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Dear Parent/Carer

Extra-curricular Groups

We are delighted to see so many of our extra-curricular groups up and running. A full directory of all PE clubs is in the PE corridor. Others are advertised around school and in pupil notes.

Volunteering – Saltire Awards

All young people will be shown a video in their Period 1 class on Monday 5 September about the above award. Young people can gain awards for volunteering.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school next Thursday, 8 September to take individual photographs for pupils in First, Third and Sixth year. Young people in sixth year will also have a year group photograph taken at this time. I appreciate that the majority of our young people are meeting school uniform expectations, however I would be very grateful for your support by reminding your young person of this event and wearing school uniform.

Wall of Wonders

I am delighted to let you know of an exciting development that has taken place during this week. A group of young people in fourth year have been working alongside Miss Main to set up an initiative called Wall of Wonders. Myself and colleagues fully appreciate the demands the cost of living crisis is putting on family budgets and the group wanted to offer young people access to free basic toiletries, e.g. deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and toothpaste. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the William Grant Foundation who provided funding towards the initial costs of purchasing a display board and a supply of toiletries which are all available free of charge. I would also like to thank young people for taking only what they need and therefore leaving more items available for other young people.

House Captains

Congratulations to S6 students Keira Durno and Emma McConachie who have been appointed to the position of House Captains for Fiddich House. Also to Isabella Marshall and Esme Horsburgh for Livet House and Macy Penter for Rinnes. We wish them success in their new roles.

Mobile Phones

Last week all young people attended an assembly. It was made very clear to all young people that they must not be using their mobile phones to video or photograph anyone without their consent and such video's and photos must not be shared. Young people were also told that if they received any such video's or photos they should tell an adult and follow further advice to delete it.

Unfortunately this week I have been made aware of at least two instances where this clear direction has not been followed.

Sadly/.



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Sadly I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that many young people cannot use a mobile phone responsibly. It is therefore a natural progression from this point to start to look at a complete ban on mobile phone use in school.

We will be discussing this further with your young people, school colleagues and Parents/Carers.

LOST PROPERTY

Can you please remind all young people to check lost property. Please ensure they check the lost property located outside the Janitors office for any items that they have lost before Friday 9 September as after this date all items will be sent to recycling.

MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND (ADD-BRACADABRA) EVENT ABERLOUR

Maths week Scotland is a family learning event on Monday 12 September. It's a great learning opportunity exploring how maths can be used to make magic. Please find attached a poster with more details.

Yours faithfully

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