



Dear all,

As you are aware, I wrote to you earlier in the week and shared the fantastic outcome of our Ofsted report in July. This can now be found on the [Ofsted website](#). I also wrote to all of our students and congratulated them on how accurate a description of them the report was. Some excerpts include:

'Pupils take responsibility for their behaviour and learning. They show care towards each other and towards their school.'

'Pupils become student leaders in sporting, form and house captain roles. They also join the school cabinet and influence changes in school. Pupils participate in a wide range of activities that help to develop their character. They make a positive difference to their community.'

The comments above reflect how our students interact on a daily basis. Already this term I have heard from staff, visitors, members of the public and parents and carers about how impressed they are with our students. Well done to our students who exhibit our values of Hope, Agency and Leadership every day.

Extra curricular sport

Please see the extra curricular opportunities for students in sport being offered by the PE department.

Week A	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Before School 8:00 - 8:30			Yr 7 Boys Football Training	Yr 11 GCSE Volleyball	
Lunchtime 12:35 - 1:00	Yr 7 Net Sports	Yr 10 & 11 Net Sports	Yr 8 & 9 Net Sports	GCSE PE Yr 10 Volleyball Max 36	GCSE PE Yr 11 Volleyball Max 36
After School 3:20 - 4:15	Yr 7 & 8 Netball Training Yr 8 Boys Football Training		Yr 9/10/11 Netball Training U13 Girls Football Training		
Week B	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Before School 8:00 - 8:30			Yr 7 Boys Football Training	Yr 11 GCSE Volleyball	
Lunchtime 12:35 - 1:00	Yr 7 Net Sports	Yr 10 & 11 Net Sports	Yr 8 & 9 Net Sports	GCSE PE Yr 10 Badminton Max 18	GCSE PE Yr 11 Badminton Max 18
After School 3:20 - 4:15	Yr 7 & 8 Netball Training Yr 8 Boys Football Training		Yr 9/10/11 Netball Training U13 Girls Football training		

Sports

The Year 9 boys football team started their season this week, welcoming St Thomas More to Marden on Monday afternoon. The game was a 4-1 victory to Marden in their opening game.

On Wednesday, the Year 11 boys badminton teams travelled to John Spence to take part in the first round of the North Tyneside Schools competition. Both teams played brilliant badminton on the night and will head into the second round with much confidence.

Well done to all players involved.



Allergies

We are committed to ensuring that students with allergies are kept safe and supported while in school. Parents/carers are reminded to keep their child's allergy information up to date, and ensure that any allergies are also reflected in students' School Grid account for purchasing food and drink in school. Mrs Loader, our Allergy Lead, can be contacted at e.loader@mardenhigh.net if you have any questions or require any further information. Mrs Loader will also be leading assemblies over the next few weeks with some key messages about allergies in school for students.

Upcoming event for Year 7: Skills for Work Workshop

Next week, on Wednesday 30th September, our Year 7 students will take part in a **'Skills for Work' workshop hosted by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**. Working in groups, students will be challenged to create their own business idea, decide who will take on key management roles and explore the skills needed when recruiting new staff. Students will also take part in mock interviews, using questions such as *"Tell me about a time you worked in a team"* and *"Tell me about a time you solved a problem."* The workshop will provide an opportunity for students to develop and demonstrate important employability skills, teamwork, creativity, critical thinking and time management. We look forward to seeing our students working collaboratively, building their confidence and developing an understanding of the skills and qualities that are important in the workplace.

Upcoming event for Year 9: Drop down day: Respect

On Tuesday 6th October Year 9 students will have a collapsed timetable, participating in a variety of workshops linked to Personal Development. The theme for the day is 'Respect' and students will be able to explore this in the context of respecting themselves, others and respect within the wider community. A letter with further details has been shared with Year 9 parents.

Upcoming event for parents/carers: KS3 core subject evening

There will be a KS3 core subject evening on Thursday 1st October from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for any parents/carers of children in Year 7, 8 and 9 to find out more about the KS3 curriculum. There will be a presentation from the core areas of English, maths and science. Please express your interest in attending [here](#) so we can plan for numbers.

Thought for the week

Mr Anderson, Assistant Headteacher, has been leading assemblies on Leadership this week with the thought for the week below.



Have a great weekend!

Mrs K Robson
Head Teacher