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Dear Parent / Carer,

## **Exam Class of 2020**

Welcome back to another action packed year at The Marches School, it feels, to me, as if time has flown through Years 7, 8 and 9! As you will see from the dates included within this letter, there are lots of opportunities this year. Year 10 is an important year in your child's school life.

This year they will fully start all of their GCSE courses including the Core subjects and their Options. Another highlight of Year 10 will be your child's Work Experience placement - we started to work with your child on arrangements for this last week.

One important event to note for Year 10 students this year will be their early entry for the English Literature GCSE – your son/daughter will sit the **full GCSE exam in the summer of 2019**. They will be fully supported within the English lessons and through resources such as GCSE pod, which your child has access to and I am hoping for the same success of the previous year group, who have followed the same model.

As ever, we continue to have extremely high expectations in terms of uniform and behaviour and ask for your support in this too. Your child will now have a new planner and I ask that you take time to read through the expectations at the front and sign the Home/ School agreements which include ICT policies which you will find on pages 8 to 13. Your child's tutor will be checking their uniform and equipment regularly, to ensure students are thoroughly prepared to take an active role in lessons.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our phone policy for students. Whilst phones are permitted to be brought into school, responsibility for it rests with the student and the school will take no financial responsibility for loss or damage. Phones are not to be visible at any time between the hours of 8.30am and 3pm, unless a member of staff expressly ask the student(s) to get their phone out to use in a lesson. Phones should be kept in the student's bag and turned off. If the student's phone is visible (this includes being seen in pockets) then the phone will be confiscated. A parent can collect the phone on that day before 4pm or the student may come with a note from home on the next working day to collect their phone at 3pm. Full details of this can also be found in your child's planner.

As Progress Leader, I know that the year group are well positioned to achieve success through the next two years to their GCSEs. An absolute key to this success will be a positive working relationship between the school and home and I hope we can count on your



continued support.

Please find below some of the most important dates this year, however, this is not an exhaustive list. As more events and opportunities arise during the year the school, as always, will be in touch and there is also a full calendar available on the website.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Details</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Citizenship Lesson Introducing Work Experience
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 10 Parent Event- more information to follow
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> October	English Literature Mock Paper 1 and 2
26 <sup>th</sup> October	PD Day – school closed
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> February	PD Day – school closed
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February – 25<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> February	PD day – school closed
11 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> March	English Literature C1 and C2 GCSE External Exams
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Starting 10 <sup>th</sup> June for approx. two weeks	Mock Exams
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>
<b>19<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Term</b>

Yours sincerely,

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