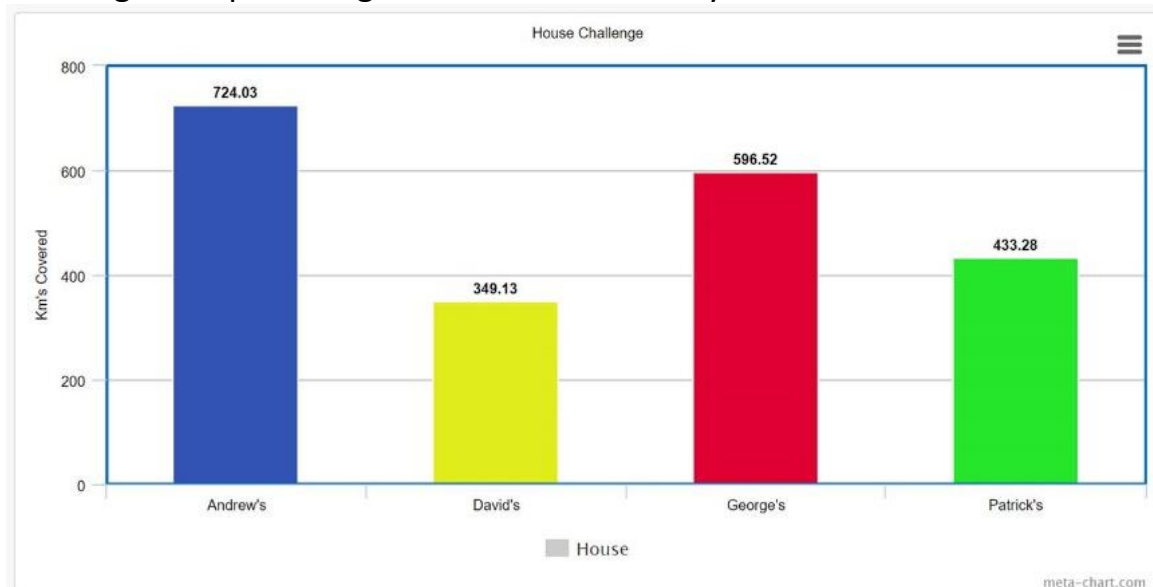
Great effort so far from all four Houses as we come to the end of week two! Big push needed from all Houses on the final week of the House challenge next week in order to reach the target of 1400km. You can do it! Keep sending your screenshots to your form tutors!

Students, along with parents, guardians and/or friends are to use their local surroundings to travel the distance of Wales' coastal path by either walking, running or cycling. The total number of kilometres you and your peers complete for your House may go beyond Wales' coastal path (1400km) but keep going, the House that travels the furthest distance (kilometres) by Sunday 28th March will be the winner.

How to submit your distance travelled (walk/run/cycle):

1. You will need a smart phone or smart watch to track the distance travelled
2. Take a screen shot / picture of your distance travelled
3. **Post your screen shot on to your [Form Group Teams page](#) for your form tutor to see.**

1 more week to go! Keep sending those screenshots to your form tutors!



Parent Voice Meeting

The next Parent Voice meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th March at 7pm. Parents are invited to email year group representatives with any items you wish to raise.

Preparatory School	Kailey Jones	kaileysassijones@gmail.com
Year 7	Julie Baddock	juliebaddock@yahoo.co.uk
Year 8	Lindsay Lloyd	lindsaymyddelton@gmail.com
	Ann Marie Tramaseur	annmarietramaseur@gmail.com
Year 9	Belinda Cain	bluebelle1973@icloud.com
Year 10	Nicola Stubbins	n.stubbins@sky.com
Year 11	Clare Stappleton	clarestapps@outlook.com

We would appreciate feedback on all areas including academic, well-being, support & pastoral care, Covid-19, uniform, communication, catering, sport and car parking. You can also email the Chair, Mary Tetley (maryt@bsac.com) if your year group is not currently represented.

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: [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.

Treasurer Required

Friends of Myddelton are currently looking for a treasurer to join our fun, friendly team. If you are interested, please email [Catherine Frith | Chair](#) or text 07738998690. The next meeting will be Thursday 1st April via Zoom. This meeting will be to share fundraising ideas and how we can raise money for the school and local community. All are welcome to attend.

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Friends of Myddelton College

WIN
A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!

- Please help give our fundraising a boost this term
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- You could even win the £25k jackpot!

**WIN A
£500
BIKE
VOUCHER**

Buy A Ticket

THE BIKE FACTORY

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 17th Apr 2021.
Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

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!)