



Friday 16th January 2026

Uniform

As most people are aware we have a stock of cleaned, pre-loved school uniform in good condition in school which parents and carers can access for their children. We have a plentiful supply of most items and most sizes, but we are short of size medium in everything, this being the most popular size. If anybody has any school uniform at home which is surplus to requirements, we would always be grateful to receive it. Should anybody require uniform they can contact us at uniform@mardenhigh.net. Could we also ask if anybody has borrowed blazers or ties at home that are no longer needed, that they are returned to school.

Year 11

It was great for staff to speak to so many parents at Year 11 Parents' evening this week. Many parents and carers were asking about how they could support their child to revise. Ensuring that your child has a dedicated space and resources is helpful. Students should have a timetable in place now so that they are revising for all of their subjects over time. There are helpful resources in the 'learning' and 'exams' section of the website about how to revise for different subjects and details of the revision available in school. Hard copies of [this revision timetable](#) are available in the LRC for students to organise their time. Using post-it notes to identify specific tasks that take about 40 minutes can help students to organise revision around their other commitments and activities.

Year 11 Leaving Celebration

We are organising our Prom Event for Year 11 students on the evening of Thursday 2 July 2026 at the Village Hotel between 7.00pm-10.00pm. This is one of the highlights of the Marden High School calendar, and it will be a happy opportunity for all eligible Year 11 students to join with staff in celebrating the conclusion of their studies at Marden in style.

Amazing talent

Marden's Got Talent is back this term, taking place on Thursday 19 March 2026. This annual event is always a fantastically entertaining evening and is an opportunity for students to showcase their expertise in any area: from singing to circus skills! If your child would like to be considered for this annual event, a Google form will be shared with all students next week to express an interest by Friday 30 January 2026. Details of how to share a digital audition will then be shared with students following this. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Cathcart or Ms Laing: e.cathcart@mardenhigh.net or e.laing@mardenhigh.net

Assemblies

This week's assemblies were centred around the theme of leadership:

- Our School of Sanctuary students led Friday's assembly for Year 7, to invite them to get involved in developing the work of the School of Sanctuary which is very much focused on making our school the welcoming and kind place that it is.
- Our Year 9 students saw the launch of the Student Leadership Accreditation. This year our Year 9 students will collate their work, together with examples of the skills, qualities and experiences that they are developing at Marden to produce a CV by the end of the year. From next year, this programme will be rolled out across the whole school and over time, students will update their CV each year. This will lead to them achieving the Marden Leadership Award at Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum level.
- Students in Year 11, Year 10 and Year 8 learned of the four stages involved in leading, from finding your philosophy, to developing your strategy, showing authenticity and reviewing your progress. Students were challenged to 'start with why?' before working out who and what they needed to enact their vision before taking the leap and starting their journey.

Our students are autonomous, dedicated, hard working young people and these assemblies show the breadth of work taking place to develop leadership within them. Next week's assemblies will see this develop further with the theme being "I have a Dream" as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr Week, completing the trilogy of assemblies around Hope, Leadership and Agency.

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 4 February 2026 - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio/Meningitis - Year 9 vaccinations

Thursday 5 February 2026 - Year 9 Guided Choices Evening

Thursday 12 February 2026 - Year 9 POW Evening



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