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Dear Parent/Carer

This week has been another busy week in the school. We held our achievement ceremony on Tuesday evening and it was lovely to welcome Parents/Carers and guests back in school and we look forward to building on this as we return for our new session in August.

### **School Uniform**

We appreciate that the weather is warm at the moment, however school uniform is still expected in a manner that is appropriate for the weather and a school. Some outfits that young people have been wearing are not appropriate for school and our work ethos. Can I ask you for your support to ensure young people are coming to school appropriately dressed.

### **Education Maintenance Allowance**

We now have a supply of application forms in the school office if you would like to apply for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). This is potentially available to 16 to 19 years old where a family earns up to £24,421 a year, or £26,884 if you have siblings. Further information and online applications can be made online via the Moray Council website. [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_40540.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_40540.html).

Please note that if you are already in receipt of an EMA then a new application has to be made for the new school session.

### **Non Uniform Day**

Next Friday, 30 June, we are having a non-uniform day with a summer theme. We kindly ask young people and other members of our school community to bring in a donation for Moray Food Bank if they are able to. Anyone making a donation will receive a tin of the award winning Baxter's Coconutty Cauliflower soup created by our S2 group in 2022.

### **School Uniform Store**

We are hoping that the school uniform store will be fully up and running next term. As a result, we are sending out a request to ask for any donations of school uniform clothing (plain black trousers, white polo tops, plain black or school logo jumpers and plain black shoes/trainers along with any PE kit) to help provide uniforms to those struggling with the continued cost of living crisis. If your young person has outgrown any of their school uniform or is likely to do so over the summer holiday, we would be grateful for any donations which can be passed onto Mrs Duffy/Mr McWhirter or dropped off at the school office before the end of term. Many thanks in advance for anything you are able to donate.

### **SHS PE Departmental Bike Rental**

We have a fleet of bikes in a variety of sizes that we'd like to loan out, at no cost, to existing SHS students, or to those who are joining us in August. If you would like to have access to a bike during the summer holidays, but yours is in a state of disrepair or too small, then please get in touch with [duncan.jagger@moray.edunet.gov.uk](mailto:duncan.jagger@moray.edunet.gov.uk) to arrange collection. Each bike has been serviced, and will come with a helmet, safety sunglasses and cycling gloves if required.

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### **Speyside High School Parent Council**

Want to get involved in the community but don't have much free time? Becoming a member of the Speyside High School Parent council is perfect for you! Small time commitment - large impact within your child's school community.

We meet 4 times a year - at the school - for about an hour. We get direct information about the schools plans and issues from the Head Teacher. We provide funds for student activities and events. We have input into how the school makes decisions and offers programs. We have fun!

Join for one year or six! Become a secretary or treasurer if you have the skills or not! All you need is four spare hours a year and an interest in your child's school life and opportunities.

Please join us for our first meeting of the 2023-24 term on 28 September at 7pm, upstairs in the school library. We will have snacks and soft drinks and a warm welcome.

\*\*\* We will have a fundraising bottle stall at the Musical evening on 27 June. Stop by and have a go! \*\*\*

We look forward to meeting you!

### **Active Schools**

The Active Schools team have prepared signposting information for each area regarding opportunities that are available for young people in the Summer holidays. This includes links to activities led by community sport clubs, leisure and library services, other internal Moray council partners, with the addition of some Active Schools activities. Due to the current situation regarding the funding of holiday programmes and a re-focus of our team remit, we have had to take a different approach to Summer this year.

Attached is the Speyside signposted information, with the link below attached to sign up to Active Schools led activities. This will go live on Monday at 7pm. <https://form.jotform.com/212703128493352>

Thank you for your support, enjoy the holidays when they come and we hope to see you at activities over the summer and in the next school year.

Yours faithfully

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