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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope, as ever, this letter finds you all well.

I am writing this with the rain pouring outside and with hail stones hitting my window! Roll on our Scottish summer.

Covid

There is little update on Covid guidance, however, unfortunately a number of colleagues are still dealing with Covid and I thank you again for your patience with us when dealing with issues as a result.

SQA

Young people will return to school on Tuesday 31 May and Wednesday 1 June to take part in induction activities in order to prepare them for the year of study ahead. The new timetable will start on Tuesday 7 June. Senior Phase young people will not be required to attend school on Thursday 2 June. Friday 3 June is our Jubilee holiday and Monday 6 June is our local holiday.

IDL

We have had the most amazing week at Speyside with the Inter Disciplinary Learning week coming to an end today. I am inspired and excited by the work young people have produced and the way they have embraced a different way of learning.

All young people have developed skills this week that are more and more becoming a necessity in our ever changing world. I want to thank every young person for their hard work. I would also like to thank every staff member for their incredible enthusiasm and hard work also for what has been a very tiring week all round.

Finally I would like to thank all parents who have supported us this week with visits, packed lunches etc. to make it the success it has been.

A special thanks has to go to our Principal Teacher Raising Attainment (Acting) Steph Gilchrist for bringing this all together after an initial conversation we had in September last year!

S3 Landmark

All S3 young people will be visiting Landmark on Monday 30 May – I hope the weather is kind to us and everyone has a good day. Please bring appropriate clothing for wet or sunny weather!

S1 Parents Evening

We are absolutely delighted to welcome S1 parents to a traditional face to face parents evening on Monday – we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to discuss your young person's progress. You will be able to visit our IDL showcase in the Games Hall that night.

Achievement Ceremonies/.



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Achievement Ceremonies

We have taken the decision to run our Achievement Ceremonies slightly differently this year. These will run every morning 09:00 to 09:30 on the week commencing Monday 20 June for all year groups.

Further details will be shared as soon as possible, but all parents/carers will be welcome to join us at the appropriate ceremony.

S2 Moray College Experiences

All young people in S2 have been assigned to groups for their Moray College experiences next week that takes place over Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This opportunity will give our young people the chance to do something new that will inform them about future pathways they may wish to take and give them knowledge and skills that would not normally fit into their normal school week and gain a qualification. Pupils will be working with college lecturers who are coming into school.

While we appreciate that not all pupils have been able to be given their first choices we hope they will make the most of this opportunity.

The Moray Wellbeing Hub

As part of our ongoing commitment to wellbeing, we have been working in partnership with the Moray Wellbeing Hub to offer a range of opportunities for our school community. As part of the Moray Wellbeing Hub's evaluation process, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the short survey below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dwxlCwTtBB_mtPQKKSHyWYtZmFTWIQHPNJLNigwXk8/edit

Events at UHI Moray

Please see below for events coming up at UHI Moray.

DISCOVER SCIENCE – UHI Moray, Main Campus Moray Street

FRIDAY 24 JUNE @ 10.00-12.00

Come meet our Science Team during an afternoon of exciting Chemistry, Biology and Microbiology experiments!

Watch, take part and ask questions on various experiments such as:

- * Investigating the chemical properties of burning metal compounds
- * Looking at anatomy of animal skulls and how this affects what they eat and its impact on the structure of their teeth
- * Investigating yeast growth on plants and animal cells
- * Looking at blood cells under the microscope

You will also/.



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You will also be able to learn about the jobs and routes into a science career and how our courses can help get you there.

LINK: www.moray.uhi.ac.uk/events/discover-science?fbclid=IwAR1xMf-7kon7EekPeCHT34Qinlh4qnafC1V1GVbeRMbNQrOqFxeqnWfEMSA>

Open to all ages! Everyone is welcome to attend.

OPEN DOORS PRE-SESSION – UHI Moray, Main Campus Moray Street

TUES 31 MAY @ 14.00-19.30

Come meet the team and find out more about your course!

- * Sport & Fitness
- * Beauty Therapy
- * Hairdressing
- * Integrative Healthcare
- * British Sign Language
- * Leisure and Short Courses

Events - Open Doors: Pre-session 22-23- Moray College UHI<<https://www.moray.uhi.ac.uk/events/open-doors-pre-session-22-23>>

OPEN DAY – UHI Moray, Main Campus Moray Street

TUES 14 JUNE @ 15.30-18.30

Explore your study options in Moray at our Open Day! Find out about our range of courses and choose the path that's right for you. moray.uhi.ac.uk/openday

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
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Encl: Open Doors Leaflet



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