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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend last weekend and that you are looking forward to another one this weekend.

### **Canteen**

Speyside canteen staff had an absolute blast with young people at their Gala Day Street Party. It was lovely to see it so well supported by young people and staff.

They would like to thank all parties involved in helping to organise the Gala Party Day.

### **Staffing**

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Taylor who will be starting with Speyside High School in the post of Acting Principal Teacher of Guidance.

I am also delighted to welcome Ms MacMillan who will be joining for the start of the new session in August as Teacher of Technical.

### **Junior Ranger Programme 2023**

Today sees the culmination of this year's S2 Junior Ranger programme. Twelve of our S2 young people have had a wide range of experiences with local partners, focusing on land management, conservation, green health, and community engagement. The group did an amazing presentation on Thursday, sharing their experiences with family members and staff from across the school. We wish the group the best of luck with their canoe adventure on the River Spey today! Many thanks to the staff at Cairngorm National Park Authority and all our local partners for making this such a success. Our current S1 young people will have the opportunity to sign up for the 2024 programme next session.

### **Meaningful May**

This week saw our young people, partners and colleagues taking part in the Senior Phase Meaningful May. Meaningful May's themes this year are life skills, employability and our community. Many thanks to partners from the Fire Service who provided first aid training and Johnston's of Elgin who discussed how to ace a job interview. Young people also heard from the housing team at the Moray Council about getting their own houses and planning a budget to live independently.

### **Trip to Aboyne**

Mrs Boardman (English Teacher) and Mr Hay (Principal Teacher of English) took a Learning Visit to Aboyne Academy this week, in the company of Ms Duffy (Depute Head Teacher). Aboyne Academy has been identified as being successful in raising attainment over a number of years, and the visit was geared towards sharing our experiences and learning from each other. We received a very friendly welcome from the team at Aboyne and spent the morning in conversation with the English Faculty and its Principal Teacher, Ms Gray. Both departments felt that it was a positive experience, and are hopeful that this will start a relationship that will benefit both schools in the future.

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### **Glow Accounts for Leavers**

All young people who will be leaving school over the next few weeks should be aware that their Glow account will close as soon as they are marked as a leaver. Please make sure that anything you need in the future is downloaded and if you have set up any accounts using your Glow email address will need to be changed to a new email address. If you need more information contact the Moray Digital Learning Team by email: [learntech@moray.gov.uk](mailto:learntech@moray.gov.uk).

### **TikTok Video**

We have been made aware that there is currently an animal cruelty video circulating on TikTok which we are led to believe is visually disturbing and may impact on the emotional wellbeing of the viewers. Should you become aware that your young person has viewed the video, we would encourage you to report the content to the platform directly.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs P Goodbrand**  
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