



Dear all,

Week two at Marden has been another successful one with students wearing the correct uniform, engaging well in lessons and taking part in activities on offer around school.

Settling in

This week we welcomed parents and carers of Year 7 students into school. Ms Power and Mr Swain shared key information about academic and pastoral support as well as routines around school. Parents and carers were then able to enjoy a guided tour of the school, by their child, and there was an opportunity to meet form tutors. If you were unable to attend, the slides from the presentation are linked [here](#).

Key information

- On Tuesday 15th September in form time and P1 Year 7 will have a MIDYIS test. Students do not need to do anything to prepare and a report will be shared.
- Our Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 16th September between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

Extra curricular

Our full offer of extra curricular activities launches next week. Find the link below. We really encourage all students to take part in some of the great range of activities on offer before or after school or at lunchtimes. There's something for everyone with activities including Craft Club, Robotics, Duolingo and Parliamentary Club. Study and revision activities are also on offer for KS3 and KS4. Homework Club takes place every day in the LRC until 4.15pm and is a great opportunity to work independently or get some support from our Specialist Support Assistants.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2026/27



*AM (before school),
PM (after school) & lunchtimes*
(Subject to change, see staff members for more details)

MONDAY

Yr 11 Aftermath (PM, M1 - M7, Maths dept.)

Yr 11 Coursework Clinic (Lunch, T6, Ms Nicholls)

Science Revision & Sparx drop-in (Lunch, Sc3, Science dept.)

GCSE Media Revision & NEA catch-up (Lunch, M51, Mr J Ranson, Week A)

HOMEWORK CLUB
Every day after school in the LRC

Yr10 Food Intervention (Lunch, T5, Miss Tait)

Mindful Mondays (Lunch, M3, Mrs Howells)

Yr11 English Language Revision (Lunch, PK4, Miss Boyle)

School Production Dance Rehearsal (Lunch, Drama dept.)

TUESDAY

Yr 11 Food Coursework Clinic (Lunch, T6, Miss Tait)

Yr11 English Support & Revision (Lunch, E4/E5/E6, Mrs Cathcart, Mr Horn, Ms Taylor)

Science Revision & Sparx drop-in (Lunch, Sc3, Science dept.)

School of Sanctuary (Lunch, PK3, Ms Fenwick)

Crystal Art (Lunch, M3, Mrs Piercy)

School Production Singing Rehearsal (Lunch, Music dept.)

Archaeology Club (Lunch, Hu3, Mrs Howells & Mr Williamson)

GCSE RE Revision (Lunch, Hu1, Mrs Macleod)

Study Zone (Lunch, MFL1, Ms Campbell & Ms Dowse-Thewlis)

Yr11 Higher Maths Support (Lunch, M2, Mr Hiscock)

Duolingo Club (Lunch, PF5, Ms Derry)

WEDNESDAY

Yr11 Further Maths (Lunch, M3, Ms Cotterill)

Science Revision & Sparx drop-in (Lunch, Sc3, Science dept.)

GCSE Computer Science Revision (Lunch, IT2, Mr Townshend)

Yr11 GCSE Astronomy (PM, Sc2, Mr Yeoman)

School Production Technical Crew (PM, Drama dept.)

Yr10 & Yr11 GCSE Drama (Lunch, Drama, Mrs Berriman)

Yr11 History Revision (Lunch, Hu2, Mrs Thompson)

Yr10 & Yr11 GCSE English & Media (Lunch, M51, Mrs Loader)

Railway Club (PM, Access, Mrs Howells)

GCSE Fine Art & Photography (Lunch, ART2, Ms Riddles)

GCSE Yr 10 & Yr11 History Revision (Lunch, Hu5, Mr Pennington)

THURSDAY

Yarn & Yap: How to make a Sophie Scarf (Lunch, T5, Miss Tait)

Science Revision & Sparx drop-in (Lunch, Sc3, Science dept.)

GCSE Business Revision (PM, IT2, Mrs Joyce & Mrs Darlington)

Coding Club (Lunch, IT1, Mr Townshend)

Warhammer Club (PM, Art2, Mr Townshend)

Year 10 GCSE Astronomy (PM, Sc2, Mr Yeoman)

Yr10 & 11 GCSE Astronomy Drop-in (Lunch, Sc2, Mr Yeoman)

School Production Rehearsal (Lunch & PM, Drama dept.)

GCSE Foundation Maths Revision (Lunch, M4, Mrs Sloan)

GCSE Maths Revision (Lunch, M1, Mrs Goldie)

Yr 8 & 9 (invite only) Robotics (Lunch, T6, Mrs Green)

Yr11 GCSE Music Revision (Lunch, Music, Mrs Gibbings)

School Band (Instrumentalists) (AM, Music, Mrs Gibbings)

Maths Homework Help (Lunch, M7, Ms Nesbitt)

Craft Club (Lunch, MFL1, Ms McIndewar & Ms Jones)

FRIDAY

Science Revision & Sparx drop-in (Lunch, Sc3, Science dept.)

GCSE Media Revision & NEA catch-up (Lunch, M51, Mr J Ranson, Week B)

Parliamentary Club (Lunch, M6, Mr Lees)

History Revision (Lunch, Hu3, Ms Swearman)

Sparxmaths (Lunch, M6, Mr Wake)

Geography Club (Lunch, E3, Mr Swain)

See PE department posters for all sporting activities!

Sports opportunities

As the new school year begins, so does the new sports season of our school teams. This week has seen over 80 Year 7 pupils attend the netball and boys football team trials, with the bar being set very high in terms of the standard of play witnessed in both activities. More trials take place next week:

- **Monday 14th September - Year 7 girls football trials after school until 4.15pm**
- **Thursday 17th September - Second round of Year 7 boys football trials until 4.15pm.**

As we progress through the half term, there will be more opportunities for pupils in other year groups to try out for school teams. The extra curricular programme for sport will be published next week.

Trip abroad opportunity for Year 9 - 20th–24th June

The Design Technology department is pleased to be able to offer students in Year 9 the exciting opportunity to explore the vibrant city of Barcelona. With an approximate cost of £1,150 per person, the trip includes flights from Newcastle, breakfast and evening meals, as well as a fantastic range of educational and cultural experiences. Students will explore Barcelona's food, design and architecture through visits to La Boqueria Market, Parc Güell and Sagrada Família, alongside a paella-making class, chocolate and science workshop, Flamenco show, Big Fun Museum and Museum of Illusions. This exciting trip offers students the chance to develop their understanding of food and design while experiencing the rich culture, traditions and creativity of Spain. Currently the department is looking for expressions of interest from students in **Year 9**. If interested students can collect a letter with further details from **Miss Nicholls**.

Parking

A reminder that if you are a parent/carer dropping off your child at school, please ensure you park considerately with regard to the road markings and grass verges. Cars should not be driven onto the school site, unless in exceptional circumstances.

PTA - Parent and Teacher Association

Our PTA does a brilliant job of raising additional funds for school and is a great opportunity to get to know others in the school community. Miss Hancock is inviting expressions of interest from those who could give any amount of time to supporting the PTA. If you are interested you can [sign up here](#).

Thought for the week

In our assemblies this heads of year led assemblies on hope and our thought for the week came from Anatole Fran.

“To accomplish great things,
we must not only act, but also
dream; not only plan, but also
believe.”

Anatole France

Have a great weekend!



Mrs K Robson
Head Teacher