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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11

Re: Year 11 Bubble Closure

Further to the previous communications sent out this week, I am writing a short update on the current situation for Year 11.

We took the decision earlier in the week to ask our Year 11s to learn from home due to the number of positive COVID-19 cases that occurred in a short period of time in their bubble. With a number of our students in Year 11 being named as a close contact with other students who have tested positive we have decided to close the Year 11 Bubble until Wednesday 9th December 2020. **Students will be allowed to return to the academy on Thursday 10th December.**

We have taken this decision, as there are a significant number of students in the bubble who will need to isolate as a precaution for 14 days. It will then mean that by 9th December any students who could potentially become positive for COVID-19 will have developed symptoms. Equally all the students who have had to take the precautionary step of isolating will have passed this time and if they are isolating it will mean they will not have come into contact with anyone who could pass onto them the virus from the Year 11 bubble.

Students who have specifically received a letter highlighting them as a close contact must continue to follow the guidance. I would ask that if your child does develop symptoms of COVID-19 that you get them tested and if they do test positive for COVID-19 that you keep us informed, in case we have to inform any further close contacts. As the previous communications have stated anyone living with someone identified as a close contact can continue with normal activities, such as attending work and going to college.

As you would expect we have considered a range of options, and having sought the advice of different agencies and authorities, feel this is the best way forward. As well as keeping the students safe, we feel this will allow us to still practically provide a good and consistent level of education through online live lessons.

Throughout the closure, students, as they have done this week, will be expected to attend their normal lessons at the times they would normally have them by logging on to MS Teams. Their class teachers will then deliver a 'live' online teaching component as well as provide additional work for them to undertake. If your child has difficulties in accessing their work then please contact the academy using office@tnha.org.uk.

Some of the students will be concerned about mock exams which were originally scheduled for the week that they are due to return. These will now take a slightly different form, with classroom based assessments and tests on their return. Their class teachers will share more information about this through their lessons next week.

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Mr Nash will write separately to the students to highlight our expectations and where students can access support should they need it.

It has been said that we are living through unprecedented times and we continue to face a range of challenges. The actions we have taken in this respect with the situation we face hopefully keeps our students and their families safe as well as providing continued support at a crucial time in their education.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Woodhouse', followed by a small horizontal line.

Mark Woodhouse
Principal