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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and surviving what has been awful weather. I was fortunate to be out of the country when storm Babet hit, but know from family that it was pretty ferocious. This weekend sees Bonfire night and I hope everyone enjoys this while staying safe.

### **SQA Visit**

Earlier this week a representative of the SQA was at school to audit our process and procedures related to additional assessment arrangements for SQA exams. The report given was highly positive with good practice highlighted to be shared with other schools. A huge thanks goes to all colleagues involved in this and to parents/carers and young people also.

### **SQA Your National Qualifications**

All young people in S4 to S6 will soon receive a copy of a publication that covers various areas that you and your young person need to know about in the run up to their exams. Please note this year there is an additional section on the use of AI.

### **HE Food pick up**

There is a growing number of young people not picking up their Home Economic final dishes at the end of the day. This is particularly the case in Senior Phase classes. It is disappointing that families are not getting the benefit of this food. This food then adds to the food wastage which is something we are trying to minimise. Please can you encourage your young person to always collect and bring home their cooking.

### **House Competitions**

An excellent house meeting was held on Thursday where all house/vice captains and student leaders discussed how to improve House identity. As a result lots of new house competitions will be run e.g. a spelling bee, chess competition etc.

### **Back to the Future School Day**

The **“Back to the Future (School) Day”**, for S1 Parents/Carers will take place on **Wednesday 29 November**. The day will involve parents/carers taking part in lessons as a “parent class” to experience, first-hand, what it is like to be a S1 pupil at Speyside High School in 2023.

Many parents/carers want to get involved in their child’s learning but perhaps don’t know the best way to do this. The “Back to the Future (School) Day”, provides the opportunity to gain a valuable insight into your young person’s experience at Speyside High School and an opportunity to ask questions about Curriculum for Excellence so that you are better equipped to support their learning.

We are keen to build a strong partnership with our parent community and would love to see S1 Parents/Carers attend the “Back to the Future (School) Day!”.

Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in attending. Information regarding arrangements for the day will be shared with you in due course. If you have not yet responded but would like to participate, please contact the school office on 01340 871522 or [admin.speysidehigh@moray-edunet.gov.uk](mailto:admin.speysidehigh@moray-edunet.gov.uk) by **Friday 10 November 2023**.



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### Co-Op Community Fund

A huge thanks to all of our parents, carers and young people who supported our breakfast club fundraising over the last 6 months through the Co-Op community fund. We're delighted to confirm that Speyside High School Breakfast Club has raised a total of £1,597.78 to subsidise the cost of food to continue to deliver the breakfast club.

### Parent Council

There will be a Speyside High School Parent Council AGM on Monday 20 November 2023 at 7pm. The Council are desperate for new members due to recent changes in the group. At present if no-one joins the council they will no longer be able to operate. This would be unfortunate as we have a reasonable sized school roll. There is no obligation to undertake a role if you attend a meeting. All support is appreciated. Please see link and attached QR code for more information. (Parent Council)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKe2gvE4bPkdLhjZ648CdDLtUNkdWVFFUSkhDSjhFNTRGMEZBNEU2SE9NTC4u>

Yours faithfully

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