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Dear Tallis Family,

Hello again. I hope you are all coping still and will find these bits and pieces useful.

1. We are stuffing more envelopes next week to send another work pack out for everyone in years 7-10. In that envelope or by other means there will also be information about the improvements we are making to our remote learning provision for Summer 2. I hope that the letter is self-explanatory, but if not, please contact Head of Year in the first instance. The work pack will contain a prepaid envelope so that you can send back the Summer 1 work, please.
2. As next week is half term our next email tutor check-in will be 1st June.
3. We hope to attempt some assemblies next half term!
4. We're planning to invite year 10 into school for a tutorial session in the week beginning 8 June, to catch up with them. We'll organise it so that there are no more than 20 children in school at once, and have some very clear plans for managing their social distancing. Year 10 parents will get full details about this in the post next week.
5. Ditto with year 12, but we are hoping to do some actual teaching. This is a more complicated matter as it would involve more students on site so we are still scoping it out. We will be in touch with y12 and their parents very soon.
6. Again, the quality of information coming to schools is poor, and it may be there are announcements pending, or that the lockdown briefing next week might change our plans. We might even get the guidance promised to secondary schools every day for the last 10 days. If we need to change our plans, we will.
7. Mr Pape (computer Science) writes:  
*I logged onto a GCSEpod parent webinar to test it. Very well presented and will be useful for parents. Full explanation, lots of ideas and a very encouraging tone. They are the GCSEpod Parent Info Webinars and offer an excellent explanation on how to support home learning using GCSEpod. It will help parents to know how it works, how to check usage and how to help them go beyond the teacher set assignments.*  
May 28, 12:00 PM - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ic7sPQCWTI-IPUxGICt2tg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ic7sPQCWTI-IPUxGICt2tg)  
Jun 4, 5:00 PM - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZhqXywxzQ8C4K6yC2VcK1w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZhqXywxzQ8C4K6yC2VcK1w)  
Jun 11, 9:30 AM - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xp8TItAHREqBv6TWDKR85Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xp8TItAHREqBv6TWDKR85Q)
8. Mr Pape also gives us *Be Internet Legends* from Google  
*Soon all year 7 and year 8 students will receive a 'Be Internet Legends' family activity booklet alongside their next pack of subject workbooks. These activities can spark conversations around the project's key messages of Think, Check, Protect, Respect and Discuss. There is also a pledge on the back for you to discuss and sign with your child if you wish. We will be encouraging students to play the games on Google's Interland to reinforce these messages. Year 8 students and those currently in year 9 have already played these in the classroom but they can still go back on to try to beat their scores. If you want to take a look or even challenge them you can use this link: [https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk/interland](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland) Google are running a 15 minute live stream for parents covering these resources with a chance to ask questions. Here is the link for the 4th of June at 4pm <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgfgjWGPo9w&feature=youtu.be> If your child is in key stage 4 you can access a digital copy of the booklet using this link: [https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk/parents](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents)*
9. VERY EXCITING NEWS! We have finally found a way to match the donations of spare IT equipment with children who need it, while protecting all parties. The scheme is called TECH for TALLIS and the information is attached. The PTFA are also fundraising for this

at [https://www.gofundme.com/f/6xrzc-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/6xrzc-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

. Please look at the attachments!

10. I thought you might like to know that Mr Tomlin is leaving us in the Summer to be Headteacher at Borden Grammar School in Kent. We will miss him very much but we have appointed his successor! I will tell you more about him when we near the summer and I do a full round-up of leavers and joiners.
11. I know that some parents are worried about not getting an end-of term progress report. We will turn our attention to this after half term.

With my sincere best wishes and hope for a calm week next week!

*Carolyn Roberts*  
*Head*