



Friday, 2 February 2018

Dear All,

As word spreads about the great achievements and educational experiences of students at Marden High, we have noticed that there is increasing interest in the school from various quarters. We have recently been approached by Central Government to share some of our work for this year's Parliamentary Review, the main aim of which is to showcase best practice as a learning tool to the public and private sector across the country. We will be one of a handful of schools whose work will be published this year. We have also been approached by the BBC who have been exploring the educational divide between north and south, and who were looking for a school in the north of England whose students are maintaining high standards of achievement in the national context. You can listen to the radio interview that was conducted by BBC Radio Newcastle on our website.

Our students continue to develop their leadership skills, and have this week been involved in teaching year 6 pupils from King Edward's. Next week a group of year 9 students will be leading assemblies for each year group as they begin our campaign to reduce our use of plastics within school. We will all be making the effort to reuse and refill our water bottles next week as we join in the national single use plastic bottle boycott.

We had some excellent news this week about our nominee for young mayor - Poppy has made it through to the final four, and so her campaign team are preparing for the next stage of elections. Good luck Poppy!

In badminton this week we have had yet more representation for North Tyneside as our U13 boys team took part in the Tyne and Wear competition on Monday. They performed admirably, winning two and losing two, and developing their skills all the while. All the boys regularly attend the lunchtime badminton club organised by two senior students in school. Congratulations to all players concerned.

There will be another Dance Festival at the end of February. In partnership with Dance City, a group of our students will be taking part in the event at The Parks on the evening of 27th February. More details of this event will be on our website.

We have also had the North Tyneside year seven 5 aside football tournament today, and if the girls qualify they will then play in the Tyne and Wear championship. Results will be published on our website.

Year 11 students enjoyed an inspirational visit from Louise Hunter MBE, Director of Corporate Affairs for Northumbrian Water, this week. It is always good to hear from

professionals outside of the school the importance of good preparation. As they get ready for their exams and spend many hours on revision and independent study at home, it is important that our young people can keep in mind what their own personal goals are for their near and longer term futures. This will help them maintain motivation and build resilience and is something I am sure parents will be talking with them about from time to time.

Our year 11 parents evening is on Wednesday 7th February, and will be an important opportunity to discuss mock exam results and targets for the remaining weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Snape'.

Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher