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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 - 2019/20

Welcome back to another action packed year at The Marches School. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your son/daughter's Head of Academic Progress.

Year 9 is an incredibly important year, finishing off Key Stage 3 with learning our key skills and starting to apply these, ready for Key Stage 4 and the GCSE subjects.

This year will see some important events, none more so than the choosing of options in the spring term. Over the year, the Year 9 tutor team and I will be monitoring behaviour and progress and applying intervention where needed and I look forward to working with parents to make the most of the 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 agreement. Your child's tutor will be checking both 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 3.00pm, unless a member of staff allows this in lesson. Phones should be kept in the students' bag and turned off. If the student's phone is visible (this includes being seen in pockets) then the phone will be confiscated. The phone can be collected by a parent 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 3.00pm. Full details of this can also be found in your child's planner.

I really hope that students take advantage of all the extra-curricular activities that The Marches have to offer, both sporting and non-sporting sessions. A full timetable will be sent out next week.



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.

Date	Event Details
6 th January 2020	Exam week
Week beginning 3 rd February	Options and Parents' Evening
Week beginning 27 th April	Core subject exams

I look forward to the year ahead and if you have any questions or concerns over the next year, please feel free to contact your child's form tutor.

Many Thanks,

Mrs S Newey
Head of Academic Progress Year 9