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Deputy Headteachers: Peter W Hayward and Laura Ovens

21st May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have read in the press and heard that the government wish us to open the college wider to more students from Monday 1st June 2020. We at High Tunstall have been asked specifically to open to facilitate some face to face support for **Year 10 only**. I am disappointed that we are unable to reopen further but believe alongside Hartlepool Borough Council that we must only open when we know it is fully safe to do so and that the decision is led by science. We must all work together to ensure that we get through this pandemic as safely as we can.

It is obviously a crucial time in Year 7's education and we continue to provide work online and if you have requested by "Tunny" post through Mr Halliday and Mr Aves. The next set of work will be sent out for the week beginning Monday 8th June as we have half term week next week. Students should be given that week off from studying so you can all relax and take a break.

From Monday 1st June 2020 we will be rolling the year group forward to Year 8 and Mr Cook and Mrs Dixon will take on responsibility for the Year. This will enable Mrs Dunlop and Mrs Wake to support the transition of Year 6 from primary schools.

I know that Mr Cook and Mrs Dixon have the same high expectations of our students as Mrs Dunlop and Mrs Wake and they expect that the **remote learning must continue, and that all of students' work should be completed and handed in as directed by their teachers. Subject teachers and tutors will be in contact to check engagement over the coming weeks.**

As a parent of children in secondary education, I appreciate that the reduced educational offer is a concern to you all. I also appreciate that you may feel that you want more support or guidance for your son/daughters learning and if you do please feel free to contact Mr Cook or Mrs Dixon for further information. We are here to help and guide, no question is unimportant, no concern should be pushed aside. Mr Cook and Mrs Dixon can be contacted on the following email addresses:

Mr D Cook	Head of Year	dcook@hightunstall.hartlepool.sch.uk
Mrs L Dixon	Student Support Officer	ldixon@hightunstall.hartlepool.sch.uk

It is also important that we continue to support you in these difficult times and whether or not your son/daughter comes into College we will continue to apply for and receive the FSM vouchers from the government.

I have been amazed at the engagement of all of our students over the past 8 weeks. The amount of work and learning going on has been awesome, and you should be proud of them. We must remain focused on our studies and our work and aim high; I know that every single young person in Year 7 can and will succeed in their studies.

I have tried to take the time over the past 8 weeks to really enjoy my time with my family. I hope that your time together as a family has been a real positive one. Growing together and understanding the problems we all face as learners, in all that we do has been so important. I know that if we look to the future with a positive mindset, knowing that this period in our history will come to an end, then we can all continue to be happy and contented. If there is anything we can do to support you and your family please do not hesitate to contact us.

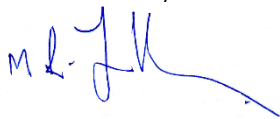
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The college will be closed on Monday 25th May for the Bank Holiday, however, we will reopen on Tuesday 26th May at 8.00am for Key Worker and vulnerable students. As ever take care and stay safe and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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

Mark R Tilling
Headteacher