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Your 2018/2019 Marketing Content Calendar

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Use this 12-month calendar to help plan your seasonal and evergreen marketing content for the upcoming year. It contains all the important marketing milestones from this spring to the next, to help you feel prepared for the year to come.

Remember, this content can be spread across digital AND offline marketing channels, to make sure you're really making the most of all possible opportunities. Whether you're running a seasonal promotion or shouting about your latest product, be sure that for every blog you're also running a flyer mailer / presentation / real-life event!

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"Keeping ahead of up-and-coming events can let your business strive if you market it right! Think about how each day or event can be taloured to benefit your company and draw in those extra customers." Jennie, Creative Lead



-Easter Holidays Whether you're a B2C business trying to capture the pockets of families, or a B2B company trying to see out the quieter holiday season, make the most of Easter with some seasonal promotions.

Something as simple as receiving a free Easter egg can make all the difference between a normal customer and a loyal, returning one!

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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Easter Sunday April Fools Day | 2 Easter Monday Child Book Day | 3 | 4 Commonwealth Games | 5 Commonwealth Games | 6 Commonwealth Games | 7 Commonwealth Games | 8 Commonwealth Games |
| 9 Commonwealth Games | 10 Commonwealth Games | 11 Commonwealth Games | 12 Commonwealth Games | 13 Friday 13th | 14 Commonwealth Games | 15 Commonwealth Games | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 National Tea Day | 22 London Marathon |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | • | | | |

-Royal Wedding

It's wedding season and 2018 heralds Prince Harry's marriage. Make the most of it with wedding-themed products, offers, or blog content. Find a way to tie your business products or services into the theme, and make sure you use plenty of related hashtags on social media!

- GDPR

Don't forget, from the 25th May the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) comes into force. To find out how to make sure you're compliant, check out our masterclass...

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Spring Bank Holiday Ramadan

Ramadan

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| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 May Day Bank Holiday | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Ramadan | 16 Ramadan | 17 Ramadan | 18 Ramadan | 19 Royal Wedding & FA Cup Final | 20 Ramadan | 21 Ramadan | 22 Ramadan & RHS Chelsea | 23 Ramadan | 24 Ramadan | 25 New GDPR comes in effect | 26 Ramadan | 27 Ramadan |
| 28 | 20 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | | • | | | |

-Father's Day

Father's Day is an important day for many people across the UK. Father's Day provides you the opportunities to humanise your brand by sharing stories, advice and memories with your customers. Father's Day provides a great opportunity to band your male oriented products in an email to send out to customers with gift ideas.

You could even consider doing a Father's Day interview with your own dad, or have your staff and customers take photos with their fathers to post on your social media!

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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Ramadan | 2 Ramadan | 3 Ramadan | 4 Ramadan | 5 Ramadan | 6 Ramadan | 7 Ramadan | 8 Ramadan | 9 Ramadan | 10 Ramadan |
| 11 The Queen's Official Birthday | 12 Red Nose Day & Ramadan | 13 Ramadan | 14 2018 FIFA World Cup | 15 | 16 | 17 Father's Day | 18 | 19 Royal Ascot | 20 Royal Ascot | 21 First Day of Summer | 22 Royal Ascot | 23 Royal Ascot | 24 |
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-International Day of Friendship This special day falls in July every year and provides a great opportunity to create some unique annual content.

For example, you could do a social media feature of your most prolific customers to show how much you appreciate their business friendship! You could also write a blog that involves content surrounding the importance of friendship in building your business – such as those who supported your early days, or great business relationships that keep your ambition alive.

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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 Wimbledon | 3 Wimbledon | 4 Wimbledon | 5 Wimbledon | 6 Wimbledon | 7 Wimbledon & Chocolate Day | 8 British Grand Prix |
| 9 Wimbledon | 10 Wimbledon | 11 Wimbledon | 12 Wimbledon | 13 Wimbledon | 14 Wimbledon | 15 Wimbledon | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 School Summer | 26 | 27 Mars Approach | 28 | 29 | 30 International | 31 | | | | | |

-Customer Case Study
The proof is in the (sometimes literal,
sometimes hypothetical) pudding: customer
testimonials help build business credibility and
act as referrals for your company. Arrange a
case study with one of your top customers, and
they'll get some free promotion out of it, too.

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-Customer Feedback Survey
Every six months or so, you should be asking
your customers how you can improve.
Continuous feedback is important to business
development, and it also helps your customers
feel valued. Send out a direct mail campaign,
or use flyers to promote an online survey that
customers can fill out.

It's even better if you offer an incentive, such as a prize, for completing the survey! (However, remember GDPR rules – you can't offer a competition and then use that database of personal info for further marketing communications unless they specifically consent).

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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 Back to School | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 London Fashion Week | 15 London Fashion Week | 16 London Fashion Week | 17 London Fashion Week | 18 London Fashion Week | 19 Yom Kippur | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 First Day of Autumn |
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-Halloween

Well, this might seem an obvious one, but it's also a great time to start tapping into seasonal marketing running up to Christmas.

Get into the seasonal spirit of things using autumnal versions of your brand colours, and start talking about your business plans and promotions that'll be coming up in the last quarter of the year.

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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Autumn Half Term (Variable) | 27 | 28 Clocks Go Back |
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-How It's Made
Everyone loves a sneak peek behind the
scenes. A short video or blog interview is a
great way to help customers see what happens
behind closed doors of your business. It could
be anything from A Day In The Life Of Our
CEO to How We Made This Awesome Product
– just make it short, easy to digest, and fun!

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| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Bonfire Night | 6 | 7 Diwali | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Thanks Giving (US) | 23 Black Friday | 24 | 25 |
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-Christmas Ideally of course this should feature in your content calendar earlier than December – but it's never too late!

December is also a great time for annual roundups: review your business successes and lessons over 2018, and take time to thank the people who have contributed to making your company the best it's been to date this year.

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| 24 | 25 Christmas Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 New Years Eve | | | | | · | · |

-Business New Year Resolutions January is a great time to outline what 2019 holds for your business, keeping your customers informed and making them aware of some cool promotions that'll be coming up in the first part of the year.

Make some business resolutions and communicate them to your customers, and this will help give your brand more personality – and accountability. It also provides content for later in the year, when you can go back and review your resolutions – have you stuck to them?

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| 31 New Years Eve | 1 New Years Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 National Pie Day | 24 | 25 Burns Night | 26 | 27 |
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-Valentines Day If you're not a fan of this romantic event, you can still make the most of it for content with an anti-Valentine blog or promotion!

If you're a café, for example, offer discounts on single diners for the day or hold a singles night party for customers to get to know each other.

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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Pancake Day & Chinese New Year | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentines Day | 15 | 16 London Fashion Week | 17 London Fashion Week | 18 London Fashion Week | 19 London Fashion Week | 20 London Fashion Week | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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-End of Financial Year

This is an important time of year for any business! Those that have budgets left to spend are keen to make up the numbers, so promotions are ideal for B2B companies that want to gain new customers before the new financial year begins.

If you're a B2C company, you can still make the most of the time of year by shifting stock with springtime promotions and earn as much before the end of the tax year for your business as possible (as well as clearing space for new products for spring!).

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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