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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this finds you all safe and well and managing to keep warm.

### Staffing

Catherine Irving Principal Teacher of Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies will retire on 8 March 2021. Mrs Irving has been at Speyside High School since August 1985 and so will be a huge miss to the school. Mrs Irving has led many important developments whilst leading the RMPS department successfully. She has had a hugely positive impact on many young people, their families and colleagues in her time at Speyside High School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Irving for all her hard work and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a happy and healthy retirement.

### Senior Phase

Work is ongoing to organise timetables for those Senior Phase young people who will be asked to attend school to complete practical work and assessments. Depending on the Scottish Government announcement next week information will be sent to families about when young people should attend school.

### BGE

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to contact me in regard to engagement concerns and congratulations in S2 and S3 this week. Young people's engagement is continually monitored and support is in place for anyone who is experiencing difficulties.

### Self-Testing

You will be aware that in line with Scottish Government guidelines school staff and Senior Phase students will be offered self-testing COVID-19 kits.

Further details will follow in regard to how this will be organised.

### Youth/.



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## Youth Philanthropy Initiative

Due to the current lockdown, unfortunately we have been unable to run YPI with all of S3 as we would usually do. We are very keen not to lose the opportunity of donating £3000 to a local charity through this activity. To allow us to do this, if you are in S3 and interested in being involved please contact Mr Naples-Campbell by **Friday 19 February 2021**. Once we are aware of who wants to be involved further details about how this will run will be shared.

Yours faithfully

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