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Dear Parent / Carer,

Exam Class of 2019

Welcome back to another action packed year at The Marches School, it feels, to me, as if time has flown since Year 7! As you will see from the dates included within this letter, there are lots of opportunities this year.

Year 11 is an incredibly important year, as students prepare for final examinations which begin in May. This year we will work together with parents and staff to ensure that the correct pastoral support and guidance is in place. We expect that students will focus fully on the examinations and commit to achieving their full potential.

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 students 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some important upcoming dates for this year. You can also refer to our website for a more detailed calendar of events.

Date	Event Details
11th September	Year 11 individual and group photographs
26th October	PD Day – school closed
29th October – 2nd November	Half Term



5th – 16th November	Mock Exams 1
12th December	Parents Evening 1
24th December to 4th January 2019	Christmas Holiday
17th January	Countdown to Success Day and Parent Evening Event
15 th February	PD Day – school closed
18th February – 25nd February	Half Term
25 th February	PD day – school closed
4 th – 15 th March	Mock Exams 2
28 th March	Parents Evening 2
15th April – 26th April	Easter Holidays
6 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
27th May – 31st May	Half Term

Yours sincerely,

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Sian Cooke
 Progress Leader Year 11
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