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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope as ever this letter finds you well.

This has been another busy week with young people representing Speyside High School at Career Ready and on a joint visit between Biology and Business Management to the Highland Wildlife Park. As ever it has been commented on how well our young people represented the school on these activities.

### **S1 Day of Nature**

You will be aware through letters from Mr Turner that all of S1 are attending a Day of Nature – with half of the year group attending either Thursday 10 November or Thursday 17 November.

The group of S1s who are not on their Day of Nature will take part in some different activities in school which will be out with some of their usual timetabled classes.

### **Staffing**

A warm welcome to Miss Bell who has now started with us as permanent Principal Teacher of History.

Ms Bye-Jensen will be leaving us at the end of November. I would like to thank her for her hard work and enthusiasm whilst at Speyside High School and wish her well in the future. Details about arrangements for staffing Technical classes are being made and will be shared with you as soon as possible.

### **Social Media/Online Safety**

Police Scotland have provided some useful checklists for Parents/Carers and young people with regards social media safety for a number of different platforms including TikTok, Twitter, Netflix among others. These checklists can be viewed on our school website: <http://speysidehighschool.net/parents-and-carers/online-safety-resources>

### **National Discussion on Scottish Education**

The Scottish Government are inviting everyone with an interest in the future of Scotland's education system to join an online survey. Please see attached letter for more information.

### **S1 and S2 Fire Safety Talks**

Last week representatives of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service visited S1 and S2 during PSE to remind them of safe behaviours around Bonfires and when using sparklers ahead of Bonfire Night this weekend. The pupils were fully engaged, remembered many of the key facts and had an opportunity to ask wider questions about the Fire Service to the team.

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### **Worrying about Money?**

With the cost of living crisis, more and more people are worried about how to make their money stretch over the coming winter months.

The Fairer Moray Forum Action Group together with the Independent Food Aid Network have developed the attached leaflet to help people in Moray get the right type of support, focusing on a cash payment response. The link below provides the launch information.

<https://newsroom.moray.gov.uk/news/new-worrying-about-money-support-tool-launched-in-moray?fbclid=IwAR3YSerwxH-bOfec74U7-fV8wfAurkdspPK5MtG77Z9fhA90V-JShI0PL8s>

There is also an online tool which mirrors the support provided on the leaflet that can also be shared online. [worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/moray](http://worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/moray) Alternative languages can also be accessed from this online tool using the Google Translate button.

Paper versions of the leaflet can also be provided by emailing [moraychallengespoverty@moray.gov.uk](mailto:moraychallengespoverty@moray.gov.uk) . Please provide your contact details and the number of leaflets you would like. The paper versions are available in the following languages – English, Polish, Mandarin, Portuguese, Lithuanian, German, Arabic and Ukrainian.

### **Parent Survey - Catering**

Moray Council Catering Service would like to hear your feedback by following the link or QR code below. The survey is live from 1 November 2022 until 30 November 2022.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/52DPWSV>



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### Pupil Survey – Catering

Moray Council would also like to hear from young people in order that they can develop the new menu from April. Could you please encourage your young person to fill in the survey in order that Moray Council have their opinions to consider for the decisions that are made.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZNM5NYB>



### SDS Parents webinar - Understanding Options available after school - 10 November 2022

Skills Development Scotland careers advisers are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of secondary pupils on 10 November 2022 at 6:30pm to discuss the options available to young people when they leave secondary school, and resources and support available from Skills Development Scotland.

Parents and carers can register for our session here:

<https://Understandingoptionsavailableafterschool.eventbrite.co.uk>

Yours faithfully

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