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Dear Parent/Carer

I cannot believe we are at the end of week one already. What a great week it has been. I have been so impressed by the positive attitude of young people on their return from what seemed a very quick six week holiday. Well done everyone and here's to a great 2022/2023 session.

Our new S1s are settling in very well and have been so smart in their uniform including their ties which were given to them by the Parent Council.

SQA and Senior Timetables

We are very pleased with our results this year. We will be processing some appeals for young people and we have been in touch or will be in touch if this affects your young person.

As we continue on the school's improvement journey, Senior Management Team and Guidance Teachers will be reviewing senior timetables. We have become aware of some young people who will need to change courses in light of August results, but also some who may need to look at the level of some of their courses. We aim to ensure all young people gain as many experiences and qualifications as possible and so some young people may need to revise their timetables.

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. The subject teacher will issue the young person with a letter to be signed by both parent and young person. Please be aware that appeal outcomes can go up, stay the same or there is a very small chance it may go down.

Please ensure permission slips are returned to school by Tuesday 30 August at the very latest.

Young Philanthropy Initiative (YPI)

This will be launched with our S3 young people on Monday. This allows all young people to research, present and bid for £3,000 for a charity they would like to support. Look out for further details in the weeks ahead.

Staff

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Amy MacInnes has been appointed as Acting Depute Head Teacher. Plans for the guidance support for young people who are in Fiddich house will be shared next week. Please do not hesitate, however, to call the school if you have any worries and we will support and help in our usual way until plans are confirmed.

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Uniform

As I have said we are really keen in developing our pride in being part of SHS community and one of the ways of doing this is to wear our uniform with pride.

Please see below guidelines. If you are having any difficulties in providing this please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are currently collecting pre loved items of school wear and will be in touch in the near future to give more details about this.

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.

Fresher's Fair

This will take place on Thursday August 25, and gives S1 an opportunity to find out about and join all the extracurricular clubs on offer. Due to Covid these have been very much reduced but I am pleased to see more being organised again as we move forward from the pandemic. I am particularly excited to see our S1s organising a Cheerleading group already.

Job Opportunity

We are currently seeking additional cleaning staff to join the team at Speyside High School. Should this be of interest to you please be advised that the job is advertised on My Job Scotland Ref: MORO7011 or you can contact Susan Urquhart 07967748973 or Neil Munro 07964439327

Yours faithfully

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