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Dear Parent/Carer

The weather has been very good recently so I hope the forecast is correct and remains the same at the weekend. With the hotter weather it is important to keep hydrated and put on the suncream!

New Timetable

Most young people have returned from study leave to start their new timetables with an excellent attitude and a keenness to learn.

Those moving up a year from S1, S2 and S3 have also shown an excellent attitude, well done!

We are now at a point where no further timetable changes should be made before the summer holidays.

SQA Appeals 2023

The purpose of Appeals 2023 is to provide learners with the opportunity to request a review of their SQA-marked assessment components. Appeals 2023 is different to last years' service — alternative assessment evidence will not be considered as part of any appeal for 2023. This year, learners can request a marking review of the materials that were submitted to SQA for marking if the result is unexpected and they believe that an error may have occurred with either the totalling of marks or the marking, and this has resulted in the wrong grade being awarded.

Appeals 2023 is free of charge and will be open on Tuesday 8 August at 9 am for learners or their representatives to request a review directly to SQA, or through their school, college or training provider (centre). Appeals can be prioritised if the learner has a conditional place at university or college, or for training or employment that depends on their grade.

Grades can go up or stay the same or go down. Therefore, the learner's consent must be provided before any requests are submitted by a centre.

Key Dates

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| ❖ Learner Direct Service opens to learners | 8 August |
| ❖ Deadline for submitting priority appeals via Learner Direct | 15 August |
| ❖ Deadline for priority appeals through school submission | 21 August |
| ❖ Deadline for submitting non-priority appeals via Learner Direct | 29 August |
| ❖ Deadline for submitting non-priority appeals through school submission | 1 September |
| ❖ SQA issues priority appeal results to schools | 4 September |
| ❖ SQA issues results for non-priority appeals | October |
| ❖ Replacement certificates issued | mid-November |

Any appeal submitted through learner direct will be approved by school. If we wish to submit an appeal on behalf of a young person we will seek their permission first.

Further information is available from <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/79049.html>

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P7 Transition

Our new S1 join us on Monday and Tuesday of next week. We are all really looking forward to seeing them again. Their buddies are all ready to help them find their way around the school and Teachers are looking forward to welcoming them into classes.

Sports Day

This takes place next Friday 16 June at 9.45am, weather dependant, and will be held on the school playing fields. Parents/carers are invited if they wish to come along and watch your young people participate in the competitions.

Concert

Tuesday 27 June at 7pm we will be hosting our first summer concert in the school Auditorium. This will include a variety of performances from school ensembles and soloists. Tickets will be available from the office from Monday 12 June. Please refer to attached poster for more information. We look forward to seeing you there.

Achievement Ceremony

Planning for our annual Achievement Ceremony is well underway and invitations have been sent out via email earlier this week. Please can I ask you to let us know if you will be able to or perhaps unable to come along to the event on Tuesday 20 June. All the information on how to do this is provided within the email and letter sent.

Outfit Moray

This week some of our pupils embarked on adventurous activities with a focus on literacy and numeracy in partnership with Outfit Moray. We had pupils on the River Spey in Duckies, other pupils learned archery and we also had a small team who went gorge walking. All of these activities had a link to raising attainment in literacy and numeracy.

School Improvement Plan

At Speyside High School we are continually working to improve the experience for all our young people. Part of this ongoing process is to produce a School Improvement Plan that maps this. It is important that we involve as many people from our community in this as possible. To support this I would like to invite any parent/carers to join us on Thursday 22 June at 2.10pm at Speyside High School to discuss any particular aspects for school improvement that could be included in our plan.

Please contact the office by Wednesday 21 June to let us know if you would like to attend. There will be coffee/tea and cake. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Community

We continue to work hard to be good neighbours in Aberlour. Our school community extends considerably further and so it is important we are mindful of this across our catchment. Unfortunately we have had reports of vandalism and graffiti in Rothes and would ask that we all work together to maintain good standards.

Cleaner/.



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Cleaner Required at Rothes Primary

Rothes Primary School are currently looking for a cleaner to work 6 and a half hours a week on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, approximately 2 hours 10 minutes each day but this may be flexible. Please contact the Primary School office on 01340 831269 for more details.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
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