



Marden High School

Friday 6th December 2019

Dear All,

This half term teachers from the Business and Computing department have set up the Enterprise Club, and this week especially, we have seen groups of students getting very busy, meeting and sourcing resources to create their initial products, for sale over the forthcoming weeks. Working in partnership with Protocol Recruitment, we have had a record number of students, ranging from Year 7 to Year 10, taking the plunge into the world of entrepreneurship this year. The thinking behind them being thrown in at the deep end is so they can have some understanding of what works and what doesn't, of what some of the pitfalls are, and of the importance of good teamwork and communication, before they reflect and then pitch to a Den of Dragons, seeking further investment for a sustainable enterprise. In addition to what should be a very enjoyable experience, this will be an excellent opportunity for the development of the 5Rs: resourcefulness, responsibility, reflection, reasoning and, perhaps above all, resilience. We wish all the students who are participating the best of luck in their endeavours.

Last night we enjoyed our second Proud of Our Work Night. These began in July and will continue across the years ahead, with one each term. The POW! night is a great opportunity for students to share their work and celebrate their excellent contributions across their subjects having been nominated by Heads of Year. Over time, we aim for all students to enjoy their own POW! night experience and once again last night was a testament to the positive relationships we enjoy with our parents, carers, students and members of the community.

Next term the Business and Computing department at Marden will be working with the National Centre for Computing Education on a project funded by the Department for Education. Together, we are going to be exploring ways of engaging more female students in computing in order to increase the number of girls who select Computer Science at GCSE and A level. All students in Year 8 will be following the "Apps for Good" course in their

computer science lessons, which aims to make clearer the links between learning computing in informal activities and formal computing education. We hope also that this exciting project will have the effect of increasing student interest in computer science based careers.

This week we have offered the opportunity for all students to apply to be the next North Tyneside Young Mayor. Students have been writing their applications and by next week the candidates who are successful will have the chance to become Marden's Young Mayor Nominee. To support our students in understanding the importance of voting and to tie in with the National General Election, all students will have the chance to vote for the internal nominees on Thursday 12th December. The student with the most votes will be our nominee for the Young Mayor, and this will be announced on Friday 13th December ready for their campaign in January. We wish all the contenders the best of luck.

We are currently collecting donations for The Bay Foodbank, and if you would like to donate, items can be taken to the LRC in school. This link <http://thebayfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help/> explains the good work The Bay does for helping people who find themselves in difficult circumstances at any time of the year, and we are hoping to make a small difference to their lives by joining together as a whole community in donating to the Foodbank.

We enjoyed a wonderful Christingle service on Thursday evening, with the lovely voices of Marden, Cullercoats and Monkhouse children reverberating through the magnificent church of St George's. Next week we will have another showcase of the marvellous talents of our young people, as they perform in the Christmas Concert on Thursday 12th December starting at 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continued support.



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