This text has been taken from **'The Marden Agreement'** on page 2 of your student handbook (planner).

As a student at Marden High School, you **must** adhere to and follow each of these statements when you are **both in and out of school.**

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

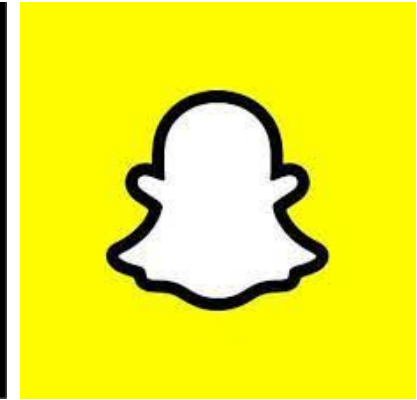*Show Respect; Take Responsibility; Focus on Learning*

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Using Social Media

A small number of our school community are not adhering to these rules with regard to online communication.

These are some examples of social media platforms frequently used by our students, despite them **all** having an age restriction of **13** or above. **Whatsapp has an age restriction of 16+.**

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Here are a list of do's and don'ts to observe when using social media.

Do ✅	Don't 🚫
Use social media to connect with friends and family appropriately.	Be unkind or disrespectful to others (either directly to the or about them) - the same social rules apply online as in person.
Have a break from social media if it causing you stress or 'drama'.	Create large group chats without the consent of those that you are inviting.
Tell an adult (parent/carer, your year head) if you see something on social media (including group chats) that makes you feel uncomfortable, or that you think may make others feel uncomfortable.	Screenshot messages or social media content (videos, images) created by others to ridicule or be unkind about them.

Connect with people you don't know. |
| Leave big group chats or block/unfollow accounts if you witness negative behaviour. | Share other students' details (phone number, social media profiles) with others.

Be complicit or silent about negative social media interactions that you witness - by doing this you are allowing these negative behaviours to continue. |

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'Cyber Bullying'

Cyberbullying is any form of bullying that happens online. It can be something subtle, like being left out of a group chat to something more obviously nasty or threatening. It can also be very public and can happen at any place and at any time.

This video will give you tips and advice on how to take a step back, get things in perspective and deal with cyberbullying in a way that means you can still enjoy being online.

<u>Any</u> participation or complicity in cyberbullying can result in sanctions at school, or police involvement.

<u>If you see any negative interactions online, report it to your year head or an appropriate member of staff.</u>