



Marden High School

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear All

Students at Marden High School have this year once again achieved excellent GCSE exam results, a great testament to the hard work and commitment of our wonderful students and staff. This summer's outcomes were actually an improvement on the results of 2024, which was a record year itself for students at Marden. We are all very proud of the great positive progress that our students have achieved. The proportion of students achieving at least 5 GCSEs between grades 4 and 9 including maths and English, one of the key metrics that school performance nationally is measured on, stands at 85%, a superb result. The same pattern of rising achievement can be seen whichever measurements are looked at, and this has resulted in our value added score being significantly well above average nationally and our results being amongst the top schools in the region.

We have enjoyed a great first week back with everybody getting quickly back into the swing of lessons and routines. We have benefitted from having a little more space with our new Portakabins and additional recreation space. Our new Year 7 pupils have impressed everybody with their good manners and enthusiasm, and our older students have been great role models for them. On the theme of role models, we had the final presentations and voting to select our Head Prefects at the close of last term. Our Head Prefects have a key role in the leadership of our school community and as such will not only help coordinate the work of the prefect body, but also represent students at various events such as our Open Evening. The standard of presentations was very high and I am delighted to announce that our Head Prefects for this year are Courtney Conway and Lucas Hart, who I am very confident will both do an excellent job representing our community.

As various terms of office conclude, we currently have two governor vacancies. The role of a governor *is to work with the headteacher and senior leadership team to drive the strategic development of the school and raise standards of achievement. Duties include setting the school's vision, aims and objectives, and approving the school budget.* Application forms to become a governor can be found on the [school website at this link](#) and should be sent to the school reception for the attention of Dr Margaret Stewart, Chair of Governors, by Friday 26th September. If anybody has any questions or would like an informal chat about the role, I would be happy for them to contact me by email or at the school.

Please remember that parents who are dropping off or picking up their child should stop away from the immediate vicinity of the school gates and ensure they are not parked across any of our neighbours' drives.

On Thursday next week we have the 'Settling-in' Evening for parents of our new Year 7 pupils and we very much look forward to welcoming everyone into school to share some really useful detailed information about life in school, and for the opportunity for parents to meet Form Tutors. Year 7 parents have received a letter about this evening.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher