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Dear Parent/Carer

As ever I hope this letter finds you well and that you were maybe able to see the Northern Lights last night.

SQA

A separate letter with specific SQA information and support for revision will be sent to senior phase families.

e-Sgoil

The e-Sgoil Easter Study support programme runs between 3 April 2023 and 14 April 2023 and will provide live interactive daytime webinars. There will be 30 different courses ranging from National 4, through National 5 to Higher and Advanced Higher. You can view the full Easter Study Support timetable at: <https://e-sgoil.com/study-support/#easterss>

S2 Charity Fair

Well done to S2 for organising their charity fair on Monday of this week raising funds for charity. A particular thank you to the two members of staff who took part in 'Sponge the Teacher' – braver than me!

STEM

On Thursday 23 March, 14 young people attended a Smart STEMs (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) day of activities at UHI Moray. The day was packed with talks and activities from a variety of STEM professions, current STEM students at UHI Moray and role models from the STEM sector. The young people took part in hands-on activities from Morgan Sindall (building a house frame safely and in the most cost effective way possible) and the RAF Cyber team (programming remote controlled bots for use on an airfield). The workshops were rounded off with a talk from Police Scotland around protecting themselves from cyber-crime. Prizes could be won for engagement in the workshops and questions put to all exhibitors at lunchtime. Overall a great day was had by all!

Moray Young Musician of the Year

This event took part last night. A huge well done to Arwen Burns who represented Speyside High School brilliantly at the event.

Badminton

A record 17 pupils attended the annual Moray Schools Badminton competition yesterday, with both junior and senior pupils along with Mrs Stewart, who kindly gave up her own time to chaperone the event at Moray Sports centre. Mrs Stewart reported that everyone set about playing good badminton and enjoying their games. There was stiff competition with Elgin Academy placing first in the junior section and Buckie High in the senior section.

I am especially pleased to hear how well all players represented Speyside High School showing great sportsmanship on and off the court. Well done everyone!

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Active Schools Archery Tournament

On Monday afternoon we welcomed teams from Milne's High School and Keith Grammar, who were taking part in a soft archery tournament organised by Active Schools. Our Active Schools Co-ordinator had been working with our team for three training sessions leading up to this tournament and our young people have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to shoot a bow and arrow over the last few weeks. Great sportsmanship was shown by all during Monday's tournament and we are all looking forward to next term's Active Schools challenge which will be Athletics.

Moray and Banffshire Heros

We are delighted that both Mr Burns, Principal Teacher Modern Languages, and Miss McWilliam, Teacher of English, have been nominated for this prestigious award. To vote follow the link

<https://www.hnmedia.co.uk/morayheroes/>

Yours faithfully

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