



MARDEN NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

As one of our focal points this term continues to be drive our standards of literacy ever higher, it has been good to see so many students getting actively involved in the local campaigning to prevent cuts to our library services. Their messages are being displayed in the local community and hopefully will send out a clear message about how important books and reading are. We have also had further success in creative writing as Joelle's short story was not only published in the National Young Writers Anthology, but was voted the best piece of writing in the country! Quite an accolade and testament to the high standards of writing at Marden. With Valentine's Day approaching we have had another poetry competition, with some excellent entries, the winner of which can be read on our school website.

At Marden we are fortunate to have great staff. In our school vision it states that "Our teachers are highly qualified specialists who are committed to their continuing professional development. They put the students first and fully subscribe to the values and ethos of our school." Earlier this week, and throughout the year, each teacher in the school has been looking at an aspect of their own teaching, and using action research to improve it further, and so provide enhanced outcomes for their students. This week we have also provided training for teachers from other North Tyneside schools as part of an Aspiring Senior Leaders program, where we have been able to pass on some of our expertise. This sort of collaboration is always good for our school community as it means there is a continual focus on what works best for our children's learning.

The Girls' Network is a mentoring programme set up for some of our year 9 and year 10 students to tap into the experience

and expertise of local professional women who will provide support and advice to our youngsters as they work towards exam preparation and decisions about the next phase of their education. This week saw an exciting stage in the process as the girls were matched up with their mentors.

Also this week our year 9 students took part in an exciting Career Speed Dating event. This involved over 20 different businesses and organisations giving our young people information and ideas on a variety of training and employment pathways. There was a great atmosphere and the students initial feedback was that they learnt a lot from the experience.

It has been a very successful week for our sports teams. Our U12 and U14 netball teams have both been involved league matches and were unbeaten in all their games, and our U12 girls football team came 4th overall in the North Tyneside 5 a-side competition, an excellent result for their first competition.

I hope that all our students and staff have a well deserved break over the half term holidays. They have certainly worked hard this half term, and it has been a pleasure to see the progress our students continue to make, especially year 11 as they are supported by their teachers in preparation for the GCSE exams. I hope also that our year 10 and year 11 students will be taking advantage of the extra time they have to put in place some well timed revision - year 10 exams start on 26th February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher



Creative Writing Club Triumph (again!)

Creative writers at Marden High School have been busy this half term! The group of Y7-10 students meet every Wednesday after school to share ideas and craft stories and poems. Year 10 students Jenny Hurnell, Kate Edwardson and Alex Telpov have been leading the group as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

This year has seen writers enter a range of national competitions for poetry and prose, many of them published in special anthologies that you can read in our LRC.

Joelle Esquejo Y9 has not only been published in all eight of the Young Writers compilations that we have acquired here at Marden, but has won first place in a short story writing competition. Here she is pictured with her winning piece:



Year 9 write with This Is Creative Enterprise

Year 9 students have begun a series of workshops with Kath Wildman from **TICE**, focusing on honing their creative writing craft and gaining an insight into various writing industries.

They practiced descriptive writing, character development and copywriting through a range of exciting activities here in school.

Details of further workshops, including visits to industry professionals in their working environments, to follow in our next newsletter!



Year 8 Journalists

A group of intrepid reporters from Y8 have been busy writing articles on local topics to appear in the TyneMet College student newspaper **Purple Milk**.

Article topics include refurbishment of key aspects of North Tyneside, and a report about a hungry seagull!

The group will also be following in the footsteps of their predecessors by taking part in BBC School Report later this year. You can follow their journalism journey's on the school website.




MATHS

A busy time within the Maths department with year 11 students making that final push towards the exam. Extra revision for year 11 takes place on a Wednesday after school in what we call the aftermath so please ensure your child is attending.

Year 9 Maths ambassadors have taken to the task of developing and delivering lessons to year six students helping them to develop their presentation skills as well as their maths.

Mrs Goldie has been busy with her code and cipher club on a Monday night and the students are gaining excellent knowledge within this very important field. One of our teams, comprised of Ella Chen, Abbey James, Jack Newton and Sam Smith won a prize for being one of the fastest teams in the country to solve part 2 of the competition. We also have a competition from Newcastle University for students to enter, to find out more see Mrs Goldie.



Puzzle time

Anagrams

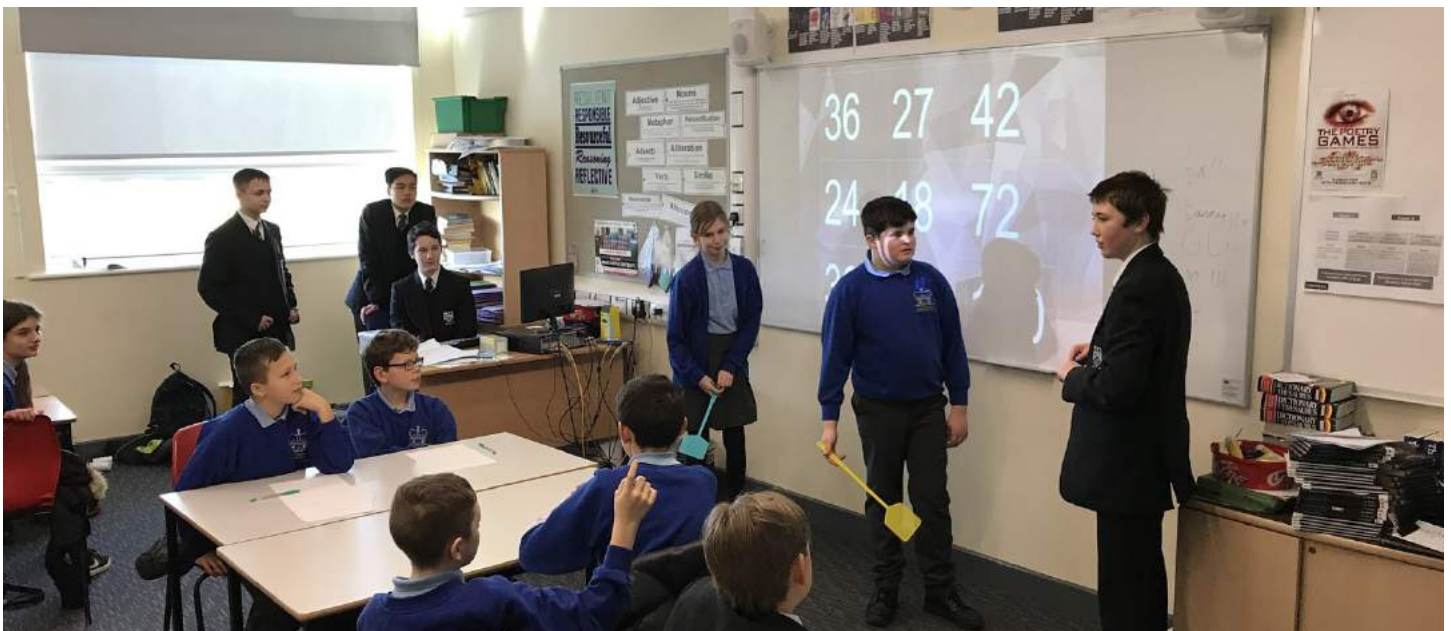
Mathematical anagrams.

An anagram is a word or phrase made up of the letters of another word.

These are all made up from maths words.

Can you work them out?

ANGEL	RENUMB	CAR
DOD	CAGEDON	TRAIN LEG
SITE TEAM	MOLERKITE	UMS
LIB LION	BART SUCTION	A CROFT





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Extra curricular opportunities

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

The Northumberland Schools Cross Country Championships took place at Temple Park in South Shields on Tuesday, and there were some great successes involving Marden students, as two took home medals and several others qualified for the Inter-county championships.



Congratulations to Year 7 Katie Joslyn, who won in her age category and Year 8 student Josh Blevins, who came third, only beaten in his race by two students a year older.

Well done to all who took part!

Katie Joslyn, Holly Waugh, Anna Sheasby, Josh Blevins, Rhys Durrant, Tom Weightman,

NT Rowing Competition

Students who have qualified for the next round of the competition in their age groups

Josh Pearce (2nd)

Levi Anderson (3rd)

Hannah Searle (3rd)

Dance Festival

Information has now arrived about the event at the end of February. In partnership with Dance City, a group of our students will be taking part in the event at The Parks on the evening of Tuesday 27th February. More details to follow.



U13 Boys' Badminton

The four boys represented N.Tyneside at a Tyne and Wear Competition on Monday afternoon.

They won two matches and lost 2 matches.

The boys regularly attend the lunchtime badminton club organised by two senior students in school. Congratulations to all players concerned.



U14 Girls' Badminton

North Tyneside Championship R.Up in their section

Millie Prescott

Lucy Wesley



U16 Girls' Badminton

Congratulations to our Year 11 girls; both Doubles teams reached the final of the North

Tyneside U16 Girls Badminton Doubles Competition, therefore securing the Championship and Runner-Up spot.



Congratulations to the Year 7 girls who came 4th at the North Tyneside 5-a-side football tournament. They put in a fantastic performance on

Friday and showed great determination and resilience.



VALENTINE'S POETRY COMPETITION

The Valentine's Poetry competition was open to all students. In order to make it fair, there were separate age categories - Yr 7 only and the rest of the school.

All entrants were awarded 15 merits. Winners also received 25 merits each.

The winners and runners up :

Yr 7 Louise Russell (1st)
Ben Brannan (2nd)

Rest of school

Yr 8 Bethany Morris (1st)
Yr 11 Anna Drake (2nd)

That lovely time of the year

Writer: Louise Russell

Form: 7A

It's that wonderful time of the year
again where love is in the air

Where it's not dull, boring or bare

I wonder who will fall in love

When you give all

Your time to make that special
someone a lovely card

Or give them a jaw dropping gift
when they're off guard

What a lovely time Valentine's day
is

But there could be lots to do

Like prepping a Valentine's day
party or disco

or making your loved one cheerful
and being there for them

Oh how I love Valentine's day!

Poem: When I look into your eyes

Writer: Anna Drake

Form: 11D

When I look into your eyes...

The wind whistled far away as your silk locks
dangled in front of the bay.

The sun shone luminously in the glistening sky as I
saw your fragile, emerald eye.

It was hypnotic and twinkled like a star but yet it
was so very far.

When I look into your eyes...

You swiftly spread your wings like a glorious swan
and drifted off; please don't be gone.

Your silk, white, feathers represented blankets of
snow. I needed you to be mine and I wanted you to
know.

When I look into your eyes...

The birds tweeted with such delight, in the leaves
and branches emerged the light.

The soft glow danced within the safety of the trees;
there you were bending down to your knees.

When I look into your eyes...

The wind gave such a breeze but it was delicate like
the buzzing bees.

Flowers towered throughout the grass as you sat
like an angel I remembered my past.

Torn away from the people that I loved; memories
lingered in my scrambled mind above.

Pearl like tears trickled down my face...I couldn't
be seen...I was such a disgrace.

When I look into your eyes...

A single dove glided through the sky followed by
love; it couldn't be a lie.

I realised I couldn't bare it any longer. The truth
was the truth. It had to be told... When would you
give me your precious hand that I could hold.

When I look into your eyes...

I pleaded you to be mine as I stroked your hair.
What If she said no! The tension is what I couldn't
bare!

The Blood-curdling anxiety that consumed my
mind. Oh Please say yes; It'd be so ever kind.

She gave me a smile and kissed my cheek. I
exploded with happiness and she didn't peek.

I held out my hand with a diamond ring. She
opened her eyes and gave me a grin.

We screamed in joy; full with content. We were a
happy couple and that's how it ends.

When I look into your eyes...Happy Valentines day!



The students who entered the poetry competition

THE SCHOOL PRODUCTION - GREASE

"This car is automatic. It's systematic. It's hydromatic. Why it's Greased Lightning"

Staff and students of the drama and music department have been busy rehearsing away for the annual school production and this year it is

Grease. Lines are being learnt, music rehearsed, and scenes are being put together for what promises to be a great show on the 7th and 8th March. Tickets are now on sale from the LRC and are £4.50 for adults and £2.50 for concessions. There are two casts this year due to the large number of students involved so be sure to double check which night you would like to see as there will be different pupils performing on each night.

HISTORY



Madeline Gardner and Evey Walker

2018 marks the one hundred year anniversary of the first victory in Women's suffrage. Miss Arnold and her year 7 classes have been studying the Suffragettes this year. They have been investigating the struggles of key people such as Pankhurst and Davison as well as the importance of equality for all. They have further discovered the treatment that they received at the hands of opponents of their fight and have penned several creative writing pieces on the subject. One such example can be seen below.

When I came back, I brought with me the two burliest men I could find. I laughed when I saw the face of the fool chained down in the blood- stained chair.

"Simply the strongest for the *obvious* best. They shall do the best job of holding you down when you squirm in pain."

I saw her flinch and I was surprised when she spoke up.

"I shall take my punishment with dignity, just as Emmeline Pankhurst did and all others who have suffered. I am proud to be fighting for a cause as important as this. I am proud for my punishment, for it is no punishment in my eyes." She held her head high whilst she spoke, I even saw Mary sneak a little smile.



Modern Foreign Languages

BONJOUR MANON!

We recently welcomed a new member of staff to the MFL department! Manon Clement is our new French Assistant and she'll be with us every Friday afternoon for the next few months.

Manon will be working with some Year 11 students as they prepare for their GCSE speaking exam and she'll also be helping Year 7 students to improve pronunciation.

There will be a **French club** every Friday from 3.15 - 4.00 so if you'd like to learn more from Manon about French life and culture, as well as improving your French, do come along!

How to say I love...

in French Je t'aime

in Spanish Te quiero

in Hebrew אהבתיך

in German Ich liebe dich

in Croatian Volim te

in Italian Ti amo

in Portuguese Eu te amo

in Swedish Jag älskar dig

in Romanian Te iubesc

in English I love you

GCSE REVISION

As the GCSE exams draw nearer, there are plenty of revision opportunities for all Y11 students. If you are unable to come on a Thursday, speak to your teacher about organising short speaking practice sessions.

You could also check out the website below for some help with your verbs!

KEY DATES

20th April (tbc): German GCSE Speaking exam

27th April (tbc): French GCSE Speaking exam

15th May: French GCSE Listening and

Reading exams

18th May: French GCSE Writing exam

18th June: German GCSE Listening and Reading exams

21st June: German GCSE Writing exam

Marden Art Exhibition in Tynemouth Station Gallery

The Art department has recently had the opportunity to hold an exhibition of students' work in the gallery space at Tynemouth Station. This is the second exhibition we have held; the previous one being three years ago - gallery space is in high demand so we were particularly lucky to get time over the festive season!

We wanted a festive theme; so our Yr 9 students began work on an 'Illuminated Manuscript' project. After an introduction to the topic each student was given a letter to illustrate. The letters that stood out above the rest for their detail, standard of drawing, use of imagination and general high quality were then selected to go on exhibition and represent the school.

The exhibition was a great success and was seen by many. Our thanks go to the Friends of Tynemouth Station and in particular to Ylana First for giving us the opportunity to showcase Marden students' work in the community.

Mrs LJ Noble



Yr 11 Fine Art and Photography GCSE's

A quick message to all our hard working Yr11 students in the Art department who are sprinting to the finish with their coursework and working towards their final exam prep...KEEP GOING !

The Art and Photography final exams will be held in the first week back after Easter - so make every lesson count!

Make sure you produce a full range of preparatory sketches and ideas; and remember, the Art rooms are open for catch up sessions after school Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and before school starts.

Please see Mr Prytherch or myself if you need further help.

Learning Resource Centre



The LRC is open to students between 8.00am and 4.30pm, although the space is limited. Morning passes are available from Mrs Proud in the LRC. This is a quiet area for students to read, revise and complete homework before school, break, lunchtimes and after school. There are desks and computers available to use and many newly released books and comfortable seating areas in which to read



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Dog and Cat Shelter appeal before Christmas. Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter were extremely grateful for all the food, toys and blankets raised for their animals and took delivery of all donations this afternoon. Yet more brilliant selflessness from generous Marden students!



PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION

At Marden High School, we have invested in a Parent Portal so that you can get accurate, up-to-date information about your child. We provide access to Attendance, Achievement, Behaviour, Exam Dates / Results and Reports in real-time, and we also use the Parent Portal to make Parents Evening bookings.

To access the parent portal, you need to visit mardenhigh.net, then click on either the Parent Portal link on the right, or click on Parents | Parent Portal. Your username will be your email address. If you haven't given us your email address, you can contact

office@mardenhigh.net to get your email address updated. If you don't want to use your email address, we can generate a username for you and provide you with those log on details. If you have forgotten your password, then you can use the "Don't know your password?" link on the Parent Portal log on page. Passwords can also be reset by emailing office@mardenhigh.net.

There are some quick guides on how to use the portal under Parents | Parent Portal Guides.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. We have a lost property box in the main office where students may search for 'lost' items.

The box is emptied at the end of each half term and all items remaining will be recycled.

The lost property will be emptied on :

Friday 23rd February

REMINDER : MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

Mobile phones are not to be used by students during school times, unless express permission has been given by a teacher for it to be used for learning purposes. (08.45hrs - 15.15hrs)

Students will have their phones confiscated until the end of the day if caught using them in school.