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Dear Parent/Carer

We are now at the end of week 2 of online learning.

I would like to thank those parents/carers who have contacted us to recognise their positive response to our online learning offer.

We all continue to work hard to ensure that learning is as appropriate and engaging as possible, whilst still developing all our skills.

Live Learning

Live learning is a term that has become apparent during this lockdown. Many of our teachers are providing live learning in many different ways. This can include, but is not solely, standing teaching whilst all young people are logged in. Many colleagues are developing their skills in this currently.

Live learning is also young people interacting in real time via teams meetings and google chats whilst completing work.

A useful point raised by a parent relates to work being saved/photographed on home devices. This can be costly in space so it may be sensible to do a weekly review of what has been saved onto the device.

If you are continuing to have ICT problems please refer to our Online Learning Information Pack and thereafter the school for further support.

Registration Engagement

I am very pleased that such a high proportion of young people are registering every day. This allows us to monitor health and wellbeing. We are also using engagement spreadsheets for every class to monitor young person engagement.

SQA

We still await particular guidance from SQA on how provisional grades will be decided following the most recent lockdown. I and on behalf of all teachers, however, want to underline how important it is for those in Senior Phase to be engaging fully and completing all work required.

It is important that senior phase young people are ready for assessments on our return to the school building.

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You will be aware that the date for schools returning in any shape has been moved to the middle of February. When we have greater detail about this from the Scottish Government we will be in touch.

FIRE UP featuring Gavin Oattes!

Next week, world-renowned keynote speaker and author, Gavin Oattes, will be hosting five 30-minute FIRE UP sessions on eSgoil's Lockdown Live.

Expect high energy, fun, laughter, and some pretty deep thinking thrown in. These bite-sized, big impact sessions will be exactly what our young people need to shake up their mindset and start 2021 with renewed excitement!

Tuesday 26 January 2021 @ 11.00am : S1–S3 Please head over to your House Team and your year channel (where you would normally register) to tune in to the session (e.g. Rinnes - Channel 3R)

Wednesday 27 January 2021 @ 2.00pm : S4–S6 Please head over to your House Team and your year channel (where you would normally register) to tune in to the session (e.g. Livet - Channel 5L)

Subject Choice

S3 Into S4 Subject Choice

A virtual meeting will be held for all parents/carers on Thursday 28 January at 6.00pm in the Microsoft Team called S3 Subject Choice Team - all S3 young people are a member of this group..

Senior Leadership Team, Guidance Teachers, Moray College and Skills Development Scotland will be present at this meeting to support S3 parents/carers through the course choice process.

Further details will be shared via Groupcall next week.

S4/5 Into S5/6 Subject Choice

A virtual meeting will be held for all parents/carers on Thursday 4 February at 6.00pm to support subject choice for young people.

Senior Leadership Team, Guidance Teachers, Moray College and Skills Development Scotland will be present at this meeting to support S4 and 5 parents/carers through the course choice process

Further details of codes for this meeting will be shared next week.

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Parent Council

I am pleased to announce that Speyside High School Parent Council held an EGM this week. When I have further details of office bearers this will be shared. In the meantime I would like to thank all previous Parent Council members and in particular Debi Weir who held the position of Chair until last September.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school for any further information and please remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully

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