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Dear Parents/Carers

We have certainly been lucky with the weather recently and I hope you are all able to enjoy a safe and warm weekend.

Senior Phase SQA

We are very much nearing the end of the work to complete assessments and provide final provisional grades for all our senior phase young people.

Again I would like to thank everyone in the Speyside High School community for their work to get to this point. We have had a Quality Assurance meeting with our colleagues at Head Quarters and all information looks to be in a good place.

Every young person will be issued with their provisional grades, due to the work that has taken place and conversations with young people these grades should be known already and the issue is just a confirmation of these.

COVID-19 Testing

We have been advised that the expectation will be that we will continue to be using Lateral Flow Testing when we return in August. Can you please ensure that your young person has enough LFTs to allow them to have tested on the evening before or the morning of the day of our return in August.

S1 parents will be contacted separately to arrange this.

Euro 2021

On Monday our men's national football team play their first match of a major tournament in 23 years, the first in the lifetime of all our pupils and probably some staff.

Some would say a moment in history for the country. If Scotland's men's football team can't teach us all lessons in dedication, ambition and achievement, (3 of our values) I don't know who can.

I think this is a fantastic opportunity to have a fun afternoon with our pupils. We all know how much we need this after the year we have had. We will keep everything crossed that streaming and internet holds out and will therefore have the match on over periods 6 and 7, kick off at 2pm and half time over our period change over.

There will be plenty of activities to keep those not interested in the actual match engaged. To further celebrate this day everyone is encouraged to wear something blue and white if they wish. We would also like to use this day to/.



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to collect donations of food or household goods for Moray Foodbank. These will be collected in the meeting room at school.

S2 Reports – Parent Portal

We apologise for the fact that there were issues with the Parent Portal this week and S2 parents and carers were unable to access the most recent tracking reports. Unfortunately this was out of our control but we are pleased to say that the issue has now been resolved and tracking reports can now be accessed.

Educational Maintenance Allowances (EMAs)

Please can I take the opportunity to let you know that EMA application forms are now available from the school office for young people with a date of birth between 1 March 2002 and 30 September 2005. Applications can also be made electronically via the website: http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_40540.html

Yours faithfully

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