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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family are all staying safe and well, as the academic year 2019/20 draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your support and patience over the last 4 months during the lockdown. This has to have been the most challenging time in education that I have ever faced and I hope that, as we look to the future and lockdown restrictions are relaxed, we can start the new college year with a more positive outlook.

This year we say goodbye to four members of staff who are moving on to pastures new, Mrs Pickford, Mr Reed, Mr Dryden and Miss O'Callaghan, we wish them all the very best of luck for the future and we are fully staffed for the new academic year.

In the coming months we will see the building work at High Tunstall finish and I look forward to showcasing the newly refurbished MUGA and swimming pool, new changing rooms, the new car park being completed and eventually sometime in October/November the new 3g pitch being opened. I am proud to be offering a college campus to your son/daughter that is fit for purpose and we will write in August to update you on access to the College site ready for September. This is the end of 5 years hard work at the College and I would like to place on record my thanks for the support of Governors, BAM, Hartlepool Borough Council and the Department for Education for making this all happen. We now have facilities that are fit for 21st century education.

We hope that as time moves on during the academic year and as restrictions are relaxed we will return to more "normality" at the College and I will keep you informed of all changes we make, before we make them. Safety and welfare of all is essential.

Please may I remind you that the college blazers are supplied by Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd (<https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/>). Blazers must be ordered by **Friday 31st July** to be delivered to your home address, to ensure delivery before September. The company offers a comprehensive returns policy so please get in contact with them if you have any issues. All other items of college uniform can be purchased from alternative suppliers, please find enclosed details of the expected college uniform. I would like to clarify our footwear policy so we can all be assured that we are following the same policy, only plain black shoes, (no plimsoll/canvas or sports logos allowed, girls heels should be no more than 5cm) and to clarify plain black kickers are acceptable.

The college PE kit will be supplied by Hardgear Ltd (<https://www.hardgear.net/hightunstall/>), this is a whole new PE kit which was introduced last year. However, given the current COVID situation if items are in short supply then the PE kit should comprise of clothing suitable for Physical Activity taking place indoors and outdoors. If you can purchase the kit please do, otherwise please wait until September when hopefully supply chains and a sizing event will be arranged. The PE kit we would like to see all in September should be Navy Blue Top, Shorts and white socks. Please refrain from using Football Shirts.

Turf Boots/ artificial ground boots are compulsory for outdoor activities on our new 3g pitch, on grass pitches and indoors, artificial moulded boots are optional. (Please see guide below, our 3g will be a rubber crumb design.) A reminder also that students require Navy Blue Swimming Costumes/Shorts. Please note that all information relating to our college uniform and PE kit can be found on our website: <http://www.htcs.org.uk/parents/uniform/>. Order forms for both suppliers have been enclosed and can also be downloaded from our website.

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FOOTWEAR SURFACE GUIDE					
	3G (RUBBER CRUMB)	2G (SAND BASED)	INDOORS	GRASS (HARD)	GRASS (SOFT)
'AG' BOOTS 	●				
'TURF' SHOES 	●	●	●	●	
INDOOR SHOES 	●		●		
MOULDED / HARD GROUND 	●			●	●
SOFT GROUND / BLADES 					●

If you are starting in September at High Tunstall and are in Year 7 don't forget to make sure that you have a padlock that is fit for purpose.



The College administration office will be open in the mornings (8am to 12noon) over the summer holidays. We will publish to parents of Year 11 how we will be organising the examination results day directly. On our return in September we will send you the key date's calendar and the parent planner, though further information is contained in this letter about the changes we are making for September. Please can I request your support in returning all of the forms we send out to you, having up to date and accurate personal details, consent for use of data and educational visits permissions is essential for us to continue to operate efficiently.

I can confirm that college will reopen to staff on Tuesday 1st September. **This means that Year 7 students will return to College at 8.35am on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 with Year 11 returning later in the day at 11.00am. We will see the rest of the college, Years 8, 9 and 10, return on Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 8.35am for a prompt 8.40am start.**

I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing all of our students return after a restful holiday ready to start the new college year.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Tilling
Headteacher