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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you had an enjoyable break over the October Holiday. It has been good to see everyone back at school this week at the beginning of what is always a busy term. This will be particularly so for our Seniors with Prelims coming up soon in the new year.

E-Sgoil Study Support

This programme starts for all National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses as well as for National 4 English and Maths on Monday 30 October. The timetable is attached and young people should go to <https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/> to register and find out more.

Senior Phase Parents Evening

We were pleased to see parents and carers at our two evenings, back at the end of September and at the rescheduled evening that took place on Tuesday. Tracking reports will go out for Seniors towards the end of November and further reports and parents evenings will take place in February. We really appreciate these evenings to meet and work in partnership to support our young people to do their best.

Moray Flag Raising Ceremony

New flags for Moray and Banffshire will be unveiled at public ceremonies on Saturday 28 October. Competitions to find new flags were launched back in February, with thousands of entries whittled down to four finalists in each lieutenancy area by two panels of local stakeholders. One of these flags will be hoisted up flag poles around Banffshire on 28 October. Members of the public voted for their favourite flag in both Moray and Banffshire, with a winner having been crowned in each area. The main flag-raising event for Banffshire's new flag will take place at Castle Hill in Cullen at 11am, while Moray's new flag will be pulled up a pole outside Elgin Town Hall at 2pm. There will be a series of simultaneous Moray flag-raising events at 2pm in Forres (Tolbooth), Lossiemouth (Station Park), Fochabers (Milne's Primary) and Rothes (Glen Grant).

Rothes Road Closure

Please be aware that the A941 will be closed from 9am - 4pm on Thursday 2 November and 9am - 4pm on Friday 3 November. Please be assured that the school buses will be allowed to pass through.

Library Books

All current S1 young people who attended Mortlach Primary, if you have any library books at home that you borrowed when in P7, please return them either to Mortlach Primary or hand them into Dufftown Library as soon as possible.

Moray Wellbeing Hub

Moray Wellbeing Hub invite Keith and Speyside Parents and Carers of young people with a neurodiverse condition (young people do not need to have received a formal diagnosis) to join a walk to connect with other parents as part of the parent empowerment group, on Sunday 29 October from 11am - 12noon. The starting point is Craigellachie, in the Fiddich Park Car Park, to walk the Speyside Way. No booking required, they hope to see you there.

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UCAS Applications

Glasgow University are running online information sessions for parents/carers to help them support young people making UCAS applications this year. These will be running 23 October and 1 November 6.30-7.30pm. Here is the link to book: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/visit/undergraduate/ukundergradevents/parents-carers-sessions/>

Aberlour Community and District Pipe Band

Aberlour Community and District pipe band are currently actively recruiting new pipers from beginners to experienced level to join the band. Tuition is provided for beginners free of charge. If your young person is interested please refer to the attached poster for more information.

I sincerely hope that all of our young people have a happy, healthy and high achieving winter term.

Yours faithfully

Mr E Picksley
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