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Dear Parents/Carers

Over the Easter period, inclusive of the bank holidays, High Tunstall College will remain open to provide care for key worker and vulnerable children.

Whilst the building remains open and staffed, it is not our expectation that students should continue with their online studies and remote learning over the Easter Holiday period. However, we would encourage you to continue with some educational activity over the festive period to maintain a routine for all at home. All of our online resources remain available for you to use.

We are mindful of the pressures on families in the current circumstances and feel it would not be wise to continue recreating a school day during a traditional calendared period of rest and recreation. Some Faculties are intending to send some fun activities for the whole family to take part in and of course different year groups are doing things as well. We are continuing on with some of the more "fun" activities during the weeks and if you are on social media you will be able to take part in some of the following but there will be many more.

"#TaskMaster", "#HoldensHomework", "MFL cultural challenges and puzzles", "Tilling's Tunstall Book Review Competition", "Tunstall's Great Da Vinci Draw Off", "Egg-citing Easter Challenges", "Geogglebox", "Creative ways of working with Easter Eggs" and Time Travellers Television.

Please take part and join in the fun activities, it may even keep the students in some sort of routine during the Easter break.

To this end we will not routinely be contacting all parents over the Easter period, however, if you have any queries, problems or worries please do not hesitate to contact the College directly or use the Tutor email address.

Furthermore, we wish to communicate our intention of extending student deadlines for those who have not yet managed to submit completed work or who may struggle to submit all tasks for assessment by the end of this spring term. The extension will take us to a date after the Easter holidays and will coincide with our curriculum teams setting more online tasks for students.



For students who are entitled to free school meals we will be applying for the e-vouchers/e-gifts to be delivered to email addresses on Sunday. Those who do not have an email address we will post to you on Monday. Whilst I hope that all employers are doing their best to support their employees through this difficult time we all know that some will not be able to do so. If you do need to claim benefits and therefore Free School Meals you should do so through the benefits team at the Local Authority on 01429 266522. This will enable us to give you access to the e-voucher scheme as well.

We would like to remind you that it is really important that all members of our community continue to take notice of the current government guidance on social distancing and only travel when absolutely essential. If we all stay safe within our own homes and follow national guidance, then we will soon get back to some form of normality.

We do hope that you all stay safe and keep well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Tilling', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Mark Tilling
Headteacher