



## Marden High School

Friday, 17 May 2019

Dear All

As you are aware, one of the essential aspects of education and development here at Marden is making sure that all of our students have the right information and decision making skills so that they can make informed choices for the future. To this end, we have developed a comprehensive calendar of careers events which start long before students are in their final year. This can be found in the Careers section of our website. One of the exciting ventures we have developed is a programme of careers talks from a variety of people involved in a range of services, businesses and other organisations. We would be very keen to hear from anybody in our community who would like to contribute to this programme, by giving a short talk on what it is they do in their job, the qualifications and skills needed for it, and the route they have taken to get there. We think that having a wide variety of such talks will give the students a really good insight into what the possibilities are for them in the future, and help them to reflect on the skills they need to develop and are developing here at Marden. In order to assist our planning of these events, I would be grateful if you could contact me or Mrs Brennan, our World of Work coordinator, if you feel that you, or a member of your family may be able to contribute to these Careers talks. You may wish to have a look at some of the "I could ..." stories which give an idea of the type of information we are aiming at providing for our students:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/icouldstories>

In connection with The Boys' Network and Stephen Riley, a number of Year 10 and Year 11 boys visited Tynemouth fire station this week. As well as having the opportunity to look around the station and sit inside one of the fire engines, the boys took part in a simulation exercise. Wearing kit, and with visibility obscured, the boys had to work together to orientate themselves and find a person in an enclosed area as quickly as possible. This is an exercise that fire service personnel complete as part of their training. There was a talk from the station manager and the boys had an opportunity to ask questions. Those staff involved said the boys were great representatives of the school and would welcome them back any time.

We continue to support local charities over the coming weeks, with two non-uniform days raising money for causes close to our hearts. On Friday 24th May we have a non-uniform day to raise money for the 'From Callie With Thanks' charity which was nominated by the Cabinet at the beginning of the year. This charity supports young people with cancer; something which has affected families of students at Marden. On Friday 7th June we have a charity day to support World Oceans Day. Students can come to school in blue, or any nautical colour, to help raise money to support the local clean up operations happening at Cullercoats Beach as they seek to clean the waters for people wishing to enjoy the beautiful coastline we have on our doorstep. Both charities are such important

causes and we look forward to these opportunities for our students to, once again, show their kindness and commitment to worthy causes.

Congratulations to all the athletes who successfully qualified to represent North Tyneside at the County Championships in June. There are no fewer than twenty Marden High students who will be representing North Tyneside, a fantastic achievement and reflection of our talented young people.

The girls' junior football team travelled to Chantry Middle School last week and played a total of five games. The team successfully won two games, drew two and lost one. Well done to all the players involved.

It has been good to see that some of our Year 10 girls are currently training to become Rugby Ambassadors which involves training to become junior referees and coaches. They initially got involved in the extra curricular rugby for girls at school, then were introduced to club rugby and are now aiming to develop their leadership skills through this additional initiative.

During the first week back after the holiday, we will be hosting another Open Day on Friday 7th June. This is designed to allow parents of Year 5 (or younger) children to come and have a look around the school, and experience some of the great learning and activities going on. Please remind any family or friends with children of that age about this event. Places on the Open Day can be booked by calling the school. We are looking forward to showing lots of people around.

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