

Welcome to Marden 26/27

Welcome to my first newsletter of 26/27! It is with great pride and excitement that I write to you for the first time. My overriding vision for Marden is that students experience success at school, whatever that might look like for them as an individual; that they feel safe and enjoy their learning and the experiences that Marden can offer. As a proud member of the Marden community I am looking forward to taking the school forward to the next stage in its development.

Welcoming our students back

We have enjoyed welcoming all of the students back this week and it has been brilliant to see them smartly dressed and eager to learn. We have been particularly impressed by the positive attitude towards our mobile phone policy, with students switching off their phones and putting them away once they are through the 'no phone zone' at the front of the school. **Year 7** have settled in well and we've been impressed by their independence, resilience and positivity.

Key information

- **There is a settling in evening next Thursday, 10th September, from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.** More information will be shared with Year 7 parents later today.
- **Year 7 and Year 10 students will have their individual photographs taken on Tuesday 8th September.**

Celebrating academic success

Year 11 achieved fantastic results again in the summer. It was wonderful to see the hard work and dedication pay off and there was very much a celebratory air on results day. We wish our students well for the future and their next steps.

**Introducing our New staff**

We are delighted to welcome several new colleagues to the Marden team this term.

Joining our Senior Leadership & Support Teams:

- Ms Mallaburn joins the Senior Leadership Team as our new Business Manager.
- Ms Hancock has taken on the role of Transition Coordinator and Year 7 Mentor.
- Mrs Cowan joins us as our new Attendance Officer.

Joining our SEND Department:

- Ms Lively and Mrs Dyke join us as Special Support Assistants.
- Mrs Loader (formerly known to many as Miss Laing) is our new Assistant SENDCo.
- For any Special Educational Needs (SEN) related queries, both Mrs Loader and Mrs Reece (SENDCo) can be contacted individually or via email at:
SENDCOS@mardenhigh.net

Joining our Teaching Staff:

- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL): Miss Wight and Miss Crozier.
- English: Ms Sanders.
- Physical Education (PE): Miss Bickley and Miss Dunn (maternity cover)

Ms Power joins us as our new Deputy Headteacher. She has shared a brief introduction below:

"Hello. First of all, I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to be Deputy Headteacher here at Marden High School. Already this week I have felt incredibly welcomed by both staff and students and feel I'm getting to know everyone already. This is testament to the kind and welcoming ethos and atmosphere in the school.

My role as Deputy Headteacher covers a range of different areas and I am leading on target setting and the monitoring of student progress and supporting disadvantaged students and the oversight of our health and wellbeing provision. I also have responsibility for overseeing extra-curricular activities and enrichment, the student cabinet and prefects and form reps."



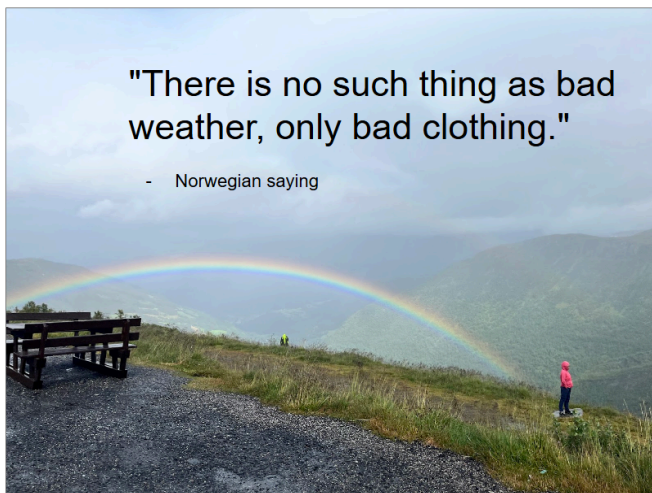
Thought for the week

In our assemblies this week, I explored with the students how being resilient, being prepared, and asking for help when needed is a good way to prepare for the year ahead using the Norwegian proverb:



"There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing."

- Norwegian saying



Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Mrs K Robson'.

Mrs K Robson
Head Teacher