



## Marden High School

Friday, 24 May 2019

Dear All

We are now two weeks into the GCSE exams and our students have demonstrated the mature and focused approach we were confident they would. They are doing really well, and I hope that they all have a good rest over the half term break in readiness for the remainder of the exams.

Later this term we have an exciting opportunity coming up for Year 10 students to travel down to Cambridge University where they will stay at Jesus College, getting the chance to experience university life. Our students will have the opportunity to interact and spend time with undergraduates and academics from the university, and, through a range of social and academic activities, the hope is to broaden students' perspectives and encourage them to realise their potential ahead of their final GCSE year.

We received exciting news this week, that we have 37 nominations for the North Tyneside Star Awards. Due to the unprecedented level of success which we have had, with nominations across all categories and all year groups, we are holding an awards assembly for the nominees on Monday 24th June. Members of North Tyneside Learning Trust will be arriving in school that day to award the students. This level of success, with students recognised for positive characteristics and behaviours, is a wonderful reminder of all the fantastic students we have at Marden. That the nominations have come from both students and staff at school, alongside outside nominations too, shows how highly our students are thought of in the community. They go over and above expectations so often so these awards are a welcome opportunity for students to share their successes with others. We will find out on the day if any of the nominees have made it to the final awards night in July. In the past two years we have had finalists at these awards therefore hope this year we can make it three in a row. Well done to all!

Good luck to all students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award walk over the half term. They have been working hard with their preparations including First Aid training, and developing their new skills and voluntary work. The Award is open to Year 9 students each year, and is something our younger students look forward to getting involved in.

At Marden High School we support students with a wide range of medical conditions. We would like to remind parents that students should not be carrying any medication in school unless by prior agreement for those with asthma, diabetes and allergies. Where medication is absolutely necessary for other conditions e.g. antibiotics, pain relief, we have trained staff who will make arrangements for safe storage and administration of medication. Parents are responsible for bringing medicines into school and we require written consent (form available from Reception). All medicines should be

in their original packaging and clearly labelled. Any queries please contact Mrs Sonia Thompson, Medications Officer.

It is always good to meet parents face to face to discuss how we are developing as a learning community, and so I would like to remind you that our next Parents' Forum is on 20th June at 5.30pm. This is a good opportunity for parents to come into school to talk generally about developments in the school. Past topics have included things such as homework which have then been incorporated into our School Development Plan. If you would like to come along, please contact Mrs E. Scott at school.

Well done to all the Year 7 and 8 athletes who competed at the Tynemouth Schools Competition last week. A total of 27 girls and 13 boys took part and we are currently waiting for results to come through. The students need to be congratulated on their behaviour and attitude as they proved to be first class ambassadors for the school.

We have registered to run a Unicef UK Playground Challenge for Year 7 students during the summer term. Our new Year 10 Sports Prefects will be devising a course and students will donate money to take part. A number of key prizes will be available for the most successful attempts. More information to follow on the website.

I hope all our students have an enjoyable holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back rested and raring to go on Monday 3rd June.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Head Teacher