



Marden High School

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear All,

One of the key priorities we have in our School Development Plan is to do with how we prepare our students for a fulfilling future work life. We are working on:

“Raising the profile of CEIAG (careers and enterprise information, advice and guidance) across the school community so that each student has access to a personalised programme of information, advice and guidance to support their decision making into post 16 education and beyond.”

An important part of this is ensuring that we deliver the highest quality Careers Programme, and so we align our schemes of work and events with the [Gatsby Benchmarks](#), [The Quality in Careers Standard](#) and the [CDI framework](#). You can see what we describe as the ‘entitlements’ that students can expect from the Careers Programme in each year of school by visiting the [CEIAG SOW page](#) on our website under the ‘Life at Marden’ tab. If you have not already, or have not recently, visited the CEIAG section of the school website, I strongly recommend that you do. There is much information on programmes we deliver for KS3 and KS4 students, policies, recent and upcoming events, as well as a CEIAG calendar of events. As reflected in the school’s priorities, this is a key area of every young person’s education, and one in which I believe parents and carers can be fully involved.

Whatever our young people choose to do in their future lives, [good personal presentation](#) will be key to their success, and being able to present yourself well requires good self-esteem and self-confidence. It means that you have to learn about yourself, and understand and accept who you are, both positives and negatives, and be comfortable with yourself. This does not mean that you think there is nothing you can improve, but that you are confident in your ability to achieve, and know how to overcome your flaws. So people who present themselves well generally do so because they believe in themselves, rather than because they are worried about what other people think, concepts that are closely related to personal empowerment. With this in mind, we will soon be hosting the Represent Roadshow, run by M:10 Missions, when students will be working through various events with local business professionals so they have the opportunity to:

1. Use hints and tips that will set students up to communicate effectively over screen

2. Utilise effective tools in body language learning that increases confidence
3. Learn effective processes in job search
4. Role play in order to train their brain for memory recall
5. Learn ways to describe themselves that are authentic based on their learning and experience
6. Ask questions to a panel of employers from North Tyneside Companies

This promises to be an exciting day in October and I will keep you informed with more details and how it goes in this newsletter.

Last year's House Competition saw Alnwick narrowly beating contenders Dunstanburgh. Students will be earning House Points every day by meeting or exceeding the high standards set by their teachers. As we enter the sixth year of the House Competition, the challenge has been set by Alnwick who have so far won four times, with Warkworth winning once in 2021. Is this year going to see Bamburgh or Dunstanburgh claim the top spot? With new House Captains being appointed this week, we'll see student leadership at the heart of the race for the House Championship.

At Marden all of our homework is set using Google classroom. We appreciate the support from parents and carers in the completion of homework. If you are new to Google classroom, or in need of a refresher, there is a screencast here explaining how it works and how your child can best use it to assist them in their completion of homework. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fpr0GdYoiZw&t=1s>

The Science Department would like to invite parents of Year 11 to a short meeting about how students can best prepare for the upcoming mock examinations and the final examinations in June 2023. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th September at 5.30pm in the auditorium. There will be a short presentation, followed by an opportunity for parents to ask questions, there will also be some revision guides and workbooks for parents to see what they can do to support their children.

Please note that we have our Open Evening coming up on Wednesday 21st September, when we look forward to welcoming Year 6 children and their parents to have a look around the school. We have also now put the Parent Calendar on the school website to help parents and carers plan out key events across the school year.

These are historic times, and this will be an historic weekend as the world witnesses the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen was a great example of someone committed to offering unwavering service and duty to her country, and she reminds us that despite the political disagreements and arguments that go on in our country, everyone in a position of authority is there in the service of their community, be that local,

national or global. She was the great unifier of our country, in good times and in bad. Just this summer we came together and celebrated her Platinum Jubilee, and in our darkest moments she was for many a beacon of light and hope. Her words of comfort during the devastating Covid pandemic gave strength, and at a time of national grief she found words which gave us hope, reminding us that we will meet our loved ones again. I am sure that we will all, in our own way, be reflecting on the life and offerings of our late Queen during this Bank Holiday Monday.

Thank you for your continued support and take care.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Snape'.

Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher