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Dear Parent/Carer

S1 Global Goals – Day of Nature Connection

We are very excited that our S1 classes will be taking part in a *Day of Nature Connection* next week. Classes will be out on either Wednesday or Friday, travelling to our partners at the *Glenlivet Estate*, Tomintoul. Mrs Buchanan (Teacher of Biology) will lead a nature connection activity, while Mark Johnston (Crown Estate Scotland Ranger) will lead a practical conservation activity. As well as complementing our *S1 Global Goals* course, we hope that the day will give our new S1s the opportunity to get to know each other and build positive relationships. The Day of Nature Connection is also part of our wider school engagement with the Cairngorms 2030 initiative.

Cabinet Secretary Visit

We have received fantastic feedback from the recent Cabinet Secretary visit to launch the naming of a bus through Moray Growth Deal and MConnect and we would like to thank all our young people for representing Speyside High School so well.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school next Thursday 7 September to take individual photographs for pupils in First, Third and Sixth year. Young people in sixth year will also have a year group photograph taken at this time. I appreciate that the majority of our young people are meeting school uniform expectations, however I would be very grateful for your support by reminding your young person of this event and wearing school uniform.

Lost Property

Can you please remind all young people to check lost property. Please ensure they check the lost property located outside the Janitors office for any items that they have lost before Friday 8 September as after this date all items will be sent to recycling.

Parentsportal

Please can we take the opportunity to remind you about, or introduce you to, our online facility called parentsportal. We are delighted that so many of our parents and carers have already created an account and we would like to encourage more of you to do this. Parents can use this facility to view their young person's timetable and reports when they are available, report absences and access ipay.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be able to help you with setting up an account and with any queries you may have.

Further details and the facility to set up an account are also available via the link <https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/>. Existing users should note that this link has been changed and if you have been experiencing difficulties accessing the parentsportal please use this new link which should rectify these issues.

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Parent Council

Speyside High School Parent Council is delighted to invite Speyside High School families to attend the upcoming Speyside High School Parent Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at Speyside High School at 7pm on 28 September in the library at the school. The AGM will include opportunities to join the council, and to share your thoughts and ideas for the coming year. We look forward to meeting you!

Extra-curricular Groups

We are delighted to see so many young people sign up for our extra-curricular groups. A full directory of all clubs is now displayed around the school and on our school website. A copy is also enclosed for ease of reference.

Senior Phase Study Support

There are many resources to support our young people in the senior phase. Two of these are:



- Currently there are [Senior Phase Learning Spaces](#) with materials for most courses on offer in the senior phase.
- [Exam Mindset Guide](#) is a video series that will help learners “keep the heid” all the way through the exam process, from study to prelims and all the way to success in their exams.
- [Study Support](#) evening sessions will start up in October with registration open for these a few weeks before. Look out for further information.
- For more information visit <https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/#LearningSpaces>.



Scholar is accessed through Glow. There are resources for a number of subjects that we run but not all. As well as course notes there are interactive quizzes and topic tests.

Courses covered are:

Humanities and Social Sciences				Languages				Sciences			
	N5	H	AH		N5	H	AH		N5	H	AH
Accounting		✓	✓	ESOL	✓	✓	**	Applications of Mathematics	✓	✓	**
Art and Design		✓		French	*	✓	✓	Biology	✓	✓	✓
Business Management	✓	✓	✓	Gaelic	*	✓		Chemistry	✓	✓	✓
Economics		✓	✓	German	*	✓	✓	Computing Science	✓	✓	✓
English	✓	✓	✓	Mandarin	✓			Human Biology	**	✓	**
Geography	✓			Spanish	*	✓	✓	Mathematics	✓	✓	✓
Music	✓							Physics	✓	✓	✓
Psychology		✓	**								

* Support materials only
 ** No SQA qualification for this subject level

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Home Economics

Can we please ask that you remind all young people to bring a container if they have a Home Economics class and to collect their cooking from at the end of the day if they have prepared food to avoid any unnecessary food waste.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand

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Enc. Extra-Curricular Activities



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