



Marden High School

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear All

Last week when I spoke to all students in assembly I talked about our standards and expectations, the same ones that help deliver such fantastic outcomes for our young people year after year. I reminded everyone of the importance of establishing solid habits and routines for success, by showing respect, taking responsibility, and focusing on the learning. I also pointed out to everybody that seeing opportunities is all well and good, but it is actually taking those opportunities that really brings the benefits. In a similar vein, Mrs Robson's assembly this week featured our Head Prefects, Courtney and Lucas, talking about hope. As they said, hope is not simply you wishing for a desired outcome, but you taking action to make it happen.

Operation Encompass is a strategy run in partnership with North Tyneside Council and Northumbria Police. This project, which commenced in June 2016, aims to support children who are affected by domestic abuse. Experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person who often sees the abuse, hears it from another room, sees a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt trying to stop the abuse. As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the police will make contact with Children's Social Care Front Door service who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to. Each school has members of staff, in our case Mrs Reece, who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident. Remember we are here to help. If you feel we can provide additional support for your child, please do contact us.

Other news:

- Our first Personal Development drop down day is on the 30th September. This is with Year 7 and the theme for the day is safety. Sessions will be delivered from the police (age appropriate including information on knife crime) and the fire service. There will also be sessions about healthy friendships and relationships, our digital footprint and online safety, and social media wellbeing. We

also have Show Racism the Red Card who will be delivering sessions on anti-racism. Also as part of Personal Development, we have a theatre group coming in on the 14th September to do a performance on alcohol awareness for Year 8 students.

- We had a very successful Settling-In Evening for parents of Year 7 on Thursday this week where Mr Topping, their Head of Year emphasised how well this year group have started their school career at Marden.
- On the 17th September we have our Open Evening between 6pm and 8pm, and many parents will receive permission slips to complete as lots of our students will want to help out with activities or to act as guides. No doubt this will be a fantastic evening led by our wonderful ambassadors, the children. Open mornings are on 19th and 26th September, and places can be booked by ringing the school reception.
- E-Safety is an important part of keeping children safe in the modern world, and teaching children how to be safe and appropriate online is a responsibility that we all share. If you would like support or information about apps, games or social networks, the [e-Safety](#) page of our school website includes tips, safety guidance and information on popular online platforms that are popular with children and is updated every week.

The football season got underway this week as the Year 8 boys team played Wellfield Middle School on Wednesday afternoon. Despite having very little time to prepare for the game following the summer break, the boys went into the match full of confidence after their cup winning season in Year 7. The game started with the Marden team putting pressure on the visitors' goal, having several chances to open the scoring, and would have done so but for some inspired goalkeeping from the Wellfield Number 1. The first half developed into a very even affair, with both teams creating chances but neither converting. The score at the break remained 0-0. In the second half, the home team broke the deadlock with a fine break away goal early in the half. Marden doubled their lead soon after with an opportunistic goal when the keeper parried a long range shot. Wellfield came back into the game with a counterattack goal of their own. Marden hit the woodwork late on but the game ended soon after. The hosts deserved their win and look forward to their game at John Spence next week.



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