



Marden High School

Friday 3rd October 2025

Assembly

This week our assemblies have carried a very powerful message of anti-discrimination and anti-racism. The thoughtful presentation focused on us accepting and celebrating people for who they are and what they contribute, and that racism and discrimination is never acceptable. We live in a world where we are exposed to many prejudicial views through social media, and so we must learn to have a critical awareness of what we are seeing, reading and hearing, and to understand better what is going on around us so that we can make informed decisions about how we interact with each other. It has been said previously, many times, that Marden is a place where people care about each other, and where each person gets individual attention. We accept people for who they are, which means that at Marden people can be themselves, able to express their unique personality, and confident that they will be supported to achieve their goals.

Digital Kit

During the first lockdown of 2020, we received a number of TP-Link 4G mobile wifi routers. We supported families at the time by loaning out to help with remote learning but have a number still available to any family who would find use in having one. Should you wish to make use of this, please either pop into reception to pick one up, or your child can collect one from reception. These do not need to be returned and we hope they are of use to anyone who needs one.

Marden House TV

This week students watched the very first 'House TV' which is now a regular viewing highlight, hosted by our own students, with headlines around the House Competition and an update on the leaderboard shared. Information was also shared regarding the Y10 upcoming visit to the Houses of Parliament, as well as the forthcoming Great Languages Bake Off competition. Miss Taylor's literacy information was also shared via the newly updated student bulletin, including: the Weekly Literacy Challenge, the Book of the Week, Literacy Cloud reading recommendations and Oracy information. Students can find out more about all of these on the Student Bulletin or by looking at the Plasma Screens around school.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This year we are thrilled to have 148 students starting their Bronze DofE Award, our biggest group yet. Students are now choosing activities for the three key sections: Skill, Physical and Volunteering. Many are already exploring new hobbies, joining sports and fitness clubs, and looking for ways to support the local community. The DofE journey is about more than the award though – it's about building confidence, resilience and independence. We look forward to celebrating their achievements over the coming months.

Sports

The Year 8 boys football team were in action first against Marden Bridge Middle School. The earlier rain on Wednesday had done nothing to dampen the spirits of either side and although both teams played out a goalless first half, the intensity of play was fantastic to watch. The second half picked up where the first had left off, with both teams creating chances, only to be denied by some outstanding goalkeeping. Marden High did manage to break the deadlock, deep into the game, with a well taken goal from a rebound save. The rest of the game played out with Marden High in control and ended with a 1-0 score.

The next day the Year 8 boys hosted Longbenton in the Northumberland County cup first round. In this game, the visitors came at the home team from the first whistle, but the Marden boys dug deep and repelled several attacks before countering with their own. Despite both teams' best efforts, the half time score remained 0-0. In the second half Longbenton pinned the home team back and the pressure told as a scramble in the Marden box saw the visitors force home the ball to take the lead. Marden stretched the game in search of an equaliser and were awarded a penalty late on, but the resulting spot kick was saved smartly by the keeper, seeing Longbenton progress to the next round. The Marden boys will be disappointed with the result, but can hold their heads high after giving a fantastic account of themselves against tough opponents.

And finally, our KS4 boys' badminton teams had their first fixtures this week. They faced some tough opponents and played some excellent badminton. The boys managed to secure their first win of the competition against a spirited George Stephenson High School team. Well done to all players.



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