



Marden High School

Friday, 7 June 2019

Dear All

We have had an enjoyable week back at school with Year 11 students continuing their GCSE final exams and our Year 10 students preparing for their end of year exams which begin on Monday 17th June. Staff are focusing on what needs to be learned and how best to manage time and it has been good to see individuals starting to work out which are the best methods of revision for themselves.

We have also had a talented group of Year 9 students, specially selected to represent Marden, continuing onto the final stage of their TICE journey (This Is Creative Enterprise). They visited Newcastle University this week to create music for their final show, working with music industry companies such as Universal Publishing and Gothic Storm. We are looking forward to hearing their creations at the final celebration event in July, and to seeing the photographs on our website.

Marden High is a small school where individuality, diversity and difference are celebrated. Our children develop their own distinct personalities and thrive as a result. It is, therefore, with a sense of pride that we can announce that Marden has been granted the Leeds Carnegie School Mental Health Award. The feedback said that "the school has used the framework and content of the Award to very good effect to develop their mental health and wellbeing strategies, structures and practices". A wide range of individual support mechanisms are available which are tailored to support wellbeing and mental healthiness. Staff training has helped the adults in our school community to better understand the needs of the children, their colleagues and themselves.

Just before the half term break some of our Year 9 students were given a leadership opportunity to support a curriculum enrichment event at Monkhouse Primary School. This involved working with primary age children on a practical STEM project. The children were required to build rockets and Marden students led groups of Monkhouse pupils through the step by step process. Taking time to ensure that each pupil understood the instructions, they gave practical demonstrations of each task and where necessary revisited various steps in the process until each child had successfully built their own rocket to launch in the playground. This was an excellent demonstration of their communication and interpersonal skills and their ability to lead a task through to successful completion.

Our Year 7 and 8 athletes who have qualified for the North Tyneside Minor Inter Zone Athletics Competition competed at Monkton Stadium this week, and our senior athletes who qualified in a competition before half term will now go to the County Championships at Hexham this weekend. Congratulations to all the students who took part for their personal achievements. A Year 7 and 8 combined cricket team competed in the North Tyneside festival at Tynemouth Cricket Club just before half term. The players played extremely well to finish third overall.

Our Sports Prefects will be taking part in sports leadership sessions after school over the next few weeks in order to gain a 'Sportivate' qualification. This will be funded by the LTA and involves our close partnership with Beverley Park Tennis Club.

This year we have developed a number of careers events for our students, including a successful Careers Fair and mock interviews for Key Stage 4. The latest exciting development for Key Stage 3 is through our partnership with a global company Procter & Gamble, who have a local Innovation Centre in Longbenton. P & G will be working with our maths department to run a series of workshops designed to teach our students how to apply science, maths, and creative skills to design products of the future. We are opening this workshop to Year 7 and Year 8 students, to get them interested in STEM and help them learn about future opportunities here in North Tyneside and Newcastle. They will be working alongside scientists and engineers from P & G who design and create actual products and manufacturing processes. We look forward to seeing their innovative creations.

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