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Dear Parent/Carer

As ever I hope this finds you all well and that you were able to enjoy a safe Bonfire night.

### **Remembrance**

Today all young people will have a Remembrance Service. The school will also observe a minute silence at 11am in order to respect the memory of those lost.

Thank you to our janitors, S2s and S6 young people for selling poppies around school.

### **Music/Drama Showcase**

This showcase took place on Wednesday 9 November. This was an opportunity for young people to perform in front of a "real" audience. The talent on show was amazing – congratulations to everyone involved.

Thank you to the Art Department for the excellent display and to Home Economics for the goodies to eat.

### **In Service Days**

Please note Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 November are In Service days at Speyside High School – young people should not attend school these days.

### **Craigellachie Bridge**

Forres Police Office called to let us know that there have been complaints regarding teenagers climbing on the scaffolding at the Craigellachie Bridge. Can we please ask that you speak to your young person(s) regarding the dangers of this.

### **Vaping & Smoking**

We continue to work hard to ensure the Health & Safety of all young people and colleagues at Speyside High School.

Please remember there is zero tolerance of smoking and vaping at Speyside High School.

### **Anti-Bullying Week 2022 - 14 to 18 November**

Please find a link regarding Information for parents and carers relating to bullying and online safety <https://respectme.org.uk/adults/>. This includes advice and steps you can take if your child tells you they are being bullied, or videos to help you deal with situations in the best way, be that if your child is experiencing or presenting bullying behaviours.

You can find Information for children and young people who want to consider their options if they are experiencing bullying behaviours and find a way that works best for you at <https://respectme.org.uk/page-3/what-are-my-options/>

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## HOPE

Over the course of November, all classes across S1 to S4, will see the online performance of 'HOPE'; a production exploring the theme of bullying. This explores the situational dynamic from the differing perspectives of three young people. The production encourages young people to see things from someone else's position and to explore some of the factors that may hide behind somebody's behaviour. The production also offers advice and allows young people to see how situations can change significantly over time.

## Outdoor learning space

Many of you will have noticed the building being erected near to the Astro Turf. This is a structure that was ordered in August 2020 when we first returned from Covid to support outdoor learning. Unfortunately due to many difficulties we have only now been able to go ahead with its building. We really look forward to using it as an additional learning space during the school day.

## SQA Your National Qualifications 2022-23

All Senior Phase pupils are to be issued with a copy of this publication this week. This has information about a variety of aspects of SQA examinations and in particular about coursework. Please look over this booklet with your young person and where you have any questions please contact Mr Picksley.

The booklet can also be downloaded from [https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/Your-National-Qualifications-22-23-school-edition.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/Your-National-Qualifications-22-23-school-edition.pdf)



Yours faithfully

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