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Dear Parent/Carer

This will be the final newsletter of session 2022/2023 and with that I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back on 15 August 2023.

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

❖	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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School Uniform

At the start of the new term I would expect to see all young people in full school uniform as below:-

1. White shirt with school tie and black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt; black jumper or hoodie with school logo
OR
2. Polo shirt **not a round neck t-shirt** with black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt; black jumper or hoodie with school logo

AND

Option 1 or 2 along with: black trousers **not joggers or leggings**/skirt/shorts **and** black shoes **preferably not trainers**

Please note that a **plain** (with no other logo) black jumper, sweatshirt or hoodie is also perfectly acceptable as uniform. A jumper or hoodie with the Speyside High School logo does not have to be worn. Any smart black trousers are acceptable, but joggers and sports leggings should not be worn unless for PE, and then they should be changed for uniform trousers.

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 look forward to meeting you!

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
Head Teacher



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