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Dear Parent/Carers,

**Re: Changes taking place for September 2019**

### **Uniform**

Following on from our last reminder about uniform back in December 2018 and in the recent Parent Bulletin, we would again like to remind you of the changes to our school uniform that will come into force for September 2019. These changes have been made to draw our Code of Dress in line with other schools in our ever growing Trust.

Largely our uniform remains unchanged, but there are a few specific things that will be different. Our full Code of Dress can be found on the school website, this is a useful document, as it has visual aids to help you when you are purchasing new items.

Here is a summary of the main changes:

- No boots will be allowed (with or without trousers)
- School shoes must be plain black leather or leather look. They must not be canvas, suede, contain coloured flashes, logos, buckles or eyelets that are not black
- Black tights must be worn with skirts
- Tailored RAM leisure style shorts can be worn as part of the Summer Uniform in the final half-term of the year
- No rings will be permitted
- Coats must be single colour, without patterns or logos
- Trousers must be school style, not jean material or with patch pockets on the back

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the full Code of Dress on the website, to avoid any need for your child to miss valuable learning time to rectify mistakes.

If you are in any doubt about what is permissible or you have a question, please do not hesitate to me at [Phillips.j@mmat.co.uk](mailto:Phillips.j@mmat.co.uk)

### **Tutor Changes**

We wish to strengthen the unity of the year teams in school and in order to do this we would like our tutor group teams to be physically closer to one another and to take ownership of an area of the school. We also believe that we are able to give the students even better support by having specialist tutors and Heads of Academic Progress for key parts of time here at The Marches.

In order to do this we are changing our tutor teams to be based in different departments in school. For September 2019, it will look like this:



Year Group	Head of Academic Progress	Tutor Team	Key Stage	Raising Standards Leader (Leadership Link)
7	Mr Kemble	Humanities and PE	Transition Year 6 and 7	Mr Stonall
8	Mr Davies	Technology and Performing Arts	KS3 September Year 8	Mr Stonall
9	Mrs Newey	Science	KS3 September Year 9	Mr Stonall
10	Mr Pietersen	English	KS4 September Year 10	Mrs Wilmot
11	Mr Pritchard	Maths & ICT	KS4 September Year 11	Mrs Wilmot

In this system students will be supported in their transition from Primary to Secondary school by Mr Kemble and a specialist team of tutors. Students will then pass to the Key Stage 3 team, where they will remain with their Head of Academic Progress and Tutor till the end of Year 9. At this point they will transition into Key Stage 4 and pick up a new Head of Academic Progress and Tutor who will see them through to the end of Year 11.

This will mean that your child may have a different tutor for September. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2019, we are going to start these new arrangements, so that the students and staff can be ready and prepared for September. Students will be informed before this date who their new tutor is.

Students will all have an assembly on Thursday to ensure they are clear about how the changes affect them and so they should be able to tell you who their new tutor will be from then.

### **Changes to the Times of the School Day**

Tutor time will be moving to the start of the day, with a focus on ensuring all students are ready for learning.

If this letter raises any questions for you, please do get in touch at: [Phillips.j@mmat.co.uk](mailto:Phillips.j@mmat.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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