



Friday 5th June 2026

It has been good to welcome everybody back to the final half term of this academic year, and a great week it has been too. Everyone has settled back into learning and working hard and our Year 11 students have another week of exams behind them. It has been good to see so many of them in school this week taking advantage of the continuing revision sessions put on by staff. These will continue right up until the last exam, including whilst students are on study leave, which starts this Friday after the English exam.

Parent and carer survey feedback

You may recall that some weeks ago we put out our Spring/Summer Parent Survey. I would like to thank everybody who engaged with the questionnaire as we have had an excellent response. It is very important that in addition to talking to parents regularly, we also gather thoughts from the parent body in large numbers to help us determine what is going well and what we may need to work on in the future. The response to the latest survey has been overwhelmingly positive. There is, in fact, only one statement where more than 5% of parents disagreed, reflecting a hugely positive parent perception around happiness, behaviour, safety, progress, extra-curricular, special educational needs, and personal development. The topic that has the most disagreement (though still scoring over 80% agreement) is about the reporting and parents evening system, including some useful comments in the written section of the survey. We have therefore decided to review this area and explore what different alternatives there may be for next year. Also included in the written section are some very thoughtful comments, celebrating the hard work of students and staff at the school:

“Marden High and staff are second to none, the help and support my child and myself have received is above what I ever expected going off other schools I have dealt with. Younger child is thriving here, I couldn't recommend this school enough, forever grateful for the support for my older child.”

“Great school, very supportive staff, highly recommend Marden.”

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Rotavated areas

If you've visited the school recently you may have noticed that we have four distinct areas of grass that have recently been rotavated in preparation for wildflower planting. They have recently been seeded so we are looking forward to seeing wildflowers and grasses coming through in the weeks ahead. As part of the

environmental enhancement necessary with the introduction of our Portakabins, we decided to introduce these wildflower areas to boost local biodiversity, provide hands-on outdoor learning, and improve student well-being. The spaces will also create safe habitats for pollinators like bees and butterflies, while offering pupils a living classroom to observe nature, study ecosystems, and encourage a lifelong connection to the natural environment.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children is of paramount importance and is everyone's responsibility. The Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Reece who is supported by Mrs Charlton, Mr Anderson and Mr Topping as Deputy Safeguarding Leads. Please remember that if you have any safeguarding concerns about the welfare of a child, you can contact any member of the Safeguarding team.

School summer performance

Preparations are well underway for our annual school production and this year we are performing 'Legally Blonde Jnr.' The story follows Elle Woods, a vibrant UCLA sorority president who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend, only to discover her own potential and legal talent. The show promises to be a high-energy, comedy-romance stage adaptation of the 2001 hit film. Students and staff have worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring this musical to the stage and we're looking forward to welcoming families and friends for a fun-filled night of talent and entertainment. Performances take place 6th and 7th July at 6.00pm. Tickets are on sale from the school office from Monday 8 June.

Parents Forum

Finally, a reminder that my next Parents Forum meeting is next week on Thursday 11th June between 5.30pm and 6.30pm when I look forward to seeing parents and carers who wish to come in for an informal chat about school life and developments generally.



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