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Dear Parent / Carer,

Exam Class of 2023

Welcome to the start of an action packed year at The Marches School. As you will see from the dates included within this letter, there are many exciting opportunities for the new Year 7 cohort. The transition week and induction day were a great success and hopefully whetted the appetites of all students involved. I was incredibly impressed by their attitude and eagerness to achieve at The Marches. After a 6 week break I am sure they will be fully rested and prepared for the adventure that lies ahead of them.

As Progress Leader, I feel it is important that the year group starts well and throws itself into life at The Marches, the key stage 3 curriculum will prepare them for the rigours of GCSEs and the students will be well positioned to achieve success. A fundamental key to ensuring this success will be a positive working relationship between the school and home and I hope we can count on your support to make that happen.

We 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.

Please find below some of the most important dates this year. This is not an exhaustive list and as more events and opportunities arise during the year, you will be made aware through your child and/or through Intouch. You can also refer to our website for a more detailed calendar of events. Please also remember that your child's tutor is your first point of contact if



you have any queries.

Date	Event Details
19 th September	Year 7 Careers Day
11 th October	Parents Evening
26 th October	PD Day – school closed
29th October – 2nd November	Half Term
5 th November	Year 7 Remembrance Day
24th December to 4th January 2019	Christmas Holiday
15 th February	PD Day – school closed
18th February – 25nd February	Half Term
25 th February	PD day – school closed
28 th February	Parents Evening
15th April – 26th April	Easter Holidays
29 th April – 3 rd May	Year 7 exam week
6 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
24 th – 26 th May	Year 7 French Trip
27th May – 31st May	Half Term
19st July	End of Term

Yours sincerely,

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 The Marches School