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Dear Parent/Carer,

Exam Class of 2022

Welcome back to another action packed year at The Marches School. I hope that the students have had a good summer break. As you will see from the dates included within this letter, there are lots of opportunities this year.

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.

I am extremely proud of how the year group progressed through Year 7 and I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to the Year 8's becoming mentors. One of the keys to this success will be a positive working relationship between the school and home and I hope we can count on your continued support.

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
Thursday 18 th October	Year 8/9 Parent Event
26 th October	PD Day – school closed
29th October – 2nd November	Half Term
24th December to 4th January 2019	Christmas Holiday
Friday 11 th – 13 th January	Krakow/Auschwitz History Trip
Tuesday 5 th February	Year 8 Redbrick University Trip
15 th February	PD Day – school closed
18th February – 25nd February	Half Term
25 th February	PD day – school closed
W/C Monday 11 th March	Year 8 Big Bang Careers Events
Monday 18 th March	Year 8 girls HPV vaccinations
Thursday 21 st March	Parent Forum
15th April – 26th April	Easter Holidays
W/C Monday 29 th April	Core Exams (English/Maths/Science)
6 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Thursday 9 th May	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 8 Careers/Business Day
27th May – 31st May	Half Term
W/C Monday 10 th June	Non-Core Exams
19st July	End of Term

Yours sincerely,

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Mr G Dyke
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 The Marches School