



Marden High School

Friday 19th October 2018

Dear All,

Year 11 students have been busy this week with GCSE science exams, which will be a good opportunity for them to get specific and individual feedback on the areas they need to work on to make further progress. We have been pleased with how the year group have approached these exams, displaying good focus and maturity. On Monday 26 November, year 11 will start mock exams in the full range of subjects. This is an important time for them, and it will give them an experience of a whole exam season with exams in the Auditorium, as well as giving them and their teachers a good idea of where they are at in terms of readiness for their exams next summer. The half term holidays are a good opportunity to start doing an hour or two a day of revision, so that good habits and routine are built early.

Following the success of previous Subject Information Evenings for parents, next Wednesday there will be an Options Subjects Information Evening for parents of year 11 students from 6pm - 7pm. We think this will be a very useful opportunity for parents and students to get information on GCSE content as well as the revision techniques that are most useful for different subjects.

Earlier this year I was able to announce that the Young Mayor for North Tyneside was to be once again a student at Marden High School, a great accolade for the school and a great reflection of the standard and quality of our young people's contributions and enthusiasm. Representing all young people in North Tyneside, and especially all the students at Marden High School, our Young Mayor, Poppy Arnold, has had a busy half term with several cabinet meetings looking at a range of issues from the Environment, to Anti-Bullying, to Health and Well-being. Poppy has been involved in much debate, attending council meetings every month, including the adult Council meetings, as well as committing to residential meetings at weekends. Our Young Mayor's pledges are to improve support for mental health in North Tyneside, to improve disabled access to our beaches, and to work at stopping food waste. We wish Poppy all the best in her continued work and look to give her our full support.

Now that funds are building, there have been a variety of bids considered at the recent PTA meeting. The idea is that funds raised through the PTA go towards funding events and activities that are extra to the normal curriculum that the children experience, which helps to make school life even more interesting and memorable. The PTA also take into account how many children benefit from any particular activity when considering any bid. It was good to see that all of the bids put in recently were successful, including funding for the Maths Challenge, a student led Arts and Crafts Club, and our Year 7 Reading Club.

Don't forget that our Halloween themed PTA quiz night is next week, on Thursday 25 October, and our grand Autumn raffle will be drawn on the night, so there's still time to buy raffle tickets.

The year 11 netballers competed in an U16 tournament last Thursday. They showed great character and determination even when they became tired due to the fast paced games, winning 2 of the games that they played. The year 10 and year 11 netballers had a match against Longbenton this week, both winning their games convincingly. They are looking forward to more fixtures again in the coming weeks. Our junior girls football team have been training and also have a number of fixtures coming up, and I look forward to reporting back on how they have got on.

Please remember that if students need to take any medication during the day, they must not bring it in themselves. Instead, we ask that parents bring into school reception any medication needed, and that it is in the original packaging and clearly labelled with the child's name. A Medicines form also needs to be filled out at reception when the medicine is brought in.

Finally a reminder that there is a staff training day on Friday 26 October, when school will be closed to students.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher