



Marden High School

Friday, 29 March 2019

Dear All

Currently middle and senior leaders are making visits to lessons across all subjects and all lessons as part of our quality assurance process, and it has been great to see such a high level of skill from our teachers in identifying the needs of our children and creating engaging activities to promote their understanding and progress. It is clear to see the passion the teachers have for their subjects being passed on to our students.

This week we held a Year 10 science evening to inform parents and students of the importance of developing routines early for maximum success in their GCSEs. Mrs Glover went through the assessment timeline for key stage 4 science, and offered some excellent ideas on revision strategies and time management. The presentation from the evening can be found on the school website.

It is also worth remembering that more generally that excellent information can be found on the 'Revision' section of our website on preparing for the exams, including tips on ensuring that all important balance of work and recreation.

The programme for our Easter revision classes for year 11 students can now be found on the school website. There is a range of classes being delivered by our teachers who once again show their commitment and dedication to our young people for doing this in their holiday time, and many thanks to them for that.

As Year 11 students increasingly shift their focus towards exam preparation, our Year 10 students are currently considering the opportunity for student leadership that being a prefect offers. Prefects are expected to exemplify the highest standards of behaviour, attitude and appearance at all times and provide a positive role model for other pupils. They are appointed each year to undertake various roles and responsibilities around the School, and run clubs and activities for younger students, for example, at lunchtimes. The personal qualities that they exhibit reflect the values we hold dear at Marden, including self-discipline, leadership skills, communication skills, politeness, helpfulness, respect and care for others. They are reliable and responsible members of the School's community. Students who wish to become a prefect need to write a letter of application, detailing why they think they have the attributes required and what they will bring to the role, and then those becoming prefects will take up their post in June to assist with end-of-year arrangements and give them time to become accustomed to the role, in advance of the new academic year.

It has been a busy time for our sports teams and athletes recently and there have been some great results. The U12 netball team successfully won the area tournament on Monday, with the girls playing exceptionally well to remain undefeated, beating Churchill, Wellfield and Valley Gardens. Many congratulations to the squad.

In rugby the Year 8 and 9 team finished 3rd in the North Shields Schools Festival, a worthy result, and the Year 8 team finished 2nd in a rugby festival at Kingston Park last Thursday. Congratulations to all the players involved.

In football the girls Year 7 and 8 team narrowly lost by one goal in a league match at John Spence last week in a spirited game, and the boys U12 team narrowly lost to Kings 3-2 in a league game. No doubt both teams will be fired up to beat them next time round.

Having qualified to run for England two weeks ago at the English Schools Championships in Leeds, Josh Blevins achieved a superb result at the SIAB Schools' International Cross Country Championship in Dublin finishing 2nd, a fantastic achievement. Josh is clearly an athlete to watch for the future.

We are approaching the end of a long term during which students and staff have worked hard and achieved much. We have been very fortunate to have Stephen Riley from M10 Missions in assemblies this week, and his regular work in the school allows him to see the hard work that takes place. Stephen left us with a challenge to give somebody, at some point in the next day, or the next week, a very simple message, something we all need to hear from time to time:

“Keep going, you’re doing really well”

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher