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Good afternoon Tallis family,

1. I cannot express how delighted I am that we will all be back in September. That is a real light at the end of a dark tunnel for us all. It will be wonderful to start a new year properly and with gusto. Phew.
2. Further, I hope that we will be able to increase the amount of 'live' teaching between now and the end of term. Please keep an eye out for further announcements later this week about that. We are looking at the matter of year 10 in particular and I hope that parents will understand that our next priority is to bring children into school who have fallen the most behind, for one reason or another. I am sorry if this seems unfair.
3. Some of you might have seen us on the BBC London News last night, about having y12 back. 4 students spoke most eloquently about how helpful it was for them to be jolted back into really thinking about the future, and about how all this could perhaps be over soon. I hope we acquitted ourselves well.
4. The long-awaited DfE laptops have arrived, 136 of them, finally! They now need to be equipped with all of our links, so we will get them out as soon as possible. The young people who are eligible for them will be invited into school to learn how to use them, and to take part in an assessment of how much progress they have been able to make and what needs catching up on.
5. Ms Church apologise that her link in Friday's message didn't work for the 'bouncetogether' survey. Here are the proper links. The survey link for parents of pupils in KS3/4 to complete: <https://app.bouncetogether.co.uk/shrt/OOM1FKB5QA> and the survey link for pupils to complete: <https://app.bouncetogether.co.uk/shrt/VEQZ3YQ9PS>
6. Here is a survey from Imperial College *to capture perspectives from parents & legal guardians of school children who are receiving distance learning. Specifically, we wanted to know how the lockdown is affecting the mental health of parents & their school children- with a specific focus on feelings of social isolation & loneliness. The short (10 min) survey can be accessed via PC or mobile: https://imperial.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4IA3e7Kqj2GUWUd. We have ethics clearance for the study (see attached), and all responses are anonymised - though we give respondents the opportunity to declare if they are interested to be contacted for brief telephone/video interview at end. It would be splendid if you would disseminate to your network (parents & legal guardians of children attending your school) as we hope this survey would give parents an opportunity to reflect on a contemporary issue that will be in the headlines for some time to come.*
7. Can I remind you that there is lots of extra work available on the school website, and that the Oak National Academy (all links available on our website) has extra lessons too. If your child is running out of work - and I hope that isn't the case - you can help by re-pointing them in this direction so they raise the number of hours they do.

More on Friday when we have seen the DfE's detail on the PM's announcement.

Thank you

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