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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 the 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 9's education and we know that some students want to get on with their new option choices. From Monday 8th June 2020 we will be providing transition units of work for the Year 10 subjects that your son/daughter is taking at GCSE. I ask that you support us in making sure they all engage with this learning 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.

The teachers of the option subjects are making the resources so that we can provide students with support with their learning and ensure that they start to engage with their GCSE studies. **Remote learning must continue, and all of students' transitional work needs to be completed and handed in as directed. 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 Blythe or Mr Halliday for further information. We are here to help and guide, no question is unimportant, no concern should be pushed aside. Mr Blythe and Mr Halliday can be contacted on the following email addresses:

Mr L Blythe Head of Year
Mr D Halliday Student Support Officer

lblythe@hightunstall.hartlepool.sch.uk
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If you do not know your options then please contact Mrs Reavley at the College who will be happy to help. Contact is best made by email, reavley@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 9 can and will succeed in their studies.

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I do hope that you have continued to embrace this additional time at home to develop the greater depth of love and togetherness. We might continue to be in challenging times but by remaining positive and looking for aspects of positivity; rather than dwelling on the negatives will help us all come through this together. If there is anything else we can do to support you please do not hesitate to contact the College.

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