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The Latin motto of the Marden High School community is "Carpe diem!" This means: *"Rejoice...seize the day; live life to the fullest; make the most of what you have."* So we will:

- Put the **learning** and **progress** of **YOU** first
- Inspire you to be a happy, confident, unique and tolerant individual who flourishes and achieves
- Guide to fulfil your potential academically, socially and spiritually
- Promote your responsibility and resilience, diligence and determination, independence and enterprise
- Encourage your originality and creativity
- Care for you in a safe and equal environment

Name:	
Tutor Group:	
Tutor:	
School email address:	
Head of Year:	



The Marden Agreement

2020-21

COMMUNITY - INDIVIDUALITY - POSSIBILITY

Marden High will:

- Provide a balanced curriculum to meet the needs of all students
- Provide a student handbook and set appropriate homework regularly
- Insist on good attendance and punctuality and contact parents should this fail to be the case
- Expect a high standard of uniform and personal appearance
- Expect students to have a bag, pen, pencil, handbook and PE kit
- Inform parents/carers about concerns relating to their child's learning and progress and give parents/carers regular opportunities to discuss their child's learning and progress with us
- Insist on good behaviour at all times by applying our Behaviour for Learning Policy
- Deal immediately and effectively with bullying issues
- Communicate with parents regularly

As a parent/carer I will:

- Encourage my child to do his or her best
- Check my child's handbook weekly and support my child with homework
- See that my child attends school each day and is punctual and inform school of any absence
- Support the school policy on uniform and personal appearance. Ensure that my child attends school in correct uniform
- Provide my child with a bag, pen, pencil and PE kit
- Attend appointments and consultations regarding my child's learning and progress
- Support school's rules, policies and Behaviour for Learning Policy
- Take responsibility for my child's use of social networking
- Speak to school if I suspect my child is being bullied or is a bully
- Communicate promptly and inform school of changes in data e.g. name, phone number, address
- **Agree that on occasions my child may be photographed or filmed for use on our website, school newsletter and national and local press. If you have any objections please inform school in writing.**

As a student I will:

- Do my best at all times and live by the school's motto of Carpe Diem!
- Bring my handbook every day and complete homework at the right times
- Attend school every day and on time
- Follow the school policy on uniform and personal appearance
- Bring a bag, pen, pencil, planner and PE kit to school
- Discuss my work with teachers and family and listen to their advice
- Follow the classroom rules in school and going to/from school
- Refuse to take part in bullying or any violent behaviour and speak to someone in school if I am being bullied or if I witness bullying
- Follow the rules about mobile devices
- Be responsible and considerate when communicating via text, email or social networking

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Learning @ Marden

Progress & Attendance

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Subject	End of year Target*	DC1	DC2	DC3	DC4
Maths					
English					
Science					
RE					
ICT					
PE					



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Progress & Attendance

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Attendance Target 2020-21

Name _____

Form _____

My attendance target for this year is

_____ %

Half term 1 _____ %

Half term 2 _____ %

Half term 3 _____ %

Half term 4 _____ %

Half term 5 _____ %

Half term 6 _____ %

N.B.

98% - 100% Excellent attendance

95% - 97.9% Good attendance

92% - 94.9% Below school average attendance

90% - 91.9% Poor attendance

85% - 89.9% Serious cause for concern

Below 85% External Agency involvement

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The school day begins at 8.45am and concludes at 3.15pm.

Students will have registration with their form tutor where they have the opportunity to discuss the theme of the week which feeds into assembly.

Each year group has one assembly a week.

Out of school Extra Curricular activities run from 8.00am until 8.40am and from 3.15pm onwards.

A wide range of sporting facilities and exciting learning settings are available for students to enjoy and achieve within.

School Holidays for 2020-21

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Autumn Half Term 2020	Friday 23rd October	Monday 2nd November
Christmas 2020	Friday 18th December	Monday 4th January
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12th February	Monday 22nd February
Easter 2021	Friday 26th March	Monday 12th April
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28th May	Monday 7th June
Summer 2021	Friday 16th July	Wednesday 1st September

There will be three teacher training days throughout the school year.
These will be:-

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Friday 25th June 2021



In and around school

Moving around school and lunchtimes

When at school always remember to:

- Keep to the left
- Follow the one way system
- Walk at all times
- Enter rooms calmly and ready to learn
- Hold the door open for the person behind you
- Look after our equipment and environment
- Put litter in bins
- At Marden we expect students to have grown up toilet habits. That means you must make sure you go to the toilet at break times or in between lessons, they are open all of the time, please use them sensibly. On rare occasions or if you are poorly or on the medical list, where using the toilet during lessons is unavoidable, ask the teacher quietly for a permission card
- If you need to leave the class during lesson time for any reason you should obtain a green permission card from your teacher
- You are permitted to carry bottled **water**. Bottles can be filled at break times from our water fountains. Ask permission from your teacher if you need to drink water during lessons
- You will be advised where to go during wet break times

You can buy food and drink at Marden before school in the morning, at morning break and at lunchtime. From 8.00am in the morning you will be able to go straight to the café or remain in the East and West Yard. At 8.43am a bell will ring so students can enter the building. At break and lunch students remain in the dining hall, the games room, LRC or STEM room (Y11 only). Students are allowed outside at break and lunch, unless there are adverse weather conditions. You will be able to buy something for breakfast, if you wish. The café will also be open for snacks at morning break. When in the café:

- Use a tray
- Queue patiently and sensibly
- Eat only when sitting at a table
- Clear your table and put the tray back

At lunchtime there is an outside food outlet selling sandwiches, pasta and drinks. If you decide to eat outside, please remember that you cannot take food and drink on the field and that you must use the bins for all of your litter.

You can bring a healthy packed lunch to school but you are not allowed to bring sweets or fizzy or energy drinks to school. If you do, these will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. You are allowed to eat your packed lunch in the auditorium or outside at a picnic table. Food and drink should not be consumed when moving around school.

If you have an accident at school, tell a member of staff or report to reception immediately. If you feel unwell please inform your teacher, if necessary the teacher will then call for ACS.



At Marden High School we are always ready for learning, this means that we:

- Follow all instructions on the first time of asking
- Complete our own work and allow others to do theirs
- Bring all necessary equipment to all lessons
- Listen attentively

Excellent attitudes to learning will be rewarded in the following ways:

- Verbal and written praise
- House points awarded in lessons
- House points awarded by form tutors for good uniform, punctuality and attendance
- Rewards for House points
- End of year celebration
- Phone calls home to speak to parents and carers
- Work of the week award

Behaviour that is below expectations will result in the following consequences:

C1 Verbal warning issued to student

C2 Second verbal warning given

C3 Classroom sanction



Homework is a very important part of school life and, if done well, will result in greater achievements for you. The type of activity the teacher sets will help your learning in different ways. For example:

- **Learning tasks** will help you to move knowledge learnt in class from your working memory to your long term memory where it can be recalled in the future
- **Practice exercises** will help build skills by repeating methods and techniques introduced in lessons
- **Preparation tasks** give you the opportunity to look at something before the lesson giving you time to think about the topic. The lesson will make more sense because you have done some thinking in advance
- **Consolidation activities** help you review what you have done in lesson and cement your understanding

All of the above give you time to think about learning outside of the classroom. This is really important for you to make progress.

As well as this, homework builds habits that you are going to need for your adult life:

- **Organising and prioritising** your time so that you meet deadlines
- **Managing yourself** to work independently when not supervised by a teacher
- **Taking responsibility** for your own learning and progress; accessing support materials or asking for help

Your teachers want you to complete homework because they know how beneficial it is for you to do so. However they also want you to be successful and they do not want you to struggle. That is why homework will be explained in the class when it is given out and you will be given enough time to complete it.

When homework is marked and given back to you, teachers will explain what you have done well and what you could do to improve. That way you learn from the feedback as well! Always remember to:

- Write homework in your planner
- Complete your homework thoughtfully. Think about what you are learning
- Attempt homework as soon as possible so that you have time to ask questions
- Organise all of your work to meet deadlines. Use this planner to help you
- Talk to your teacher if you are stuck
- Hand homework in on time
- Read and act upon feedback given

Effort and consistency in your homework will help you to have a growth mind-set.

In your life you will always be learning, homework teaches you how to do this independently.



Homework @ Marden

2020-21

Weekly Planner for Homework

This table is for you to record the day of the week you will usually complete homework in each subject. This should fit in with when your homework is given out and when it is due in. Your form tutor will help you.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Homework 1							
Homework 2							
Homework 3							

Example for a Y10 student taking PE, History and Drama as options:-

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Homework 1	Maths	English	Biology	History	Chemistry		
Homework 2		PE	Physics	Drama			
Homework 3							

Acceptable use of ICT @ Marden



<http://bit.ly/mhsaup>



<http://bit.ly/mhsbvod>



Uniform @ Marden

Always take pride in how you look

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Polishable black school shoes - leather or vinyl.
NOT trainers, canvas shoes or any other soft material. There should be NO CANVAS AT ALL ON THE SHOES.



Uniform

Blazer with school badge.
School clip on tie.
Full length black dress trousers.
Black knee length pleated or A-line skirt.
Black V neck jumper with school logo.
White school shirt.

Fashion and casual items of clothing are NOT acceptable.

Make-up - minimal and subtle.
Heavy make-up, false eyelashes and false nails must be removed completely.

No jewellery other than a watch, one signet ring and one stud earring per ear.
Any other form of body piercing is unacceptable in school.
Students who have piercings must remove all body jewellery before coming to school.

Equipment - Every student should have a bag, pens, pencils and a ruler every day. They will need it every lesson.

Our office sells basic equipment - pens, pencils, rulers etc. at cost price before school, at break and lunchtime. Teachers will not be giving out equipment in lessons.



Mobile Phones - Students may bring phones to school but they should be switched off.

Students using them between normal school hours of 8:45am and 3:15pm, including breaks and lunchtime, will have them confiscated until the end of the day. If you need to contact your child urgently during the day, please ring our reception on 0191 296 2771.

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Uniform @ Marden

Always take pride in how you look

Girls Uniform

Blazer with school badge***	To be worn at all times.
School clip on tie**	Worn in the correct manner.
Black V neck jumper with school logo***	Jumper with logo is compulsory. Sweatshirts or hooded sweatshirt tops are not acceptable.
Black dress trousers	Must reach the waist, fashion trousers such as hipsters, combats, jeans, cords are not acceptable.
Black skirt	Knee length, pleated or A-line to allow freedom of movement NO SPLITS. No fashion skirts.
White school shirt	Long enough to tuck into skirt or trousers. Must button up to neck to allow tie to be worn correctly. Pull on tops; polo shirts or zip fastened tops are not acceptable. No fashion blouses.
Black low heeled shoes	Trainers, fashion shoes, flip flops, mules or sandals are not acceptable.
White socks or grey, black or natural coloured tights	No footless tights or leggings.
Sensible outdoor coat	Hooded sweatshirt tops or similar fashion tops are not acceptable.

Boys Uniform

Blazer with school badge***	To be worn at all times.
School clip on tie**	Worn in the correct manner.
Black V neck jumper with school logo***	Jumper with logo is compulsory. Sweatshirts or hooded sweatshirt tops are not acceptable.
Black trousers	Fashion trousers such as combats, jeans, cord etc., are not acceptable.
White school shirt	Must button up to neck to allow tie to be worn correctly. Polo shirts are not acceptable.
Black shoes	Shoes must be all black with no coloured markings. Trainers and similar are not acceptable.
Sensible outdoor coat	Hooded sweatshirt tops or similar fashion tops are not acceptable.

** Tie can be purchased from Emblematic or the school office.

***Blazer and jumper can be purchased from Emblematic directly.

DESIGNER LABELS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED

As stated in School Rules: No jewellery other than a watch, one signet ring and one stud earring per ear. Any other form of body piercing is unacceptable in school. Students who have piercings must remove all body jewellery before coming to school.



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Girls PE Clothing

Outdoor Purple sweatshirt with hood* Plain black shorts White football socks Plain black tracksuit bottoms* Training shoes Football/rugby boots with studs for grass Shin pads Plain white polo shirt Towel	Indoor Plain white polo shirt* White socks Plain black shorts Training shoes Towel
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Boys PE Clothing

Outdoor Purple sweatshirt with hood* Purple school rugby top* Plain black shorts Plain black tracksuit bottoms* Black football socks Plain white polo shirt* Training shoes Football/rugby boots with studs for grass Shin pads Towel	Indoor Plain white polo shirt* Plain black shorts White socks Training shoes Towel
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*Starred sports items can be ordered with logo from Emblematic

Gum shields are strongly recommended for football/rugby



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Learning @ Marden

What to do in lessons

1. Arrive at the lesson on time – **carpe diem!**
Line up sensibly and enter the room ready to learn
2. Always have the following equipment out on your desk:



Pen



Pencil



Ruler



Handbook



Reading Book

3. Listen attentively to the teacher and to other students - put down your pen and sit up straight
4. Be an **effective participant**. This means that you try your very hardest with all tasks and always take part in lessons
5. At Marden our working is underpinned by 5 key principles

RESILIENT
RESPONSIBLE
Resourceful
REASONING
REFLECTIVE

5Rs



Literacy @ Marden

Developing skills and knowledge
throughout the curriculum

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A passion for reading and the development of literacy is important at Marden High. We know that literacy goes beyond the mechanics of reading and writing, and aim to improve your ability to critically evaluate, analyse and articulate your own viewpoints at every opportunity during your five years with us. Not only will an increased awareness and understanding of literacy help you succeed at GCSE, but it will be vital for your successes in life thereafter, too.

Literacy Marking:

When marking your book, all of your teachers will use the following codes to indicate when you have made an error in your writing. This will help you identify areas for improvement and become a better writer.

P Punctuation Wrong or missing punctuation	G Grammar Incorrect grammar used
Sp Spelling Spelling error made	// Paragraph Start a new paragraph here
CL Capital Letters Missing or incorrect capital letter	^ Word Missing A word has been left out
?? Meaning Not Clear This part does not make sense	

Learners who read are learners who achieve, so you should use the following guidelines to ensure you make the most of opportunities reading for pleasure provides.

- **On Every Desk A Book:** All students should have reading material with them in school every day. **A reading book is part of your school equipment.** You can find literature suggestions around school, in the LRC or your subject classrooms and on the English subject cloud online.
- **We all read for pleasure** once a week during registration, but you should also read for pleasure throughout the day whenever it is appropriate.
- **The LRC is open before, during and after school for reading and independent enquiry.** Books can be borrowed using your personal barcode – you should see the school website for updates and new releases.
- You should aim to **read for at least 30 minutes every day.**



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The House System @ Marden

Which house are you in?

At Marden High we have a House System, with students being placed into one of four Houses named after Castles within the North East of England. The houses are, Alnwick, Bamburgh, Dunstanburgh, and Warkworth.

Each year group has four House Captains and Vice Captains, these students are responsible for leading by example in how they conduct themselves in and around school setting a great example to their peers. They have to demonstrate leadership skills by helping to organise House teams for sports competitions that take place throughout the year.

House Points - How to Earn Points

After every lesson you will be awarded 2 achievement points if you have met your teacher's high expectations, have worked consistently well, listened and applied yourself well throughout the lesson.

Additional points can be awarded if you display Responsibility, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reasoning, Reflectiveness. You can also earn additional points for demonstrating outstanding effort, outstanding behaviour or displaying positive attitude to learning. Form Tutors will award points each week based on your attendance, punctuality, uniform and equipment.

Opportunities to earn additional points take place throughout the year, with departments running different competitions.

The House Challenge runs across the year, with an opportunity each week to earn House Points by completing various engaging and fun challenges. These can be by attending all week, completing work to an excellent standard, winning a Golden Ticket or taking on a subject based task like making Ecobricks for charity.

Assemblies are held throughout the year that share and update the points for the Houses and for students achieving the most points.

In the summer term, Sports Day will bring the Houses into competition enabling the students to win points for their House. The House Captains and Vice Captains will take responsibility and organise their teams. At the end of the year the House who have achieved highest points win the Marden High House Trophy.

Points Tariff Examples

Representing a school team **5 points**

Representing your House team **3 points**

Attending a training session **3 points**

Helping out at an Open Evening **5 points**

Mentoring younger students **3 points**

Helping to run a school club/activity/charity event **3 points**

Litter picking **3 points**

Helping with interviews or showing guests around the school **5 points**