**PARALLELCHAIN LAB Q&A**

**TECH (Roderick)**

1) The landscape of so-called 'big tech' social media is shifting with Elon Musk taking over Twitter, with measures to regulate social media in the UK (Online Safety Bill) and new open-source alternatives like Mastodon taking hold. How do you think social media has influenced politics and what is next in this space?

2) As Prime Minister you aimed to unleash the UK as a 'science superpower' - what do you consider to be the most exciting and crucial tech developments and advances which could shape the next half century?

**CRYPTO (Jessie)**

3) The global crypto space is under scrutiny after the collapse of FTX and news emerging about BlockFi this week. Many policymakers remain arguably hostile to crypto in Europe and the US. However, blockchain is a technology which does not equal crypto. How do we protect the technology from a blanket ban or overarching regulation against crypto?

4) FTX’s black box model shows peril of centralisation. The root of the problem does not really lie in the decentralised finance (aka DeFi) or crypto, but that people are conflating DeFi with products of centralisation such as centralised exchanges and custodial wallets. Are regulators aware of such situation? And what road is there for crypto towards a better relationship with mainstream politics, will that happen?

**NET ZERO (Roderick)**

5) You were recently at COP27. The pace of action on climate is a matter of concern worldwide. You particularly emphasise the role of green technology and green industries - can you tell us how you view the role of technology in the green transition?

**LEADERSHIP (Jessie)**

6) 2023 presents a series of global challenges on the economy and on security. What are the most important qualities for global leaders to demonstrate today - whether in politics or in business? And what lessons did you learn from your time as PM?

**FINAL (Roderick)**

7) Lastly, do you have any words for the innovators, or the blockchain community?