



## Marden High School

Friday 29th June 2018

Dear All,

The Real Schools Guide, published this week, ranks Marden High as the best school in North Tyneside and as number 5 in the whole of the North East region. This guide takes into account a wide range of indicators to evaluate a school's performance. It tracks achievement, attendance, teaching, how well the school is preparing pupils for the future and whether it is improving. The fact that we have done so well is a great accolade to the efforts of our whole school community of students, staff, parents and carers, and governors. This is an achievement we can all be very proud of, whilst at the same time we remember that there is still more we can do to improve our children's education even further.

Our annual event, Marden's Got Talent, was held on Tuesday evening and what a fantastic show it was. The night consisted of 16 performances displaying a wide range of incredible talent including singers, martial artists, dancers and even rubix cube solving. The show was a great success, with every seat in our auditorium filled with an abundance of family, friends and teachers; demonstrating the excellent community spirit our school is very proud of. Congratulations to our winner, Tilly Aveyard, who stunned the audience with an original rendition of 'Sweet Child of Mine', our runner up, Charlie Hetherington, who sang a powerful version of 'Hallelujah' and to Andrew Hutchins who came third by entertaining the crowd with his rubix cube routine. Proceeds from the night will go towards supporting the Kwa Hilda orphanage in South Africa. We have had other charity fundraising events this week, all supporting our links with Kwa Hilda, including a quiz and bake sale. Well done to Miss Laing's team, 'Let's Get Quizzical', who won the lunchtime quiz organised by our students, and well done to all participants who got teams together - there was a great turnout.

This week we also celebrated the Year 11 Prom as our young people move on to their next significant step in their education and future lives. It was a great evening and the students, all looking so smart and grown up, were a credit to the school and their families.

Congratulations to our junior athletes who competed at the Minor Counties Championships in Hexham on Saturday. There were some very successful performances, with a number of wins and even a county record in the 1500 metres event. The year 10 and year 8 boys played St Mary's School at tennis last week, with year 10 winning all of their games. Well done to all of the players who were involved in this very competitive fixture. Congratulations are due also to the U12 Rounders team who won the North Tyneside Championship. The team remained undefeated throughout the competition. Well done to all the players who took part. The final Dance City class this term was held on Tuesday evening, with the groups having developed some excellent performances. The next block of classes will begin in September and it is hoped that our senior dancers will encourage the new year 7 pupils to

get involved in this successful partnership. There will be further details from the PE department.

This week we had a group of year 10 girls, who are involved in the girls network, visiting the set of CBBC's The Dumping Ground. Throughout the day the girls enjoyed a tour of the set and were able to talk to a wide variety of crew members where they found out more about some of the jobs available to them in the TV/Film industry. They were also lucky enough to be invited to watch some filming of an episode due to be screened next year. The girls were intrigued by the collaborative nature of the cast and crew and left the experience feeling very inspired. It was a great day and our students were, once again, a credit to the school.

During the last week of term all our students have the chance to develop their extracurricular interests in a wide range of exciting opportunities. We have two groups of students leaving us for residential visits; one to Germany and France as part of the annual year 9 MFL trip whilst a group of our year 7 pupils head off to High Borrans for outdoor adventure. This year will be the first time for some years that we have a Sports Day, and this promises to be an exciting opportunity for students to represent their House and earn House Points, and for us to establish a new tradition. Students will also have the opportunity to visit Lightwater Valley during the week, as well as getting involved in a wide variety of other activities including 'The Great Marden Bake Off', 'Make a Film in a Day', 'Make a Play in a Day', yoga, and fitness training with the police.

We look forward to seeing parents of Year 7 students at their Parents' Evening next Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support.



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