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Dear Parent/Carer

This will be the last newsletter of 2022 and goodness what a year it has been!

I would like to thank all of you who have been so supportive of the school through this term. I would also like to thank all colleagues for their huge amount of hard work and support throughout this year and all the young people for their hard work as well.

I hope you are all able to have a restful and pleasant festive break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2023.

### **School Parties**

Well done to everyone who attended the school parties. The senior party was probably the best senior party we have had at Speyside High School. I know all the staff also enjoyed themselves.

### **School Concert**

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Concert and to all who attended to watch the concert on Tuesday evening. All performances were amazing and the work that went into producing such a great show must have been huge. A particular thanks to Miss Chapman for bringing it all together so successfully.

### **Raffle Prizes**

There are a few outstanding raffle prizes from the Christmas Concert. Can we please ask that those who did not check their tickets on Tuesday evening do so and contact the school office to see if any of these could be yours.

### **Prelims**

A prelim schedule was issued to young people in S4, S5 and S6 this week and a copy can be down loaded from <http://speysidehighschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Prelims-January-2023-PUPILS.pdf>.

Study leave will run from Monday 16 January to Friday 27 January. Outwith these times all young people should attend class except when they have a prelim.

Personalised timetables will be issued with exact start and finish times, rooms and seat numbers when we come back.

While Christmas is an important time to spend with friends and family as well as to have time to relax, young people must make sure they are prepared as well as they can be for these exams.

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### Assistance Dog

Please be advised that an assistance dog will be present in the school at various times over the next few months. If you would like any further information please contact the school.

### School Uniform

At Speyside High School, we are really keen in developing our pride in being part of our school community and one of the ways of doing this is to wear our uniform with pride.

Please see below guidelines:

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 hoodie 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.

### Cost of Living

We are aware that many families are struggling with the cost of living crisis. As you may be aware, we are starting up a second hand uniform store for any young people that need help with uniform or PE kit. If your young person has any outgrown school uniform that is still in good condition (white polo shirts, black trousers, black shoes or PE kit) or they get new clothes over Christmas and have some that they no longer need, please consider donating this to the school to help other young people feel part of our school community. Any donations can be handed into the office this week or in the New Year.

### UPS

This is a busy term for S2 and S3 year groups in their UPS classes as both have been preparing for enterprise related competitions over the course of the term. For the S3s, massive congratulations to the winning team who were successful in gaining £3000 for their chosen charity Mikeysline. The charity have been in touch to say that they were delighted to receive the money which will enable them to fund mental health support for young people in Moray. From the S2s who have been completing a Dragons' Den challenge, we have four class winners from across the year group which were the Nature Bottle group (2R), Mental Health bottle (2F) and finally Vision of Colour and Bubble Cup (2L).

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### **Overview of Scottish Apprenticeships for Parents and Carers**

**Thursday 19 January, 6.30pm – 7.15pm**

How much do you know about Scottish Apprenticeships? Sign up to the national webinar to hear about Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships and how work-based learning can open the door to a wide range of careers.

In order to access this session, you will require to have downloaded the Microsoft Teams app on your device - we would advise that if you are using a mobile or tablet, you download this prior to the session. **Register to attend on Eventbrite**

Yours faithfully

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