



Marden High School

Friday 26th September 2025

Our Values

We have recently hosted some very well attended Open Mornings, where we introduce people to our school community, and what our values are, and what is important to us. Whilst I believe our values can be best seen being enacted every day in lessons, during extra-curricular activities, and through all the conversations and interactions we have with one another, we actually do have a written summary of who we are in our Values Statement, parts of which I like to remind people of from time to time. Here is the first part of it:

This is a vibrant, exciting place where people thrive. We are a strong community, each individual full of hope, looking forward to many possibilities.

We are recognised for our innovative, high quality education and excellent examination results.

We believe in our young people and inspire them to achieve more than they ever thought possible, both in and outside the classroom.

Within the Marden family, we know each other well and are kind to one another.

We see hope and opportunity for everyone, recognising the great range of talents we all have, and we leave no stone unturned in helping our young people to a bright future.

At Marden we are able to express our own personalities, confident that we will be supported in the achievement of our goals and dreams.

I have seen so many people doing these things this week, as I do each and every week. The full statement can be found on the school website under the 'about Marden' tab.

Student Development Programme

This week saw our Year 10 Student Development Programme enjoy its fourth day take place and this time at NUCastle alongside the Newcastle United Foundation staff. Including a STEM activity, sporting activities, team building, use of Virtual Reality and a chance to explore the building, students, alongside those from other schools, continued to broaden their skill set and deepen understanding of a variety of topics. The next, and final, day is the graduation from the course, which has taken place in collaboration with the North East Combined Authority and three other North Tyneside schools. It has been a privilege to see the students develop their confidence and skills across the four days.

Pupil Premium Strategy

Our Pupil Premium Strategy has been updated for this year, following a review, and can be found here: <https://www.mardenhigh.net/parents/care-guidance-and-support/pupil-premium-strategy/>. It is a strategy that spans three years, and this year (2025/26) is the third of the three years, therefore next summer a greater review and update will take place as we begin the 2026-29 strategy.

Chromebooks

This week we have had the official launch of our new 'Tech 4 Learners' 1:1 device programme. For parents and students who are part of the first phase of the rollout, we ask that you now read, sign and return the 1:1 Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy to the school. A signed policy is required before the device can be collected. We will be opening up additional portals in the future for others to have the opportunity to join the scheme. More information can be found on our website under the 'Life at Marden' tab. If you would like to discuss the scheme in more detail, please contact Mr Orr at n.orr@mardenhigh.net.

Information Evening for parents

There will be an information evening for Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) parents/carers on Thursday 2nd October from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. There will be a short presentation from the core subjects areas of maths, science and English about course coverage and how you can support your child.

Careers and Futures

- Over the next few months, every year 11 student will each receive at least one hour of dedicated one-to-one career information, advice and guidance by a qualified career advisor. Following their interviews, students are given a tailored Careers Action Plan. These plans are also being shared with parents and carers to encourage active support at home during this important decision-making time.

- As part of our commitment to continually improve, every student will be completing the Future Skills Questionnaire over the next few weeks. This will help generate valuable feedback to allow us to evaluate the impact of our Careers Education, Information, Advice, and Guidance (CEIAG) curriculum. It will also allow us to identify how we can better support individual students with their career pathway.
- For further information about any of our careers events or if you would like to volunteer to support our programme with an hour of your time, please contact Mrs Brennan at:

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