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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this finds you all well and hopefully the weather will remain settled for our holiday weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 6 June.

Senior Phase Induction

This took place across 3 days this week. The young people were offered great inputs focusing on:-

- Teambuilding
- Pathway Planning
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Raising Attainment

This was a huge logistical undertaking and I want to thank everyone involved for making it such a success.

SQA

Mr Burns, our Chief Invigilator, has asked me to pass on his thanks to all candidates and the school for their application and behaviour over the exam diet. The candidates as usual did themselves proud in their application and I wish them well for August. The whole school family are to be commended for their overall attitude towards each other in ensuring the diet of exams went smoothly for all concerned. Well done and thank you everyone.

Nursery Provision

We are delighted to be hosting the two nurseries from Aberlour Primary School in the new term. To allow essential expansion work to take place, the nurseries will be running at Speyside High School for the term August to October. They will be accommodated in the Performance Area and the Green Room and will use some of the toilet facilities in the area also. We are excited to be working in partnership with the primary and nurseries to accommodate this and are looking forward to exploring the opportunities for volunteering and work experience for your young people through this. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Achievement Ceremony

We are delighted to host an evening event this year which will take place on Tuesday 20 June. Invitations and further information about the event will be sent out to award winners next week.

Canteen zero waste

In order to reduce food waste within our canteen, at the end of each day any appropriate leftover food such as sandwiches and soups are being offered out to young people from the breakfast club hatch (or direct from the canteen on a Friday). Young people are then able to come along and collect something to take home to eat. We would encourage any and all young people to take advantage of this offer and help support us to reduce food wastage.

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Speyside Parent Empowerment Group

Keith and Speyside Parents and Carers of Children with a neurodiverse condition (children do not need to have received a formal diagnosis) are invited to join a walk to connect with other parents as part of the parent empowerment group on Sunday 4 June 10am - 11am. The starting Point is Craigellachie, in the Fiddich Car Park to walk the Speyside Way.

An opportunity to connect with others and share experiences through peer support. No booking required. See attached poster for information.

Travel Scheme Survey

The Scottish Government launched the Free Bus Travel Scheme for young people between the ages of 5 and 21 in January 2022. This aims to encourage greener travel patterns, and increase opportunities for young people to engage in employment, education and social activities, and not be excluded due to travel costs. Transport Scotland are monitoring the scheme as it progresses to check on use and impact. The attached survey seeks to understand the use of the scheme and any benefits or challenges that have been experienced since its introduction. Travel Scotland would be grateful if parents/carers of younger children (i.e. those aged 5-16), or young people aged 12-23 themselves, could complete the short travel survey attached.

Yours faithfully

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