



# 2012 OUR BEST YEAR EVER!



## Marden High School - Examination Results 2012



Number of 15 year olds on roll:	183	Boys: 99	Girls: 84
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	Achieving 5+ A*-C	Achieving 1+ A*-G	Achieving 5+ A*-G	% A*-C in English	% A*-C in Maths	% 2 x A*-C Science	5+ GCSE (& Equiv.) inc. A*- C English & Maths GCSE
School	89%	100%	98%	74%	87%	93%	73%
LEA	89%	97%	95%	67%	73%	74%	61%

Achieving 3+ A*/A	39.3%	Achieving 3 levels of progress in Maths	80.9%
Achieving English Baccalaureate	12.6%	Achieving 4 levels of progress in Maths	40.4%
Achieving 3 levels of progress in English	70.5%	Average Points (uncapped)	483
Achieving 4 levels of progress in English	36.1%	Average Points (capped to best 8 results)	362



Headteacher: Jonathan Morris

Once again, it is with pride and pleasure that I welcome you to our autumn term newsletter.

2012 was a breakthrough year for Marden: not only did we achieve the best exam results in history, we also received news that we have gained funding for a brand new school building.

All of this means that we can look forward to 2013 with great optimism.

Year 11 students are working hard to reach their challenging targets and we are confident of great success at GCSE.

Staff are also planning a huge range of activities to enrich pupils' experience of school and these include another exciting transatlantic visit to New York and a ski trip to Austria.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported us in 2012. May I wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy 2013.



# WE LOVE LEARNING..



**W**e love learning so much at Marden that we have knocked a wall down in reception so that learning can take place everywhere!

The LRC is now an Independent Enquiry area for subject areas during the day and a reading research and recreational area for students before school, during breaks, lunch times and after

school.

Complete with a new computer suite and a comfy reading area the LRC has a brand new buzz, and will host a huge range of literacy based extra curricular activities in the coming year.

For more information about this and details of clubs and activities see our website.



# BOOK CROSSING



**A**n exciting reading challenge is sweeping the school.

An assortment of fiction books have been left in individual plastic wallets around the school for Year 9 students to pick up and read. Students then scan the QR barcode inside the book to provide instant feedback on the novel and see who else has read it. The book is then left in a different place around school for someone else to read.

A mystery prize and merits will go to the student who has found, read and commented on the most books by Christmas.

It's fun, it's competitive and it encourages students to read something that they may never have picked up. Who knows, they may even find a new favourite book.

# INTRODUCING THE NEW YOUNG MAYOR 2012

**C**ongratulations to our very own Isaac Sidney who was elected Young Mayor of North Tyneside.

Isaac had this message: 'Thank you to all who voted for me. With your votes I topped the polls securing 2767 of 7307 votes.'

I pledged for better links with transport companies, improvement of sexual health awareness and better sporting facilities. Thank you for voting for me and making this happen.'





# THE YOUNG AMERICANS 50TH BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

If you don't know who the Young Americans are by now you must have been living in Australia!

Marden High School is leading ten schools in this EPIC performance.

All students are invited to join in the workshop or performance, or come along on the night to enjoy the show. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE.**

See Mrs Bloomfield for further information.

**THE YOUNG AMERICANS**  
*It will be EPIC!*

Win a FREE Young Americans Workshop for your school\*

**A NIGHT ON THE TOON!**  
**MARCH 17th 2013**

**2 Act Musical Extravaganza.**  
Join us for, an incredible night of entertainment, a performance featuring over 1000 talented students, from across the North East.

**DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT!**  
See [www.metroradioarena.co.uk](http://www.metroradioarena.co.uk) for full event details.

#YAArena2013

[www.youngamericans.org/newcastle](http://www.youngamericans.org/newcastle)

metroradio arena newcastle

Tickets £12.50  
Doors 19:00  
Show 20:00  
\*Terms and Conditions Apply

**TERM/HOLIDAY DATES 2012/13**

**Christmas Holidays:** Mon 24th December to Friday 4th January.

**Monday 7th January:** Teacher Training Day.

**Spring Half Term:** Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February.

**Easter Holidays:** Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April.

**Summer Half Term:** Mon 27th May to Friday 31st May.

**Summer Holidays:** Mon 22nd July

Writing    Numeracy    Speaking    ICT Skills    Reading    Listening

Creative Thinkers    Effective Participants    Independent Enquirers    Reflective Learners    Self Managers    Team Workers

## PLTS

**P**ersonal Learning and Thinking Skills are at the heart of every lesson at Marden High School.

To show this we have a brand new set of icons (see left) to help students identify the skills needed for success.



# BIKE FOR BOBBY APPEAL



Pictured above: Callum Heads presents Robbie Elliott with a cheque payable to the Robbie Elliott Foundation for £ 923.23 on behalf of Marden High School.

On 12 October Marden High School hosted a non-uniform day in aid of Robbie Elliott's 'Bike for Bobby' appeal and raised an astounding £ 923.23.

The idea was the brainchild of Callum Heads, Year 11. Callum organised the event and arranged for Robbie to visit school on 30 November to hold an assembly and receive the cheque.

In the last two years Marden students have raised over £15,000 for various charities. This is a remarkable achievement. Well done everyone!

# CHILDREN IN NEED 2012



On November 30 Marden High School also held a giant Pyjama Party in aid of BBC's Children in Need.

Students and staff paid £1 to dress up in their favourite 'onesie'! Thank you to everyone who

contributed and took part. It was an excellent day and raised the impressive sum of £ 914.08.

# BBC NEWS SCHOOL REPORT



Pictured from top Left Clockwise: Olivia Hammill, Hannah Latif and Mrs Robson, Christopher Robson and Alex Dinsley, Lara Ranade and Ceren Karsli all work on the BBC Report.

**O**n Wednesday 12 December a select group of Year 8 students took part in their second BBC School Report Practice News Day, in preparation for the real thing next March. Their chosen stories included reporting on Marden's Takeover Week, a report on the helpfulness of Twitter as an educational tool, a weather report and a sports story which discussed the fortunes of both Newcastle and Sunderland.

Media teacher Mrs Robson said of the day; 'I've been really impressed with the tenacity and initiative shown by the Year 8 students, organising interviews with staff and students, evaluating the newsworthiness of stories and the vast improvement in their filming and editing skills.'

Some reports can be seen on the school's website, on the BBC School Report page in the Partnerships section.

## MORRISONS VOUCHERS

Many thanks to everyone who donated their Morrisons vouchers.

Equipment for Food Technology has now been ordered.



## MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD

Students at Marden started the year with an opening to the School Council to rival the State Opening of Parliament.

This year, instead of having just two year reps supported by form reps from each class, our students held a whole school election to select cabinet members who will have a whole school responsibility.

The elections were a hoot with student manifestos ranging from pledges to introduce hair nets to more serious issues such as emotional health and well being.

The result of this.... an elected School Council Cabinet with an elected Student Headteacher, a student Deputy Headteacher and a cabinet member linked to each member of our Senior Leadership Team.

This means our student voice will have an even bigger impact on every aspect of our school life and development.

## LUCY'S XMAS CRACKER



Pictured above: Lucy Crossland of 7N with her winning design.

Lucy Crossland of 7N was the worthy winner of this year's Christmas Card Competition.

Well done Lucy!

Lucy's beautiful snow scene design has been reproduced to create Marden High School's official 2012 Christmas Card which has been sent far and wide this year.



*Marden High School Xmas Carol Service will take place at St George's Church on Friday 21 December. Pupils will be dismissed from church at approx 2.15pm*

## TURNER & BUDD, EXCEEDINGLY GOOD!



Pictured above: Marina (General Manager) & Alison (Senior Cleaner) from Turner & Budd handing over the iPad to Adam Bell

Turner & Budd, Marden High School's cleaning contractors made a generous donation of

£250 to school which was used to purchase a new iPad for the PE department.



# PUPIL POWER!



**TAKE OVER WEEK**

**Pictured Left: Yr 7 Solomon Elliott tries out the 'hot seat' for size!**

**TAKE OVER WEEK**



**Pictured Right: Marden staff and takeover students reverse roles during Takeover Week.**

**S**tudents at Marden High School pushed the boundaries of National Takeover Day to new levels this year with a fully fledged Takeover Week.

As well as taking over

Assemblies, the Reception, the Cafe and the duties of the senior leadership team, our students also had control of a substantial budget to spend on the latest 'must read' literature for the school's LRC.

Throughout the week staff and student role reversal was the order of the day with even our Headteacher, Mr Morris, attending lessons in full school uniform on Friday 23 November.

Mr Morris said: "As well as being a great opportunity to have some fun, Takeover Day—or in the case of Marden High School Takeover Week—gives our students the opportunity to see their school in an entirely different light, get involved in decision making processes and offer their opinions on key issues.

"Our students are truly outstanding and I am confident that we have more than one or two managers, or even entrepreneurs, of the future in our midst."



**Above: Marden staff and takeover students attend the weekly breakfast meeting**



## Football

### Under 13

The Under 13 girls' football team had their first match of the season away to Chantry Middle, Morpeth. In a very exciting end to end game, we eventually ran out the winners 5-3.

### Under 14

The Under 14 girls' football team were due to play in the County League at Cramlington Learning Village but both League nights had to be cancelled due to water logged pitches.

Other matches included a friendly against Marden Bridge on 23 November and a mini tournament on 21 November at Complete Soccer, Gosforth.

## Hockey

### Under 14

The Under 14 hockey team played their opening match of the League against the Royal Grammar School at the Parks on Wednesday 4 November. Although beaten, the squad benefitted from the high standard played by the opposition.

### Under 15

On 9 October the Under 15 hockey team competed in the County Hockey Tournament at the Parks, North Shields. Although we did not qualify for the semi finals, we had some good results in the section. Versus King Edward VI drew 0-0, versus Central we won 1-0, versus Church drew 0-0 and we lost to Longridge Towers 0-1.

Well done to all of the squad.

## Netball

### Under 14

The U14 netball squad have made a very promising start to the season. League results so far are outlined below.

Marden v St Thomas More (Marden won 14-3)

Marden v John Spence (Marden won 17-0)

Marden v Churchill (Marden won 17-1)

Marden v Whitley Bay (Marden drew 4-4)

Marden v Longbenton (Marden won 9-1)

Marden v George Stephenson (Marden won 15-0)

The U12 and U13 fixtures begin this month.

## Trampolining

Kelly Rogers has recently taken part in a trampolining competition in Greece.

Both Kelly and Rachel Foreman took part in the Tyne and Wear Regional Competition in Sunderland earlier this month, as members of the North Tyneside Squad. The squad did extremely well, enabling North Tyneside to finish Runners Up overall.

## Junior Sports Leaders

A group of Yr 11 students received confirmation this month that they had officially gained their junior Sports Leaders Award.

As Yr 10 students last year, they trained after school during extra curricular time and went on to help to organise and support many events within our feeder primary schools. Many congratulations to the students involved.

## SAINSBURYS DELIVER THE GOODS



A huge thank you to Sainsburys, Northumberland Park for their very generous donation of £500 towards strips for our PE department.

Pictured above: Marden students and Miss Allison receive the generous donation from representatives of Sainsburys.