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Dear Parents/Carers

As ever I write this hoping you and your families are well. It continues to be busy times in school, and I fully appreciate how stressful this is for all our senior phase learners and their families.

I would however like to reflect on the support and encouragement that we receive daily from parents and other partners and I would like to thank you all for that, it means a lot to everyone here who is working so hard.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our leavers the very best as they move on to the next chapter. Our S6 have been a credit to the school throughout and I particularly want to thank them and their families for the way in which they have managed the last two years of their schooling during a global pandemic. For all of us it is not the way we would have wanted your last two years at Speyside High School to be, but we hope the small things we have tried to do to mark the end of your time here helps you move on.

For those that are leaving at the end of S4 the same feelings are present. Well done on completing your last two years through a global pandemic. Those of you who are leaving at the end of S4 and S5 will never have experienced a full SQA diet of exams, and this will be something I am sure will be reflected on often.

Can I please remind you that **Monday is an in-service day for the High School only.**

### Senior Phase Assessments

Today was the last day of whole school assessments, there may be some 'mopping up' over the next short while but that will only be a very small number.

The process to provide provisional grades for all young people continues, and we are now at the stage of confirming where young people will be presented for units rather than the whole award. Further information related to this will be with those of you involved very soon.

The arrangements to produce the final provisional grades are still being confirmed across Moray and when full details of this are available we will again be in touch.

### Whole School

For those that will be continuing with us from 1 June, when our new timetable begins, I would like to welcome you all back into your next year.

There are a couple of points I would just like to make clear, I ask that everyone comes prepared to school with pens, pencils, and other appropriate stationary. We previously have been able to provide a pick up a pencil facility but due to COVID-19 this is not possible presently.

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On Tuesday 1 June all those young people returning should attend their UPS class period 1, this information has been shared with young people already and there will be signs around school directing them.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards

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