



Marden High School

Friday 7th November 2025

Careers Explorers

This week, our Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to explore the world of work at our Careers Explorers event. A diverse range of industry representatives joined us, including professionals from the NHS Paramedics, The British Army, Rook Matthew Sayers, Turner & Townsend, and Golf England to provide students with valuable insights into their respective fields.

The event proved to be a fantastic learning experience, with students engaging enthusiastically and asking insightful, thought-provoking questions. Over the course of the event each student had the chance to speak with at least seven different employers, gaining a deeper understanding of various career pathways.

The feedback from both students and employers was overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to organising similar events for our Year 8 and Year 7 students in the upcoming Spring and Summer terms, respectively. A special thank you goes to the parents of some of our students who took time out of their day to support the event, your involvement is greatly appreciated. If you would like to get involved in supporting future careers events, please contact our Careers Lead, Fiona Brennan, at f.brennan@mardenhigh.net.

Guided Choices

This week Mrs Robson launched the guided choices process for Year 9 students with an [assembly](#). Mrs Robson outlined that all students will all study GCSE English Language, GCSE English Literature, GCSE Maths and GCSE Science as compulsory subjects and also follow PE and Personal Development. In Year 11 some students may follow a combined science route rather than separate sciences. Students will then pick three additional subjects. In order to ensure that their curriculum choices are broad and balanced, one, or more, of these three choices must be GCSE French, GCSE German, GCSE Computer Science, GCSE History or GCSE Geography. Some students also study GCSE Further Maths as an extracurricular activity. Students will pick their provisional choices in January and then their final choices by the 6th March.

Year 7 POW night

Staff enjoyed talking to parents of Year 7 students at a well attended POW (Proud of our Work) evening on Thursday. There is always a POW evening for all Year groups. This additional one for Year 7 provides a

valuable opportunity for parents and carers of students, who are relatively new to the school, to talk to staff and come into school. As always, there was a great atmosphere with students keen to talk to their parents and carers about their learning.

School production

This week we launched our annual school production, 'Legally Blonde'. It was a fantastic turnout and it was great to see so many of our new Year 7 students expressing interest. We're very much looking forward to the audition process next week; it's always a pleasure to see our students showcasing their creativity. It's not too late to get involved - if you're interested in taking part please email s.berriman@mardenhigh.net for more information.

Photography trip

On Monday the Photography department took 40 Year 10 students on a visual journey through our local environment. Cameras at the ready, students focused on landscapes and angled viewpoints to rise to the challenge of taking the most creative photographs possible. They sourced inspiration from an autumnal walk around Marden Quarry, capturing flora and fauna through their lenses then looked at imaginative angles and lighting at St George's Church. The photographs taken will provide students with an excellent starting point to then manipulate the imagery and develop ideas in response to their current theme of 'distort and destroy'.

Parent/Carer survey

We always welcome feedback and discussion from Parents and Carers at any point in the academic year. In addition to this we also like to collate views on a range of topics at key points in the year. I would appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill in the attached [Parent/Carer survey for Autumn 2025](#).

Marden High Student Leadership Programme

This week we welcomed back a group of former students who are now undertaking the Marden High Student Leadership Programme as part of their enrichment work at sixth form. There are two areas of support taking place; either in class support or student mentoring. Across a range of subjects, the students applied the skills, knowledge and understanding, gained as students here, to support students in a number of year groups. The students excelled in their roles and our current students found the alumni helpful and engaging. We look forward to seeing them every Wednesday throughout the year as part of the Leadership Programme which runs each year here at school.

Sports

The Year 8 boys football team travelled to Burnside college in the North Tyneside Schools league on Wednesday evening and the fireworks going off in the surrounding skies were not the only pyrotechnics on display. The Marden boys put on a show of their own with some sparkling footwork, dazzling runs and spectacular shots in their 3-0 victory. Their opponents made the team work hard and it looked like the first half would be a stalemate as the home keeper made a series of outstanding saves. The deadlock was broken however with a minute left to play in the first period when some clever interplay allowed Marden to get into the home box and shoot high into the net to take a 1-0 lead. The second half was much of the same, with Marden having great opportunities to score, only to be thwarted by the Burnside keeper. With time running out, Marden were able to work the ball forward and shoot from the edge of the box, just out of the reach of the diving goalkeeper to score a well deserved second. With time almost up, a long ball forward was right on the money as Marden swept into the area, to volley home their third and with it, take the game. A wonderful display of football from the Marden boys, who look forward to a cup game next against St Thomas More.

On Thursday evening, both the U16 and U14 Netball Teams put on outstanding performances in their recent fixture at Marden High School against St Thomas More. The U16 team dominated the court with impressive teamwork and accuracy, securing a 24–5 result. Similarly, the U14s followed with their own brilliant display of skill and determination, winning 20–4. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and spirit throughout.



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