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Dear Parent/Carer

As ever I hope this finds you well. I hope you were among those that were lucky enough to see the Northern Lights this week. Along with this Jupiter and Venus are also visible in the sky. Another busy week at Speyside High School!

Saroj Lal

We welcomed Doctor Pauline Stephen and Khadija Mohammed from GTCS to school on Monday. They were here to present Miss McWilliam with the Saroj Lal award for her work on inclusivity, diversity and equality. We were joined by Miss McWilliam's family and approximately one hundred young people who had wanted to be part of the occasion.

Baxters Soup Challenge

I cannot believe it has been a year, but we were back judging for the soup to represent Speyside High School at the finals in May, this week. Sandy Young, the Baxters representative who was on the judging panel, noted the high standard of all the soups and so it was very difficult to choose a winner.

The winning soup however was a sweet chilli chicken soup (certainly with a spicy kick!). Good luck to the team taking this forward. Well done to all of S2 and the Home Economics department for their hard work to get to this point.

Baxters Soup Challenge - Soup, Sweet and Heat

We are delighted to be receiving over 2000 cans of our last year's winning soup – Coconutty Cauliflower - on Monday, donated to us by Baxters. We are planning a free event on Saturday 25 March 'Soup, Sweet and Heat' to which all the Speyside High School families are invited. Further details to follow.

School Improvement Model Visit

Various members of the Moray Council Quality Improvement Team, along with the Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher from Keith Grammar School, will visit Speyside High School on Thursday 9 March 2023. The visit will comprise of discussions and key documentation review, a range of focus groups, classroom observations and Senior Leadership Team 1:1 discussions with members of the reviewing team on remit/role and school priorities/next steps.

Insight Results

All SQA (Scottish Qualification Authority) results are input to a National data base of results for all Scottish schools. Twice yearly this is updated, the most recent update taking place at the end of February 2023. This set of data produced summarises the attainment and achievement of all S4, S5 and S6 leavers 2022.

Our set of results this year are very good. In all the measures reported on we have exceeded our virtual comparative school. Well done to everyone involved in this; parents/carers, colleagues, young people etc.

If you would like to discuss these results further please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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New Meal Deal Options

The Canteen will be offering a Daily Meal Deal from Monday 6 March 2023. This will comprise of ½ baguette or panini, any drink, a jelly or whip and a small salad pot all for only £2.40. Fresh fruit will also be available free of charge.

Study Club

Study Club runs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.45-4.45pm with buses leaving the school for the main centres at 4.50pm. S4-S6 young people should sign up for this during Driving Attainment, period 1 on Monday.

You can view what is offer by clicking [HERE](#).

Please also note that you can also find out about the National E-Learning Offer on our website or by clicking [HERE](#).

Yours faithfully

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