Marden High School

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is always valuable to gather **feedback from our school community** to identify areas to be celebrated and those areas that may need further development. We have been gathering feedback from students over the past few weeks regarding their opinions about a variety aspects of school life. As a follow on from this, a series of focus groups will be arranged for us to explore some more qualitative feedback from students. A staff survey has been shared with staff and we would also like to take feedback from parents and carers. If you would like to share some feedback about the school please complete the attached survey by **3.15pm** on **Friday 27th November**. Further to this I am holding my first parent forum on **Tuesday 17th November 4.30pm - 5.30pm**. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to bring anything they would like to discuss about school life. I would like to have an open discussion about uniform at this parent forum. If you would like to attend please complete the google form attached.

Remembrance - Mrs Thompson - Curriculum Leader for History

The History Department has been busy creating Remembrance displays in our History classrooms. Students have explored the history and significance of Remembrance Day, studied war art and examined poetry from the First World War. As part of this work, Key Stage 3 students have created flags and poppies to contribute to our very own Fields of Remembrance. We are incredibly proud of the effort, creativity and thoughtfulness shown by our students, who have worked exceptionally hard to produce some truly fantastic pieces of work.



Careers Conversation – Exploring a Career in Architecture.

Our next Career Conversation takes place on Tuesday, when we welcome a local architect into school. He will share insights into his role, the different routes into architecture and the opportunities available within the profession. Students interested in attending should complete the Google Form shared with them.

Future Careers Events

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have offered to support our **Year 7 Career Explorers event on Wednesday 25th November**. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are also looking for volunteers for our **Year 10 Mock Interviews on Wednesday 2nd December (9.00am–12.30pm)**. This is a valuable opportunity to help students develop their confidence and experience a formal interview. Questions and feedback sheets will be provided, so no preparation is needed. You do not need to commit to the whole morning; even an hour would be greatly appreciated.

Available sessions:

- Session 1: 8.45am – 10.05am
- Session 2: 10.10am – 11.10am
- Session 3: 11.30am – 12.30pm

If you can help, please contact Mrs Brennan at **f.brennan@mardenhigh.net**

BIMA - Mrs Joyce - Curriculum Leader for Computing

On Tuesday 10 November, our **Y10 GCSE Computer Science** and **Y10 BTEC Digital IT** students took part in Digital 2026, an exciting and innovative event organised by BIMA in collaboration with digital agency Hedgehog Lab. The day brought digital professionals into school to share their experiences, inspire our students and give them a valuable insight into the wide range of careers available within the ever-growing digital industry. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to discover how the skills they are developing in the classroom can be applied in the real world.

The excitement continued into the afternoon, when students took part in a nationwide competition, choosing from one of three digital challenges sponsored by VUE Cinemas. Students were tasked with putting their creativity, problem-solving and digital skills to the test, with the opportunity to be crowned Digital Champions!It was a brilliant opportunity for our students to explore the possibilities of a career in the digital world, meet industry professionals and put their own skills to the test. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and participation!





Appointments

We are grateful that, usually, appointments for students are organised outside of school time to ensure minimal impact on learning. On the rare occasion where you may need to collect your child for an appointment please ensure that you have informed the school office office@mardenhigh.net or attendance attendance@mardenhigh.net in advance.

Parent Governor opportunity

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested please complete the application link is https://www.mardenhigh.net/parent-governor-application-forms/ by Wednesday 18th November.

Thought for the week

Linking to Mr Anderson's assemblies this week's thought for the week is:



Have a great weekend!



Mrs K Robson
Head Teacher