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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 10 Online Curriculum Support

I hope this finds you and your families safe and well and trust that you are enjoying this beautiful summer weather! It has been a pleasure to welcome many Year 10 students back to school over the last week and we hope that these support sessions are proving useful for our young people.

We are now ready to launch our programme of online curriculum support sessions for Year 10 option subjects, with additional core support for those not in school. After piloting the programme, these sessions will now be run using Zoom as this offers more protection for students and staff than Google Meet. All other elements of the protocol remain the same. If you have not yet returned the consent form, please do so in order that your child can benefit from this opportunity. Emailed responses are accepted to news@gps.hlt.academy and a copy of the consent form is attached to this letter. Please note that your child will not be permitted to join sessions until written consent has been provided so we would appreciate your response.

Sessions begin tomorrow for students in Year 10. Please encourage your child to log in to their school email account where they will find a meeting ID and password to access the sessions. Please remind your child that these details must not be shared online. I hope students find these sessions helpful and valuable as we negotiate the final weeks of the summer term.

You will no doubt have seen the announcement that the Government wishes all students to return to school in September. We are awaiting final guidance from the Department for Education and will communicate with families as soon as possible. The most recent update from the DfE noted: 'We recognise that students who are studying GCSE or equivalent courses, but are not due to take exams until 2021, will have experienced disruption to their education this year. We are working with Ofqual and the exam boards to develop our approach to next year's exams in light of this'.

We will continue to monitor Government guidance and act on it in the best interests of our students; however in the meantime you may find the following publication from the DfE useful: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#exams>

I look forward to seeing your children online soon; should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

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