



MARDEN NEWS

Summer Edition 2018



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Dear All,

As you are aware, one of the essential aspects of education and development here at Marden is making sure that all of our students have the right information and decision making skills so that they can make informed choices for the future. To this end, we have developed a comprehensive calendar of careers events which start long before students are in their final year. This can be found in the Careers section of our website. One of the exciting new ventures we are developing is a programme of careers talks from a variety of people involved in a range of services, businesses and other organisations. We would be very keen to hear from anybody in our community who would like to contribute to this programme, by giving a short talk on what it is they do in their job, the qualifications and skills needed for it, and the route they have taken to get there. We think that having a wide variety of such talks will give the students a really good insight into what the possibilities are for them in the future, and help them to reflect on the skills they need to develop and are developing here at Marden. Students and their parents will be invited to attend these talks after school so that they can choose to investigate the areas that most interest them. In order to assist our planning of these events, I would be grateful if you could contact me or Mrs Brennan, our World of Work coordinator, if you feel that you, or a member of your family may be able to contribute to these Careers talks. You may wish to have a look at some of the “I could ...” stories which give an idea of the type of information we are aiming at providing for our students:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/icouldstories>

Whilst our Year 11 students have been busy preparing for and sitting their second week of exams, the rest of our students have had the opportunity to select their Head Girl and Head Boy from a shortlist of senior prefects. We are very impressed with the enthusiasm of our Year 10 prefects so far, and with the maturity and responsibility with which they have approached their new roles. Nine of these students have presented, not only to the Senior Leadership Team and their Head of Year, but have also produced a short campaign video watched by everybody in the school. These presentations have been an important part of the selection process, as the voting by students and staff will also be. The successful candidates will have an important role in our school community, as they will be leading the other prefects in their work, acting as a role model to other students in the school, and representing the student body at important events such as open days and during VIP visits.

As ever, our teachers continue to go the extra mile in supporting our students with their exam preparation, and there is another programme of revision sessions during the half term holidays. This can be found in the exams section of the school website.

During the first week back after the holiday, we will be hosting another Open Day on Friday 8th June. This is designed to allow parents of Year 5 (or younger) children to come and have a look around the school, and experience some of the great learning and activities going on. Please remind any family or friends with children of that age about this event. Places on the Open Day can be booked



by calling the school. We are looking forward to showing lots of people around.

We also have our Year 8 parents evening during the first week back. This will take place on Thursday 7th June.

Last Friday evening we had a team of Year 7 students competing in a rugby league festival at Kingston Park followed by watching the Newcastle Thunder vs Bradford Bulls game. This was a great event enjoyed by all. Of the 6 games played at the festival they won five and drew one game. They conceded only one try throughout. Well done to all students participating. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were a credit to the school.

A Year 7 rounders team played in their first matches on Monday evening. It was a trial team and the girls have to be congratulated on their commitment and responsibility when representing the school. They won two games and were in the process of completing their third game when the match had to be cut short due to time. Congratulations to all.

In athletics we continue to have considerable success. Year 7 and Year 8 athletes took part in trials on Wednesday with a number of them qualifying for North Tyneside representation. Confirmation of these results will be released next week. We have already had confirmation that 18 students from year 9 and year 10 have qualified to represent the county at Wentworth in Hexham on Saturday 9th June. On Thursday evening we took 35 students to St Thomas More in the North Tyneside Schools Athletics and this was to qualify to represent North Tyneside Minors at Monkton Stadium. All students showed great sportsmanship and

many students were successful.

I hope all our students have an enjoyable holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back rested and raring to go on Monday 4th June.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher

RAISING FUNDS FOR KWAHILDA'S (ST HILDA) ORPHANAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

MARDEN'S GOT TALENT

TUESDAY 26 JUNE, 6PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE LRC £1.50 CHILD, £3 ADULT
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING THE INTERVAL

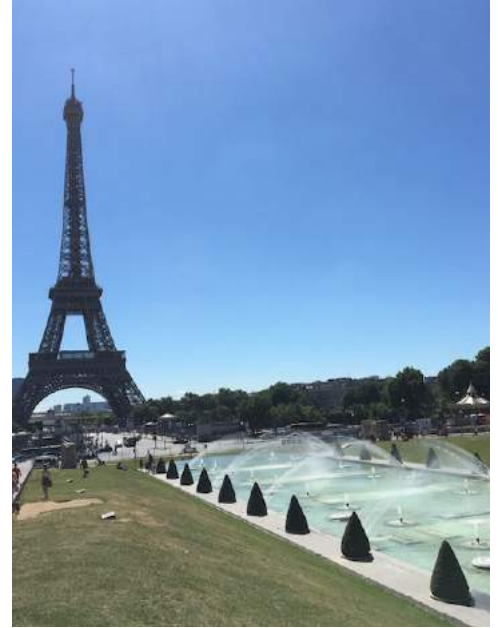
HAVE YOU GOT TALENT?
SEE YOUR FORM TUTOR TO SIGN UP TO AUDITION
AUDITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER MAY HALF TERM

WHO WILL IMPRESS OUR JUDGES?

Modern Foreign Languages

France and Germany trip

Not long now till we go on our annual trip to Paris and Boppard. 34 Year 9 students will be spending 3 days in France and 3 days in Germany at the end of next half term. The trip has always been a highlight of the school year for us and the students so we hope that this year will be no different. We will be holding a meeting for parents and students involved on 19th June. This will be an opportunity for us to run through the itinerary and answer any questions parents may have.



Tapas Revolution!

Several of our Year 7 Spanish Club members recently took part in a trip to a lovely tapas restaurant in Newcastle. The trip, organised by Mrs Peters and Mr

Watson, has become an annual event and has been a great chance for pupils to showcase what they have learnt since September. They were expected to order in Spanish and sample all of the traditional tapas on offer, even chocolate shots!! Yet again, the experience was enjoyed by everybody involved and we hope to organise similar events in the future.



Félicitations

Well done to all of our Y11 French students who have now finished their language exams. The students have worked very hard over the last few months and produced some excellent performances in the Speaking test at the end of April. We hope their hard work and resilience will bring them the success they deserve.

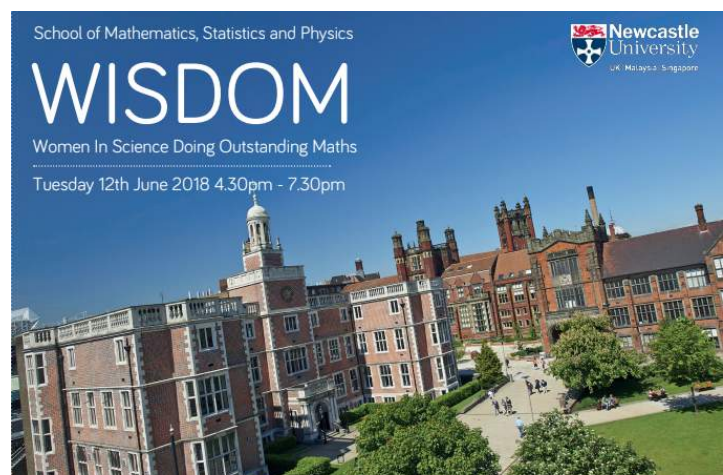


MATHS

A busy time within the Maths department with year 11 students making that final push towards the exams. We have held a 2 day maths conference for year 11 students which was very well received and the extra revision is still taking place on a Wednesday after school in what we call the aftermath so please ensure your child is attending to ensure focus in that final push.

Secondly the year 9 maths ambassadors got to flex their mathematical muscle when delivering the lessons they had planned to our new intake for next year. The students working on this project have gained confidence and their lessons went down a storm with the year 6 students.

There is a great opportunity for our year 9 and 10 students to take control of their own learning and visit Newcastle University for a WISDOM (Women In Science Doing Outstanding Maths) talk which has had a hugely positive impact on them in the past. The information is below.



Have a wonderful Summer.



Puzzle Time

THE DE-CODER

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

So, if I want to write 'hello' I would write 8 for H, 5 for E, 12 for L and 12 for L again and then 15 for O.

My code would be **8 5 12 12 15**

Now try and work out what this says.



The code:

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1	20		13	1	20	8	19							

The Plague spreads to Marden

This half term our year 8 students have been completing a depth study on the plague. They have been studying the origins of the disease and have traced its spread across the globe to Britain. They have then investigated how the conditions in the towns and cities of Britain allowed the disease to spread so quickly and violently and also the contemporary idea of the causes and the treatments that were available to victims. The students are busy compiling their study into a final project which will be finished after half term.

What makes their work truly remarkable is the fact that the work is 100% self-researched, developed and presented. By taking ownership of their own work, setting their own plan and deadlines the students have had an opportunity to show their hard work, determination and research skills in the History department.





Business Planning in Year 10

Year 10 business students have been putting their knowledge into practice as part of a recent class project. The students were first asked to think of a business idea that they might want to develop. Once their idea was formed, students were asked to create a business plan. This meant the students had to revisit some of the topics covered so far this year and apply the theory to their own aims and ideas. Theories such as location factors, calculating break-even points and adding value were all needed in order to create a sound plan.

A business plan is essential for any entrepreneur who is thinking of setting up in business. It provides the opportunity to think through all the details of the proposed business idea - reducing the chances of failure - as well as being essential for any entrepreneur who needs to find funding for the venture.

All students in the class came up with a business plan. Ideas ranged from common businesses such as coffee shops, clothing retailers to more unusual ideas that used new technologies in different ways such as

3D printing and hydrotherapy (all patents pending!).

Once the plans were created, students were asked to assess the feasibility of the ideas. The class decided on the most important indicators for the business's success and devised a rating system to judge potential performance.

Some students volunteered to present their ideas (Dragon's Den style) and gained a taste of what it would be like to pitch to an audience of potential investors. Suffice to say this was a gruelling process with some brilliant questions and perceptive observations from many students in the class.

Next, students will embark on a second project that looks at marketing strategies in greater detail. For this, students will be providing advice to a local business on ways to improve product awareness and create a stronger brand image. Based on the students' ideas so far, the outcomes promise to be quite unique.



Musical Dates for the Diary

Marden's Got Talent Auditions	Weeks beginning the 4th and 11th June Students that have signed up will be given an allocated audition slot to show off their skills. We have lots of students interested and a huge range of acts offered.
Marden's Got Talent	Tuesday 26th June The big night! Marden students will put on an excellent show and we will find out from the judges who will be crowned Marden's Got Talent Winner 2018.
Y10 GCSE Mock Performances	Friday 15th June Friday 6th July Year 10 music students will be performing a solo performance in their music lessons. This is a practice ready for the real thing next year.
Massed Orchestra Morning	Tuesday 12th June Students that play in orchestra will be going to Whitley Bay High School to perform with other orchestral musicians from across the county.
Summer Concert	Wednesday 11th July Our final concert of the year where everyone will be treated to a showcase of musical talent from soloists and groups alike.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our students are taking the opportunity to engage in a full programme of extra curricular activities operating across the summer term. Over the first half term there have been a range of excellent performances.



Athletics (seniors)

The final results have been confirmed from the area trials and the students listed below will now go forward to represent North Tyneside at the County Track and Field Championships in Hexham. The athletes should be congratulated on their excellent performances.

Netball

Final matches were played last Monday by the U13 team. They played really well winning two matches and only losing one. Well done to all the girls involved in the netball squad over the season.

Gymnastics

Tamsin Hunter in Yr10 is an exceptionally talented team gymnast. She recently took part in the Junior British Championships for Team Gymnastics held at Sports Central Newcastle. Teams competed from all over the country and she and her team achieved bronze position overall. A superb performance for Tamsin at this level.

Dance City Club

The next block of sessions are underway. Dancers will be using the time to prepare for a summer performance.

Sports Leaders

A number of Yr10 students are now working as Sports Leaders within the department and will be running various activities over the summer term. A group have organised a Dodgeball club which is currently running at lunchtime for Yr7. They will also be going into our feeder Primary Schools to help staff run sports events

Cricket

The U14 team played Dame Allans on Friday afternoon. They played really well and only lost by 2 runs overall.

- Callum Penn*
- Daniel Murdoch*
- Emma Jardine*
- Ellen Patterson (res)*
- Peter Whitehouse*
- Aaron Carr*
- Joel Campbell*
- Martha Topping*
- Hannah Searle*
- Rhys Durrant*
- Aidan Rowan*
- Josh Harrison*
- Holly Waugh*
- Anna Sheasby (res)*
- Josh Blevins*
- Ellie Dunston*
- Luke Harrison*
- Owen Foster*

Talented Performers

Our talented performers who are part of North Tyneside’s Talented Athlete Academy, have now attended a selection of workshops at Tyne Met College.

Athletics (juniors)

Students in Yrs7 + 8 are now attending sessions after school to prepare for the Tynemouth Schools Trials to be held in the week before half term. This will be the first major competition for the Yr7 athletes at this level.

Art and Photography GCSE Final Exhibitions

Mrs L Noble Art and Design

Once again it is time for our Year 11 Final Art Exhibitions. In Marden we end our Art courses by holding an exhibition of work by every student; and then inviting the families and friends of those involved to attend a Private View.

This year we have students entered for Fine Art and for the first time for Photography. Both groups of students spent last week getting their exhibitions organised and making sure they had everything completed.

As you can imagine it was a hectic week for all involved - but well worth the effort! It was a pleasure to see the high standard of work and it all come together. I wish them every success in their new ventures next term.



Art work by : Grace Fletcher
 Luke Oakes



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

MARDEN HIGH SCHOOL PTA presents
SUMMER TERM QUIZ
Thursday 28th June 2018
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fun for all the family! £1 per ticket (Under 11s FREE) - Maximum 8 per team
 Tickets available from Reception.
 SPORTS themed fancy dress - Prize for best costume!

Cash prizes, spot prizes, wine, beer, soft drinks, snacks and tuck shop.



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.

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

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

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 :

8th June 2018

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.