



Marden High School

Friday, 22 March 2019

Dear All

This half term we have been very proud to see three of our students represented in the nominations for Young Mayor and Member of Youth Parliament. Hannah McKeran and Oscar Daniel were running for MYP and we are delighted that Oscar has been elected to this role. Poppy Arnold was seeking re-election as Young Mayor and though she narrowly missed out, she can be very proud that she achieved as many votes as she did from the 7000 votes cast. To have three of the seven nominees from Marden continues to show how strong our student leadership is within the Local Authority. We're proud of all three and look forward to future campaigns in the coming years.

On Monday we welcomed staff from other local schools as part of a peer review of the work we do to ensure all students make the same excellent progress. As part of the day, our visitors were impressed by the excellent, energetic and challenging lessons, together with the excellent student behaviour and high expectations. They described the systems we have in place as 'exemplary' and noted the engagement in and enjoyment of lessons by our students. We will continue to ensure that our high expectations are maintained and the progress made by all is excellent. What our staff do every day makes a difference to the lives of our students and on Monday it was pleasing that this work was recognised by other North Tyneside schools.

Next week is our second 'Make it excellent' week. Students can improve work in lessons, to make it excellent, and earn house points in doing so. Each time they have improved the work and made it excellent, they can get their card stamped and once complete, their card is worth 150 House Points. This exciting opportunity is a great way to build the points totals for students and Houses but also allow students to cash in their rewards points for the end of term treats.

Congratulations need to go to all students who performed in a wonderful Spring Concert this week, yet another example of the huge talent of Marden students, and a huge thanks to Mrs Gibbings for making it all happen.

During the last week of this term we will have once again our Prayer Space. Over recent years the Prayer Space has been a real success and has resonated deeply with many of our students. During the week we set aside a dedicated space for students and staff to visit during RE lessons, breaktimes and lunchtimes. Rather than being specifically religious it aims to give students a space to reflect, think and relax regardless of their spiritual, religious, humanist or atheist perspectives. Last year there was also information on the orphanage in South Africa called Kwa Hilda which gave our students the idea of setting up a charity

fundraising week for the children there, something which will happen again later in the summer term.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher