



Marden High School

Friday, 14 June 2019

Dear All

The majority of our Year 11 students have now finished their exams and they should be congratulated on how they have approached the exams, both in the months of preparation beforehand, and during the exam season itself. Their maturity and the balanced approach they have taken has been a great example to our younger students, and we feel very proud of them as a year group - they will be missed. However, we still have some key moments to enjoy with them, as we have the Prom on Thursday 27th June and their Leavers' Assembly on Monday 1st July, and we look forward to being able to remember and celebrate their time at Marden.

We continue to work with a wide range of groups to help ensure we deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, with opportunities to develop and enhance equal opportunities and tackle discrimination as a school community. As part of this, we have an exciting project beginning with Show Racism the Red Card. They will be delivering assemblies and workshops across all year groups in September and October, so, in readiness for this, we currently have a group of Student Ambassadors working with Show Racism the Red Card to build capacity so that our young people can be involved with the sharing of information and supporting of the project when it occurs in the Autumn. We look forward to this work continuing to enhance the inclusive ethos we have at Marden High School.

As previously mentioned we have two vacancies for the role of parent governor, with the deadline for applications on Monday 17th June. A parental ballot will take place following this if there are more than two applicants.

We have an exciting opportunity coming up for some of our Year 7 students at the end of this month, when they will be working with nationally acclaimed arts education charity, 'Hand Of'. The students will be based at the Life Brigade Watch House in Tynemouth for a week, in a project called 'The Tyne and The Tide', where they will be exploring local history and culture through the medium of literature, and visual and performing arts, culminating in a music performance of their own creation for parents and teachers. We will have a report of this event on our website in due course.

Well done to our junior athletes who competed in the Inter Zone Competition at Monkton Stadium recently. There are quite a number of students who have qualified to represent North Tyneside at the Junior Athletics Championships at Gateshead Stadium on Saturday 22nd June.

Congratulations also to our senior athletes who competed at Hexham in the County Championships last weekend in atrocious weather conditions. Despite the strong winds and rain, there were several athletes who achieved personal best times, showing true Marden grit and determination.

Our Year 7 and Year 8 rounders teams have been on top form recently, and have managed to secure wins against various schools, including Churchill, Marden Bridge Middle, and St Thomas More. Well done to all players.

I am letting parents know in good time that students will be finishing early on our last day of the year, Friday 19th July at 1.30pm, to allow staff to make presentations to those who are leaving. We have a staff training day on Monday 2nd September, so the first day back for students is Tuesday 3rd September, at the normal starting time of 8.45am, when students will meet their tutors in form rooms. Please also be reminded that there is a staff training day on Friday 28th June this term, and so students will not be in school on that day unless they are part of the 'Hand Of' project mentioned above.

Thank you for your continued support.



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