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Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope everyone had a relaxing break over the recent holidays. We are now into our fourth term of the session and it is always a very busy term with lots of events to look forward to.

The first of those events is the start of our SQA exams on Monday 24 April and I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every member of our school community who continues to support the school and our young people at this time. We have an excellent record of very good behaviour during the exams as reported by Invigilators and I am sure we will continue like this, this year.

SQA

Today is the last day for all of our leavers. We wish all Senior Phase young people all the best in their upcoming SQA exams and particular best wishes to all S6 and those in S4 and S5 who are moving onto their next exciting chapter.

All leavers were invited to a brunch in the canteen this morning and received a memento of their time at Speyside High School. I look forward to the day being a positive and celebratory day.

There has been a large amount of revision support in place for some time at the school and young people are welcome to make arrangements with their teachers to come in for specific revision periods over the exam diet. It is important that all young people have a clear plan for revision over this time, but that time for relaxation is factored into this also.

All Senior Phase young people have been issued with a personalised timetable which gives exact times and places for their exams – it is important that this is checked regularly to be sure of dates and times of exams.

Again best wishes to all young people and their families during this time, and please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is anything you or your young person needs to discuss.

Study Leave

Study Leave for our Senior Phase young people will commence on Monday 24 April and will finish on 26 May with all young people returning to school on Monday 29 May 2023.

Wellbeing

As our senior phase pupils begin exam leave next week it's important to remember they look after their mental health and wellbeing especially during this stressful time. To help with this the well-being hub has arranged wellbeing walks daily at 2pm, come along at the end of lunch to the well-being hub. The gym will also be available from 8.45am to 3.40pm, please sign in at the well-being hub to access this facility. The swimming pool will also be available on the following dates, Friday 28 April, 5 May and 19 May at 11.30am, during these dates and times senior pupils will not need to have a fit life card.

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Guidance

Mrs Goodwin, who has been in post as Acting Principal Teacher of Guidance for Fiddich House leaves us today to return to her post at Forres Academy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Goodwin for her input in supporting the pupils and families of Fiddich House and wish her all the best in the future.

From Monday 24 April 2023, should you wish to speak with a member of the Guidance Team regarding your young person, the point of contact will be as follows:

S1 - Surname A-G Mrs Young, H-Z Mr Craven

S2 – Mrs Young

S3 – Mr Craven

S4 – Mr Craven

S5 – Mrs Young

S6 – Mr Craven or Mrs Young

Gala Street Party

I am delighted to let you know that our canteen are having a Gala Street Party during lunchtime on Thursday 4 May. Young people have been issued with information about this including the menu choices.

Childcare Survey

We have been asked to share the 2023 Childcare Survey which is now live

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

Job Fair

DYW Moray are hosting a free Jobs Fair on 31 May 2023, 4.30pm – 6.30pm at Elgin Town Hall. For more information see the link on Speyside Pupils Teams page or search DYW Moray on Facebook

Local community planning

DYW Moray is looking to hear from young people to find out what they would like to see in their local town centres. This will help employers understand what they could be doing to better provide for young people, and help the local area. If you would like to help, please ask your young person to complete the form by Thursday 27 April.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3PnkINzhQk-rJ958IELqY76K1f6jxQdCuatYfFOzpv5UM0k2NUFSNDkzVEhBOVo1SIBERjJURUxFS54u>

Yours faithfully

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SCHOOL CALENDAR – KEY DATES

APRIL	
Monday 24	Start of SQA Exams Start of Study Leave for Exam Pupils
Wednesday 26	Immunisation Mop Ups
MAY	
Monday 1	May Day Holiday
Wednesday 3	S2 Back to the Future Day
Monday 8	Closure – Kings Coronation Day
Thursday 11	In-Service Closure
Friday 12	In-Service Closure
Monday 15	IDL Week
Thursday 25	S1 Parents Appointments - Evening
Friday 26	End of Study Leave
Monday 29	End of SQA Exams New Timetable
JUNE	
Monday 5	Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 12	Stepping out at Speyside P7 Induction Day
Thursday 15	Sports Day (TBC)
Tuesday 20	Achievement Ceremony
Tuesday 27	Summer Concert 7pm
Friday 30	End of Summer Term



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