



Friday 6th March 2026

## **House Assemblies**

Recently the House Assemblies took place with the theme Impossible. Year 11 House Captains pitted their wits and knowledge to earn House points. In an exciting week, Warkworth produced a stellar performance earning over fifteen thousand points, which has helped them close the gap on the current House leaders Alnwick. With the race to the House championship only weeks away, it is all to play for.

## **Year 8 Careers Explorer Morning**

Our Year 8 Careers Explorer Morning will take place on 11th March. Events like this help students broaden their awareness of different industries and career pathways from an early stage. We are always keen to represent a wide range of sectors and have found that many of our parents and carers are willing to share their professional knowledge and experiences. If you would like to find out more about supporting this event, please contact Mrs Brennan at [f.brennan@mardenhigh.net](mailto:f.brennan@mardenhigh.net).

## **Girls Get Set STEM**

The Girls Get Set STEM girls visited Baker Hughes this week to give their final presentations on their carbon capture and field development projects. Our teams of bronze and silver awards students wowed the judges with their ideas on how carbon capture can be transported in the most efficient way. Our 3 teams, Destructive Ducks, The Carbon Horizon and P.Navi gave enthusiastic and very competitive representations of their ideas, with teams even looking at what their proposed vessels would look like in real life using AI and also using their maths skills to compare the speed of their vessels, as well as the mass of carbon capture that could be carried on each journey. Our gold award students had some difficult decisions to make, a specification and budget to work to and excelled in justifying the design choices that they had made. The girls have a long wait until the end of June to find out who the winners are at graduation day, but before that, our gold award girls are preparing for their internship which will be taking place in March. This is such an exciting opportunity for our girls where they will be working within various departments within Baker Hughes over 3 days, gaining an insight into how different engineering departments work.

## **Religious festivals**

In March a number of key religious festivals take place which families within the Marden community will celebrate. These include the Jewish festival of Purim (March 2-3), the Hindu festival of Holi (March 4), and continuation of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan leading up to Eid al-Fitr (March 19-20), alongside

Christian observances like Palm Sunday (March 29) marking the start of Holy Week. We learn of different religions and various backgrounds through form time, assemblies and Personal Development and seek to understand and be curious through all our work. We wish everyone well during their celebration of these holidays and those not listed in the spirit of togetherness, compassion and kindness; three pillars of our ethos at Marden High School.

### **North Tyneside Dance Festival**

On Tuesday afternoon and evening, the North Tyneside Dance Festival brought together an impressive display of talent, commitment, and creativity. A group of 23 dedicated dancers from Marden took to the stage after weeks of preparation, having attended 12 training sessions in the lead-up to the event. Their hard work was clear to see in both performances. All pupils demonstrated confidence and technique. The audience enjoyed a fantastic variety of performances, and the dancers should be extremely proud of what they achieved. Congratulations to all 23 dancers for their dedication and for delivering such an enjoyable event.

### **Headteacher interviews**

This coming week sees interviews for the post of headteacher take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, following much interest from potential candidates. Governors, staff and students will take short listed candidates through a number of rigorous activities, presentations and interviews to determine who will be Marden's next headteacher. The outcome will be communicated to the community in due course.



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