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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who completed the last parental survey. We are currently in the process of going through the responses and will be making adjustments to our provision.

We have now been able to provide laptops to students in Years 9-10 who do not have access to their own device. We will be receiving an additional order of laptops this week so that we can ensure every student has access to the live lessons on offer. Our aim is to ensure all students have access to a 1:1 device and need not share. As you can imagine this has taken an extraordinary effort by Mr Hanson and our IT team alongside our pastoral and admin staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the expectation on our staff during the live lessons. We will provide up to 5 hours of remote learning each day, these 5 hours may look different depending on the prior attainment of students. Some students will work through the work at a greater speed. As we are working remotely it is not always possible for the teacher to be aware of this. Therefore, the student must communicate with the teacher if the work is not at the right level.

The 5 hours will not be 5 hours of direction as this does not make for good learning. The typical lesson will have an introduction and taught element; this will be live by the teacher. The next element is independent work which has been set by the teacher. The teacher at this point is available via the chat facility or can continue with a live demonstration if required. The teachers will be available for the full 60 minutes of the lesson for the support of your child.

Finally, we are launching a consultation regarding the inclusion of a specialist SEND unit on the school site. This unit will provide specialist learning for up to 18 students aged between 11 and 16. The unit will be managed by specialist staff and will provide a much-needed resource for this area. Many of these students would not be able to remain within their community to access their education if this facility is not provided. As an inclusive school and a VALUED community, this unit will enhance the experience for all students and reflect the wider needs of Chantry.

Below is the link to the consultation survey; the consultation period will finish on 23 February
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gjwENxcXJkCrz9EMJatWdW-HAaFwwJNOKI3NCx0440VUNjJMTTIDVIBYM1RMOVZEMjVDSTVWSDdaSC4u>

Thank you all once again for your continued support. Stay safe and healthy.

Yours faithfully

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