Marden High School

Friday 27th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is always good to see how hard students are working in their lessons. A particular highlight for me is 'work of the week' where students are selected by their teachers for producing excellent work where they have really engaged in their learning. I meet with the students and they tell me about the work they have produced. As part of this, I have been talking to Year 11 students about their mock exams. Taking place in November, the mocks allow staff to feed back to students and for them to develop between now and their exams at the end of the year. Well done to Year 11 for the hard work and effort they have put into these important exams.

Year 7 Career Explorers

Our Year 7 students recently enjoyed a morning exploring a wide range of careers as part of our Career Explorers event.

We were delighted to welcome **20 employers from a variety of industries, including the NHS, Fire and Rescue, OsecoElfab, Interior Design, Tyneside Cinema, Digital Game Design and Newcastle Building Society.** The students were engaged throughout the morning, asking some really insightful questions and demonstrating genuine curiosity about the different professions. Our visitors were very impressed with the students' enthusiasm, confidence and the way they represented themselves.







Careers Conversation – Meet a Scientist

This week, we welcomed the parent of one of our Year 10 students to share her career journey in science. Students had the opportunity to discover how her career took her from **Newcastle University** to working in innovation at **Procter & Gamble**. The session included an insight into her career journey, interactive demonstrations and a Q&A, giving students the chance to find out more about working in science and the exciting opportunities available within **STEM.**

Coming up: Year 10 Mock Interviews Wednesday 2nd December

Our Year 10 students will be taking part in their mock interviews next week. **Mock interviews** are an important part of our careers programme, helping students to develop the skills and confidence they will need when applying for college courses, apprenticeships and future employment. For many students, this will be their first experience of a formal interview, allowing them to practise in a supportive environment before facing real-life situations. **We are still looking for a few more volunteers to support the Year 10 Mock Interviews on Wednesday 2nd December** please get in touch with Mrs F Brennan. f.brennan@mardenhigh.net if you are interested in helping.

Reminder: The parent/carer survey closes at 3.15pm this afternoon.

Upcoming events:

10th December - Christmas Jumper day, Christmas lunch

10th December - Christmas concert 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Sport update - Mr Smith

Year 8 Netball -The Year 8 netball team played in a CVL tournament at John Spence on Monday evening. The team showed amazing defence and determination throughout both games, drawing against Longbenton and narrowly losing 3-2 to John Spence. Well done to all.

Year 9 Boys Football - Also on Monday evening, the Year 9 boys football team played the first round of their CVL competition at John Spence. They played brilliant football and came away with a near clean sweep: beating John Spence 1-0, Whitley Bay 1-0, and St Thomas More 2-0, alongside a 0-0 draw with Burnside. It was a great overall performance, with the team not conceding a single goal.

Year 7 & 8 Girls Football - The Year 7 & 8 girls football team travelled to Corbridge Middle School on Wednesday and secured a fantastic 9-0 victory. The girls demonstrated brilliant teamwork, communication, and excellent play throughout the match. This win sees them progress to the quarter-finals of the County Cup, which will be played in the new year.

Year 8 Boys Rugby - Our Year 8 boys rugby team traveled to Bede Academy in Blyth on Wednesday afternoon for a triangular fixture against the hosts and Longridge Towers. In bitterly cold conditions, the boys played scintillating rugby, beating Longridge Towers 10 tries to 5, and drawing 6-6 against Bede. Several players were competing in their first competitive rugby match and performed brilliantly.



This week's thought for the week ties in with Miss Lees' assembly on Parliament Week. As part of this some Year 10 students are visiting Parliament this afternoon.



Have a great weekend!

Mrs K Robson
Head Teacher