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Dear Parents/Carers

As I write this letter to you I cannot believe we are into week four of the term.

I want to thank you all and your young people for your support and understanding as we continue to navigate our way through the COVID pandemic.

SQA

I am sure as parents/carers of young people who are about to be sitting SQA exams you are understandably concerned. I can assure you however that Speyside High School is well placed to implement the requirements to ensure appropriate assessments are completed by young people. We are currently working hard to ensure all young people have a body of reliable and robust evidence for their National 5 qualifications. Higher and Advanced Higher young people are also being well supported as they move through this academic year. Our SQA Co-ordinator and Principal Teachers have a great deal of experience and are constantly in contact with colleagues to ensure best practice is being implemented at Speyside High School. As and when we have any further information to share we will do.

Staffing

I would also like to give you some updates in regard to staffing. We are delighted that Stuart Robertson will start with us as Acting Principal Teacher of History on Monday 23 November. We have appointed Ms Imogen Nairn to 0.7 FTE Literacy and Numeracy COVID Teacher and Jackie Gillespie to 0.3 FTE SFL Teacher temporarily until June 2021. All of these appointments are exciting for the future success of Speyside High School.

Parent Council

Finally I would like to again extend an invite to anyone interested in attending the Parent Council Virtual Meeting on Thursday 26 November at 6pm. If you would like to attend this meeting please contact the school and we will give you the link.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind your young people of their responsibilities in terms of COVID safety during lunchtime in the village. It is vital that young people all wear their own face coverings as appropriate, avoid gathering in large groups and ensure they allow space for the general public whilst at the shops.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss any of these points and please stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
Head Teacher



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