



## Marden High School

Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear All,

Each year now the North Tyneside Learning Trust invites nominations for the Star Awards. These are designed to honour and celebrate the outstanding achievements of children and young people in North Tyneside, in a whole variety of fields including sporting achievement, resilience and volunteering. We are very proud of all 25 of the Marden students who we have had nominated for these prestigious awards.

I have mentioned before in this newsletter the activities that our year 9 students have been involved in with the TICE project, centred this year around creative writing. On Wednesday evening this week we were treated to a celebration at Newcastle University of the fantastic work they have done over the past months. The sophistication of the language used in their writing appears well beyond their years, as you will soon be able to read for yourself when, very soon, we will have links to this work on our website. Well done to all the graduates of TICE 2018, and an enormous thanks to the staff who supported them.

During the week we had our termly visit from our School Development Partner Lisa Rogers. School Development Partners work alongside school staff to monitor the quality of the work that is being done and to look at how outcomes can be improved still further. Mrs Rogers was very impressed with the work we are doing in school and said that some of our practice is the best she has seen. In particular she highlighted the work we are all doing on reviewing our KS3 curriculum and making sure we have a solid foundation for the new GCSEs, the action research that teachers have been carrying out, and the joined up approach we have towards supporting our students in both the pastoral and academic sense.

Marden is a place where people care about each other, and where we accept people for who they are, which means that at Marden people can be themselves, able to express their unique personality, and confident that they will be supported in achieving their goals. Marden is a school where people are kind to one another, and where we look out for each other, and this ethos will be reflected in an exciting venture led by some of our students. They will be leading on a project called School of Sanctuary which will help students, staff and our wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of our school community. More details will follow.

I recently wrote that our Head Girl and Head Boy have now been selected and that they would be releasing a statement outlining what their priorities would be. This is now published on various screens around school and on our website and can be read here:

*“As Head Boy and Head Girl, alongside the Senior prefects, we aim to focus on emphasising the student voice within choices concerning the school and creating a fair and equal platform in which all students are valued.”*

Over the next few weeks we have a number of exciting events coming up. On Tuesday evening we have our annual Marden’s Got Talent show when there will be numerous varied acts from our students taking centre stage. This year promises to be a great show and all the proceeds from ticket sales go towards supporting our charity fundraising for the Kwa Hilda orphanage in South Africa. We also have our PTA summer quiz on Thursday which this time has a sporting theme. Tickets are selling fast but are still available from reception at the main office. The year 11 Prom is on Wednesday evening, and this will be a lovely opportunity for our young people to celebrate their time together here at Marden. And finally a reminder that Friday next week is a teacher training day and so students will not be required to come in.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Head Teacher