



MARDEN NEWS

Autumn Edition 2018



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Marden High School

Dear All,

We want to encourage all students to try their hardest and to be reassured that staff will support them to take the next steps at every stage of their learning. We want our students to be courageous and make the most of every opportunity in school, and to develop academically and personally. This half term has been a good example of this, being both a busy one and very successful. It has been good to see each year group step up to their new position within the school, not least of all our Key Stage 4 students in Year 10 and Year 11 who start and continue their GCSE studies in fine style. The words 'calm and purposeful' are probably the most often quoted by the wide range of visitors I have shown around the school this half term, and it is pleasing to hear about the positive conversations that people in the community are having about Marden High.

As I have said in this newsletter previously, the provision of the best opportunities for our children is a team effort - 'a child is brought up by the whole village' - which is why we place such an emphasis on communication between home and school. In order to maintain good communication between home and school, I would be grateful if all parents could sign their son's or daughter's planner on a regular basis. Please feel free to use the planner as a method of communicating information. Please remember also that staff email addresses are available on the school website, so please feel free to use email as another way of contacting us.

Our Student Cabinet were set the challenge to raise as much money as they could for Disability North East, during this week. Having met and developed plans to run a series of events themselves, they set about creating the advertising and also preparing the variety of activities. On Monday, the Cabinet, assisted by our prefects, ran a successful sporting lunchtime. On Tuesday they were hosting an art competition and lunchtime DVD session. Wednesday saw a novelty photo booth and bake sale, before Thursday's exciting finale as the Inaugural Mario Kart Championship was held in the auditorium. The funds raised are a testament to the leadership qualities shown by the students throughout.

We have had several Information Evenings for parents during this half term, and this week was the turn of options subjects to share with parents and students of Year 11 a range of useful information regarding the GCSE exams in addition to revision strategies and techniques. It was a successful evening and another example of the staff at Marden going that extra mile in supporting our young people. Feedback from parents and students was very positive and it is good to see the students continued serious and mature attitude towards their upcoming exams. It is important that Year 11 have a good rest over the half term, but also that they take advantage of the time they have to get started on some serious revision - doing 2 hours of quality, intensive learning each day still leaves plenty of time for all of the other opportunities that holiday time brings, and will leave the student with a sense of accomplishment, knowing that good routines are being formed and sound preparation is being put in place for the mock exams which start on Monday 26th November.

This week has seen some very good individual and team efforts in the world of sport, including trampolining, football and volleyball. The U12 football team played really well in their second game of the season to beat Wellfield Middle School 6-2. Well done!

The U16 and U14 boys' volleyball teams won all four games in recent league games. Well done to all of the players involved. The U15 boys' volleyball team unfortunately did not fare quite so well, but will no doubt show that Marden resilience and bounce back to victory next time.

This half term holiday is one in which outside festivities take place - Halloween and Bonfire Night - and whilst these can be enjoyable events with family and friends, I would like to remind our children to think about their own and other people's safety at these times.

May I wish you all an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 5th November.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr M.Snape
Head Teacher



A brilliant start for Year 7

It's been an exciting half term for our Year 7 students, all of whom have settled in well to Marden High School.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring that our new students feel comfortable and happy about such a big change in their lives. The smooth transition of our new intake has been achieved through positive, frequent communication between students, staff, parents/carers and governors this half term.



Students have worked hard across the curriculum, enjoying a range of subjects that they have not studied before, and participating in a variety of extracurricular ventures. It has been a joy to see students mature so much over such a short space of time while forging new friendships and developing positive mindsets with the support of staff here at Marden High School.

As a year group Year 7 have achieved excellent attendance of 97.8% for the half term. As a year group, year 7 have accrued a total of 42,706 house points. The form in the lead is 7D with 8,295, with Warkworth house in first place across the school.



Miss Laing

Show Racism the Red Card!

Each October 'Show Racism the Red Card' holds its annual 'Wear Red Day', a national day of action that encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red to highlight an ongoing campaign to work with more young people and adults across the UK to challenge racism in society.

During the week beginning the 8th October, school of sanctuary students at Marden worked with Ms Griffiths to deliver assemblies, preparing students by raising problems of racism and discrimination. The groups aims were to promote inclusivity, tolerance and acceptance within both Marden High School and the wider community.

Students have also been learning more in specially planned Personal Development lessons.

On Friday 12th October, we took part in the 'Wear Red Day' encouraging the students to wear red for a £1 donation.

As a school we raised £747!



Art and Photography

What Makes the Coast Special?

On Wednesday 3rd October all our Year 7's took part in a Super Learning Day (SLD) along the theme 'What Makes the Coast Special'. Each of the six tutor groups worked with either the Art, Media or Science Departments for the day, with each subject taking a different approach to reflect their subject expertise.

The Art department was responsible for 7R and 7M and our day started by walking to the beach to create sand sculptures in the style of well known British Sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. Then later back in the classrooms students were able to work in pairs or alone on frieze style paintings representative of our chosen theme.

It was a great day; a good chance for everyone to get to know each other and have fun producing their paintings and sculptures.



Art work by : 7M and 7R

Mrs L Noble Art and Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A new extra curricular programme has been introduced and is now up and running.

Dance City

Our successful partnership with Dance City continues this year. A new programme started on Tuesday 18 September and many new year 7 students have enrolled to take part. We are now in a position to offer two classes on a Tuesday evening to accommodate all those interested in taking part.

Netball

Our senior teams have now started their league games. Both the U15 and U16 teams beat Longbenton in their matches. The junior leagues will start next half term.

Football (girls)

Our junior team attended the first CVL event of the season last week to prepare them for the league games about to take place.





Football

U16 team played their first game of the season against St Thomas More but unfortunately lost 6-2.

U12 team beat Marden Bridge 4-1 and they also played really well in their second game of the season to beat Wellfield Middle 6-2. Well Done!

U13 team beat Longbenton 4-0

In their first match of the season the U14 team beat Churchill 4-1 in their league match. Well played to all the players involved in these fixtures.

U14 football team lost their match against Whitley Bay 8-3.



Badminton

4 out of 5 boys' badminton teams won their matches held at John Spence. Well done to all the players concerned.

Talent Academy

As a school, we were invited to put forward 5 talented students to attend the launch event with their parents at the Langdale Centre on Monday 15 October. They were introduced to the academy and an overview was given regarding the proposed workshops which will run throughout the year.



Volleyball

The U16 and U15 Boys Volleyball teams won all four games at the recent CVL. Well done to all the players involved!

The U15 boys unfortunately lost their four games.



History at Marden

Year 9 History Student Leaders organise events to commemorate the end of The Great War.

The 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I is coming soon. Leading up to this a group of year 9 students have been creating a variety of events to enable the whole school to commemorate the armistice of The Great War.

Some of these lessons will include: a history lesson about propaganda and life on the front line, a PD lesson looking into home life, an assembly, various art activities and a drama production. The students have worked very hard over their lunchtimes to commemorate the efforts of the war. They have made lessons to raise awareness of the WW1 and teach others how people lived from 1914 until 1918.

One focus has been on the Princess Mary Christmas Boxes sent to soldiers on the front line - It was Princess Mary's express wish that 'every sailor afloat and every soldier at the front' should have the present. The gifts were devised in October 1914 and intended for distribution to all who were serving overseas or at sea, in time for Christmas 1914; afterwards, with the fund in surplus and many feeling they had been 'left out', distribution was extended



On the 11th of November there are also lots of activities going on outside of school . Along the coast there will be beacons lit all over Britain to commemorate what the people did at the start of the war to let people further down the coast know that a war had started. This is also a way of showing people how life and experiences were like at the start of the Great War.

We will remember them.

Written by Matthew Hood

Maths at Marden

It has been a busy time within the Maths department with year 11 students fully focussed on maximising the time they have left at Marden High. Extra revision and support for year 11 takes place on Wednesday after school in what we call the Aftermath so please ensure your child is attending. The year 7 maths support evening was a great success and a huge thanks goes out to the parents who came along to show their support.

Year 8 Maths ambassadors have gone from strength to strength and continue to develop and deliver lessons to year six students helping them to develop their presentation skills aswell as their maths. Due to success of this initiative, the group will be spreading their wings into different subjects later in the year.



Mr Jewell has taken on the task of delivering Further Maths as an extra-curricular option to a group of year 11 students to enhance and develop their understanding of the subject. Students will be entered for an additional qualification at the end of the year.


We have also been successful in securing entry into the UKMT maths challenges for year 8 and year 10 which gives students the chance to enhance their problem solving skills.

Mr Hiscock



Mr Hiscock's puzzle time!

only for geniuses

$$9 + 2 = 711$$
$$14 + 6 = 820$$
$$17 + 11 = 628$$
$$12 + 3 = ????$$


BrainFans.com

Rugby Kit Design Day

Four students spent the day at Kingston Park, home of the Newcastle Falcons, taking part in a rugby kit design task.

Working with kit manufacturers Canterbury, their mission was to come up with a design that will eventually become Marden High School's brand new Rugby kit.

Jacob and Angus from Year 8, and Katie and Josh from Year 10 all took part in a Falcons training session as well as designing the kit that will be produced in the next few weeks.



Music at Marden



Senior members of Friday Choir enjoying their day at the G&T singing workshop at Sacred Heart High School. They were great ambassadors to the school and learnt a lot about vocal technique and choral singing.

Mrs Gibbings



Musical Dates for the Diary

<p>Adams Family Auditions</p>	<p>Weeks beginning the 15th and 22nd October</p> <p>Students that have signed up will be given an allocated audition slot. We have lots of talented students interested and choosing our lead roles will be a big challenge. Keep your eyes peeled for exciting information for the backstage crew.</p>
<p>Ukulele Festival Performance</p>	<p>Sunday 11th November</p> <p>Students from Ukulele club have been invited to perform at the ukulele festival. They have written their own song and will be performing WW1 songs with members of Bay Uke and ukulele players of the community.</p>
<p>Royal Northern Sinfonia Concert Trip</p>	<p>Thursday 22nd November</p> <p>Marden Orchestra members will be visiting the Sage Gateshead to watch the Royal Northern Sinfonia.</p>
<p>Christingle Service</p>	<p>Thursday 29th November</p> <p>Our annual Christingle Service will take place at St George's Church. Students from our feeder primaries, Monkhouse and Cullercoats together with Marden High School singers will be performing a selection of Christmas music during the service.</p>
<p>Christmas Concert</p>	<p>Thursday 13th December</p> <p>Our annual Christmas Concert. Come along and see the talented students in all of our ensembles as well as soloists and small groups. Tickets are available from the office.</p>

Trip to CERN 2018!

In September 27 year 11 pupils visited Geneva for the weekend accompanied by science and maths staff. The main focus of the trip was to go to CERN to visit the Large Hadron Collider and learn more about the standard particle model.



As well as CERN, they visited the United Nations Headquarters, looked at art installations around the city and famous landmarks such as the Jet d'Eau. The students also experienced traditional Swiss cuisine and entertainment at the Edelweiss restaurant, plus a boat trip across Lake Geneva.

Thanks to all the staff and students that made it a busy, culture packed weekend!



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St George's is a safeguarding aware Church

PTA Autumn News

This term has welcomed a number of new members to the PTA. We had our first meeting of the year in September and lots of ideas were discussed for future events so watch this space....

The aim of the PTA is to involve the school in the wider community and to hold fundraising events in order to buy additional resources for the students that will enhance their experiences in school.

This term we have purchased two rowing machines for the PE department, art materials for Year 8 students to run an Art Club for Year 7 students, books for Ms Seal's Book Club and student entries to UK Maths Challenge Competition.

The first event of the year is our Halloween themed quiz, on Thursday 25th October. There will be drinks, snacks, hotdogs and sweets for sale as well as a tombola and raffle. There will also be prizes for the winning team, the best team name, the best fancy dress and spot prizes.



The Grand Autumn Raffle

The Grand Autumn raffle will be drawn on Thursday 25th October at the Halloween Quiz. Winners will be notified by telephone and a list of winners will be published on our website. We would like to thank United Carlton Office Systems, Tynemouth Golf Club, Village Hotel Newcastle, Hilton Hotel Newcastle, CCL Office Ltd, David Lloyd Gym Newcastle, Tynemouth Surf Club, Cullercoats NFKA, Select Telecom, Beauty 2000, The Spread Eagle, Energie Gym Tynemouth and all the volunteers, who have very generously donated prizes.

Mrs Potter's poetry competition

Congratulations to everyone that entered the competition and especially well done to Lizzie in year 8 who was the overall winner!



Marden's LRC



The LRC is open to students between 8.30am and 4.00pm, although the space is limited. Morning passes are available from the school office. 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



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 : **9th November 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.