Marden High School

Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all parents/carers who have so far responded to our parent/carer survey. Already we have received a high response and I look forward to feeding back on the areas where the school is successful and those which we could develop further. If you would like to share some feedback about the school please complete the attached survey by **3.15pm** on **Friday 27th November**.

Uniform

As part of the parent/carer survey we have asked some initial questions about uniform. The feedback so far has been very useful. The vast majority of students follow our uniform policy on a daily basis. There is a reminder below about what the uniform at Marden is:



Please remember that we have a stock of uniform within school which is accessible to all to borrow or take. Contact the Main Office with any uniform issues by emailing office@mardenhigh.net or, alternatively uniform@mardenhigh.net to either request to come in (with or without your child) to identify uniform or, alternatively, if you email your requirements they will be able to put a bag of uniform together to collect or go home with your child.

Girls Network

This week saw the first of our workshops run by The Girls' Network, a national charity which works with girls to build confidence and aspiration when thinking about future careers and education. A group of our **Year 10 girls** enjoyed an interactive session where they were able to identify and discuss their strengths and skills both in school academically, but also socially as friends and family members. The girls really enjoyed the session with some excellent lively discussions, particularly when looking at personality types. This was the first of the three workshops in school and the girls involved will have the chance to apply to work **with a 1:1 mentor in the new year**: this is where girls are paired up with a **professional woman mentor** from business or industry to give advice and guidance for their next steps.

Governor visit

Two of our Governors were in school this week for a visit. **Regular visits** ensure the governing body can see for themselves how the school functions day to day, with opportunities to speak with students and staff. This particular visit helped governors understand how the school ensures inclusivity across all areas. Governors visited both an English and a Maths lesson to observe inclusive teaching strategies being used in the classroom. They noted **excellent engagement from students** across year groups.

Sports update - from curriculum leader for PE Mr Smith

The **Year 7 netball team** played their first ever fixtures against other North Tyneside schools on Monday night and what a fantastic start they made! The team showed brilliant gameplay, teamwork and positivity throughout, winning all three of their matches, 5-1, 7-0 and 7-4. An excellent effort from every student and a fantastic representation of the school!

The **girls U13 football team** were in action this week playing in the North Tyneside schools CVLs held at John Spence. The team played some great football, coming away with a record of 1 win and 2 defeats from their three games, demonstrating great resilience and determination throughout. Well done to all players.

On Wednesday afternoon, the **Year 7 boys football team** travelled to Burnside College for a North Tyneside League fixture in very cold and wet conditions. They started the game brightly, scoring 2 goals in the first half, before netting another 2 in the second half. The hosts came back strong and managed a couple of late goals, but the team from Marden held on for a well deserved victory, running out 4-2 winners on the night.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to staff and students for supporting our Children in Need non-uniform day last Friday. We collected £595.99!

Exploring Architecture and Entrepreneurship

This week, students have enjoyed some fantastic opportunities to explore careers in architecture and entrepreneurship as part of our Career Conversation sessions.

We were delighted to welcome a Company Director from **Medical Architecture**, who spoke to 25 students from across all year groups about his career in architecture. Students gained an insight into the profession, explored potential career pathways and discovered the skills, creativity and qualifications needed to work in the industry.



We also welcomed representatives from **North Tyneside Council and the North Tyneside Business Forum**, who spoke to our Year 10 Business Studies students about the support available to people interested in starting their own business. Students were introduced to the ***Toolkit to Starting a Business*** programme and heard first-hand from a local entrepreneur about the opportunities and challenges of running a business. The session finished with a 30-minute question-and-answer session, the visitors were extremely impressed with the quality of the questioning from our students.

Coming Up Next Week – Wednesday 25 November - Year 7 Career Explorers

Next week, all of our Year 7 students will be taking part in our exciting ***Career Explorers*** event. We are looking forward to welcoming 14 employers and professionals from a wide range of industries, including healthcare, architecture, interior design, game design, emergency services, business and the creative industries. Students will take part in a carousel of small-group conversations, giving them the opportunity to ask questions, hear about different career journeys and discover jobs they may never have considered.

Thought for the week - to tie in with my assembly on kindness, this week's thought for the week continues from last week. As I said to the students, at Marden there are many examples of where this takes place on a daily basis.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs K Robson
Head Teacher

