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Dear Parent/Carer

I know we are not officially back to school as yet, but I wanted to be in touch before the new session starts.

I hope you have all had a good summer and have been able to enjoy some rest and relaxation over the summer.

All young people will return to school on Tuesday 16 August, with colleagues returning on Monday 15 August.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and to the new session and term ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some points as we return:

SQA

We are pleased with our SQA results. Congratulations to all young people who successfully completed their SQA exams with little or no previous experience. Thank you to all Parents/Carers and colleagues who worked so hard to support our young people to do their best.

SLT and the Guidance Team will be available to deal with any queries as we return. I know some families have been in touch already in regard to SQA results and procedures and actions are ongoing to support.

SQA Appeals

For any young person who gained a grade that is below what we estimated the SQA have provided an appeals service this year. Where a young person wishes that we submit an appeal, please discuss with your subject teacher on your return to school.

Urgent appeals for those requiring a grade to gain entry to University or College must be made by Wednesday 16 August and all others by Tuesday 30 August.

Timetables

Please note that for period 1 on Tuesday 16 August, S1 should report to the Auditorium and S2-S6 should report to their UPS classes where they will be issued with their timetables.

Celebrating Success

Last term saw us all celebrate the great success and achievements of all our young people and it was great to have so many Parents/Carers back in the building. We look forward to continuing this into our new term. We look forward to welcoming as many of you back into the building as possible and to more regular celebrations of success.

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Uniform

As part of the new session and as we strive to put Covid 19 behind us, it is important that we all feel part of the Speyside High School team. To support this with young people it is important that school uniform is worn. This shows our pride at being part of Speyside High School community and is our work wear.

I am sure you are all prepared for the new term with required school uniform but below is a reminder of our uniform expectation:

1. White shirt with school tie and black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt/black jumper with school logo

OR

2. Polo shirt **not a round neck t-shirt** with black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt/black jumper with school logo

AND

Option 1 or 2 along with: black trousers **not joggers or leggings**/skirt/shorts **and** black shoes **preferably not trainers**

Please note that a **plain** black jumper, sweatshirt or hoody is perfectly acceptable as uniform. A branded Speyside High School jumper does not have to be worn. Any smart black trousers are acceptable, but joggers and sports leggings should not be worn unless for PE, and then they should be changed for uniform trousers.

If anyone needs support in providing uniform please contact the school. We have a number of ways of helping with this.

Equipment

We understand that currently it can be difficult to provide all equipment that your young person may need for school every day.

To support this we have re-introduced our Pick up a Pencil (and other basic equipment) at the front door. This may help with ensuring your young person has pens, pencils, rulers etc for their day at school.

If you are having further difficulty in supplying equipment please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be able to help out.

Toilets

Following on from Covid arrangements we have decided to continue with designated toilets for specific year groups. We have unfortunately experienced vandalism in the toilets over the last year and we hope this system will allow young people to use toilets in a safe manner and be able to reduce any possibilities of vandalism.

Extra-Curricular Activities/.



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Extra-Curricular Activities

Again as we aim to put Covid behind us we are keen to get as many young people involved in extra-curricular activities as possible. A fair, introducing all our clubs, will take place the second week back and we look forward to seeing as many young people attend to sign up for all our exciting activities.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
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