



## Marden High School

Friday, 10 May 2019

Dear All

This week our Year 8 School of Sanctuary group have been into assemblies to talk to each year group about gender stereotypes, about what they are and about how they can limit people's freedom of choice and potential to achieve. The group have produced an excellent video which focuses particularly on stereotypes within sport, and they are advocating very clearly the breaking down of barriers to girls getting involved in what have been traditionally and stereotypically seen as boys' sports, and vice versa. Certainly we have a number of great student role models who are involved in all sorts of sports, regardless of how society has traditionally stereotyped them. This work by the School of Sanctuary group, supported by Ms Griffiths, sends out a clear message echoing the ethos of Marden High School as a community which supports individual aspirations and where possibilities become realities. The group's work is also a key part of ensuring that there is, increasingly, equality of opportunity across the curriculum for Marden students. Our congratulations and thanks to all involved.

Whilst showing visitors around the school this week it has been a real treat to let them see the wonderful Art Exhibition of Year 11 work. The standard of this year's work is once again very high, and this should be reflected in the final grades the students achieve. Certainly the work is an inspiration to our younger students. As usual, the visitors have been impressed by the focus and attitudes of our students, and the quality of the education they receive from their teachers.

On Wednesday Future Focus hosted a careers fair specifically aimed at supporting students with Special Educational Needs. A range of post 16 providers and employers were in attendance to offer advice and guidance to students and their parents and carers, regarding their options once they leave Marden High School. Each provider had a stall where our students were able to ask a variety of questions and gain an insight into the opportunities available to them. There were representatives from local colleges, the National Apprenticeship Service, NHS, Kirkley Hall and Nexus to name but a few. The event was well supported by schools throughout North Tyneside and proved to be a valuable experience for the students, parents and carers who attended.

As we become increasingly aware of the issues of climate change and other impacts of modern life on the environment, many people are starting to consider additional ways of leading a more sustainable way of life by, for example, recycling or reusing articles. With this in mind, it is a good time to remind everyone that donations of used or spare uniform to school are always welcome. If parents have any such items of uniform, that has been outgrown, or which Year 11 students no longer need, they can be dropped off at main reception at school.

Our final block of sessions with Dance City for this year started on Tuesday this week. The partnership continues to be very successful and we hope that our new Year 7 students will be eager to join in September.

As our numbers continue to expand it is important to us that our high standards of calm and orderly movement around school are maintained, and to this end we will be introducing a one way system around the corridors next half term in readiness for September. We have produced a walk through video which will be shown to all students and staff during form time so that everybody understands how the system will work and what the best routes to different parts of the school will be using the one way system.

Good luck to our Year 11 students who start the main exam season next week. They may well be a little nervous before their first exams, but they can be confident that they have been well prepared, and we are confident that they will do well.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Snape', written in a cursive style.

Mr M. Snape  
Head Teacher