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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you all well and that you, like me, are back in the swing of school.

It has been an absolute delight to see all young people back to school and in particular our new S1's.

All young people have settled back in well, and every S1 I have spoken to seems to be getting on well. This having been said, if there is anything you or your young person is worried about please do not hesitate to contact school.

Assemblies

The Senior Leadership Team held assemblies with all year groups on Tuesday. We focused on 'being happy, healthy and high achieving' and how all young people experience this. If any young person is worried or concerned about anything please ask them to speak to someone as soon as possible so they can help.

Nursery

Just a reminder that from now until the October holidays we are hosting Aberlour nurseries whilst upgrading work takes place at Aberlour Primary School.

The nurseries are based in the Performance Area and adjacent green room. They also have an area fenced off at the side doors of the Performance Area.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has come to Speyside High School so smartly this week. We will be aiming to send text messages home for those who are not in uniform.

We have now introduced school hoodies and I am delighted at the number of young people who are wearing these.

We should all be proud of being part of Speyside High School and wearing our uniform is part of this.

Congratulations

I have been made aware of a number of successes that young people have experienced over the Summer. This ranges from sporting activity to Highland Game participation, SQA success and many more. Congratulations to everyone!

Let's Chat Online Safety

As part of the Moray – Let's Chat Online Safety campaign being delivered by Moray Child Protection Committee and NSPCC Scotland, we are answering some questions from parents and carers about how to help keep their children safe online. This video features Kirsteen Carmichael from NHS Grampian discussing how being online is a fantastic way for children to get information, stay connected and have fun, but also offers some good advice on talking to your child about staying safe online." <https://youtu.be/vlRZt840rZo>

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Young Scot Cards

Does your young person still look like the photo on their Young Scot National Entitlement Card? Bus drivers and retailers may refuse the card if the photograph is out of date. If you need to update their photo please take or email a passport type colour photograph to the school office and complete a Photo Upgrade form (available from the office).

Cabinet Secretary Visit

We are excited to welcome the Transport Cabinet Secretary to Speyside High School next week for a visit. This is to launch the new electric bus service and to name one of the buses – Bus Lightyear.

Litter

Well done to all young people who have been maintaining the tidiness of the village during lunchtime, unfortunately however we have had a complaint from a community member regarding litter in Alice Littler Park. Can you please ask all your young people to use the litter bins provided.

Breakfast club

This year the school's breakfast club is continuing to reduce the impact of food poverty on young people and their learning. From our daily breakfast club offer, we aim to ensure that every young person can experience the best possible start to their day at Speyside High School by ensuring access to a healthy breakfast. Furthermore, we endeavour to foster an environment of inclusiveness where all young people feel supported as part of our Speyside High School community. We are fortunate to have received over £600 funding from the Coop community fund which is continuing this term. To support this, all you need to do is swipe your Coop membership card whenever you purchase any items from the Aberlour or Dufftown Coop branches then select us as the cause to support at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/74649>. A proportion of everything you spend will then be donated to our breakfast club fund. Thanks in advance for your support.

Let's Be Heard: Sharing Scotland's Covid Experience

The Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry has launched its listening project, Let's Be Heard: Sharing Scotland's COVID Experience. Let's Be Heard is inviting everyone who was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Scotland between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2022 to share their experiences with the Inquiry. Let's Be Heard is the main way in which people can contribute to the work of the Inquiry and aims to give a voice to as many people across Scotland as possible. This invitation includes people of all ages. Please visit our online platform at <https://lbh.covid19inquiry.scot> - our Children and Young People's page is at <https://lbh.covid19inquiry.scot/children-and-young-people>.

Bike Fest Aberlour

Please find attached a poster with information regarding Bike Fest Aberlour.

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Speyside High School Gardens

We would like to extend a huge thanks to the Macallan Estates-Edrington Giving More Time Team, Mrs Sarab and Ms Rattray for their help in the Speyside High School gardens during the summer holidays. They have made a large impact on an ongoing project.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
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Enc: **Bike Fest Poster**



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