



Marden High School

Friday, 5 April 2019

Dear All

Each morning this week we have had our House Assemblies, and it is always great to see the range of achievements that are celebrated at these times. It is a good reminder of the talent and positive attitude that our children bring to their work and extra-curricular activities each day. In another closely fought competition, the winning House this term is Warkworth. Well done to all the students for their hard work.

It is, I am sure, all of our hopes that the qualities and skills that our young people are developing will help each one of them to shape the future that faces us all. Many of our children will be leaders of the future, and will be instrumental in making big decisions that shape this country. All of our children have the potential to make that future a bright place as they base their actions and decisions on the values of honesty, integrity, compassion and equality that we share together at Marden.

We have enjoyed a range of activities across our two charity days this week. These events were held to raise money for 'Save the Children' and 'Pancreatic Cancer Action'. On Friday we held a non-uniform day for M10 Mission's work in Mexico this summer. On Thursday, two of our form classes partook in the Big Spring Clean Up, a North Tyneside Council initiative. The two form classes who had won the 'House Point Challenge' for March completed the litter picking walk along Longsands Beach, giving something back to the community. We continue to work with charities and our communities and enjoy knowing the impact our work has.

Our Prayer Space has been a great success this week, and you can see the sort of reflective activities that the students have been involved in if you watch the short video on this website. Students heard once again about the children in the Kwa Hilda Orphanage in South Africa that they raised money for during last year's Charity Week, and they were clearly moved when reflecting on the fact that the money raised fed 40 children for 3 months. Seeing photographs of the individual children who have been supported brought home the direct impact that we can have on, and the connections we can make with, people many thousands of miles away. I am sure that the students will be keen again this year to continue supporting these children.

Our year 11 students have had an excellent start to the exam season as many of them have recently completed key elements of their drama and art exams, and their PE moderation in great style. We have been very pleased with their performances and I am sure this will have given them the confidence to approach their remaining exams in a positive way. I always

remind students that for those people who have prepared sensibly for the exams, it is a great opportunity to show off what you have learnt and how you can apply that information.

With regard to GCSE revision and the Easter holidays, year 11 students should plan out their time each week so that they are doing some form of revision each weekday in the holidays, alongside benefitting from the revision classes in school, giving themselves perhaps small rewards along the way which can help maintain that motivation. Of course the planning and the rewards is something that parents can often help with.

Our students' sporting endeavours have continued with some fine performances. The U13 netball squad successfully won their area tournament on Monday night, with the girls remaining undefeated throughout the competition to secure first place. The team beat Churchill 13-0, Wellfield 10-2, and John Spence 7-3. Well done to all the players involved.

In boys' football the U14 football team drew their league match against St Thomas More 2-2, and the U15 football team were knocked out at the quarter final stage of the Tyneside Cup. Having progressed well through the tournament so far they narrowly lost to North Gosforth Academy 5-4. All players showed great spirit and we are proud of them all! Also four of our year 11 boys represented Tynemouth Yellow (Tynemouth Boys' Club) in a cup final on Friday and won 4-2 against Stockton.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for all their hard work and dedication this term, and wish everybody a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everybody back at school to start the summer term on Tuesday 23rd April.



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