

Dear all

We've enjoyed a busy week at Marden. One of the highlights has been our Open Evening on Wednesday and the first of a series of Open Mornings on Friday. Open Evening always feels like a very special opportunity to show off our school. We always have a large number of students who volunteer to support the evening and they were, without a doubt, the highlight of the evening. Parents/carers who were visiting were very impressed with how well our students communicated and interacted with them. We couldn't be more proud of our young people!

Key information

- **Open mornings:** Friday 18th September, 25th September and 2nd October
- **Key stage 3 core curriculum Evening** - Thursday October 1st 5.30pm - 6.30pm (more information will be shared)
- **Year 8 boys football trials** - Monday 21st September 3.30pm - 4.15pm.

Uniform

Whilst uniform standards remain very high, I would like to remind students about jewellery. Students should only wear jewellery that can't be caught to protect against injury. In addition a reminder from the PE department that jewellery should also be removed for PE lessons or replaced with 'Spacers/Retainers' which sit flush on the skin, this will avoid them being caught on anything or anyone.

Parliamentary opportunities



Miss Lees is leading a new extracurricular club this year, [Marden's Parliamentarians](#). Open to all year groups, the club will explore British democracy, learning how our government works, how laws are made and also how students can become politically active and use their voice. In addition, the club will also discuss and debate current affairs and social issues. Marden's Parliamentarians will meet every Friday lunch in EN1.

Trip for Year 10 students

We are very pleased to announce that our Year 10 trip to Parliament will be taking place once again. This exciting, interesting trip is open to **all Year 10** students who wish to learn more about our political system and visit the Palace of Westminster, the very heart of British democracy. The trip will take place on Friday 27th November and will cost **£20 per student**. The trip includes all travel expenses, a tour of the whole Parliamentary estate and concludes with an interactive workshop. Currently, we are looking for expressions of interest from students in Year 10. Students

can collect a letter with further details from Miss Lees.

Renew North Tyneside

Please see the attached [leaflet](#) from North Tyneside Council. Renew North Tyneside, is a reuse shop at Newcastle Quays Retail Park. It provides a range of pre-loved items for local families. They also offer a free pre-loved school uniform rail to help families access replacement uniform when needed.

Student leadership

At the end of last week our Year 11 prefects received their purple ties. This was after a rigorous application process for which we received 90 letters of applications. We will now start the process of appointing Head prefects, 20 students have expressed an interest in this so far. The prefects had their first official

engagement during our Open Evening where they took on a variety of roles and were an absolute credit to Marden.

Art opportunities and success

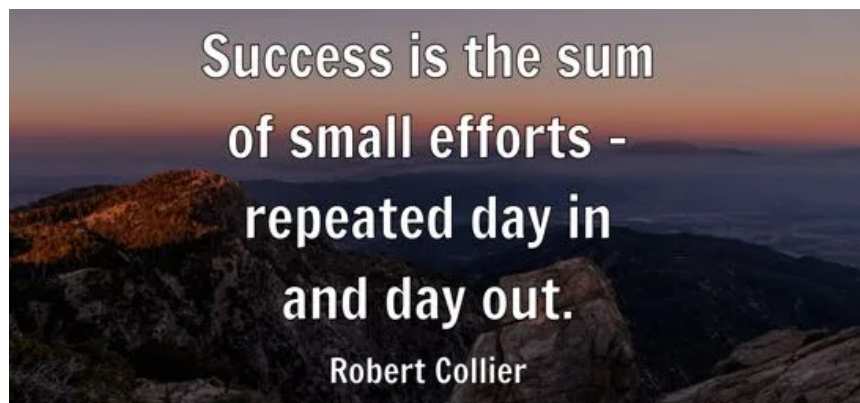
The Art and Design department is again offering [adult workshops](#) with a Halloween or Christmas theme. These were very popular last year and are a great opportunity to try something new. These take place on October 8th - Halloween ceramic pumpkins and 3rd December - Christmas printing. You can sign up via the school office.

Well done to Elena Vietzke who has been awarded runner up in the teachers union Arts & Minds competition (picture below). Elena has won the school £30 voucher for Art Supplies for the school. Well done Elena - what a fantastic achievement.



Thought for the week

This week Ms Power has been leading assemblies on 'Agency' and the quote comes from Robert Collier.



Have a great weekend!

Mrs K Robson
Head Teacher