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Dear Parent/Carer

The days are getting so short, however the shortest day is not that far away and then things are on the turn into the Spring! – with Christmas celebrations and holidays in between.

Learning and Teaching

Every year we undertake teaching observations to ensure a high and consistent level of learning and teaching across the school. It is a great privilege to visit classes and watch some amazing teachers providing such a great experience for young people.

Parent Council

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and those who intimated their intent but could not attend. We are again in a position where all Office Bearer positions are filled and we have a number of ordinary members. It is so important for the school to have a working Parent Council to ensure Parents voices are heard. Thank you again.

Modern Studies – Scotland Parliament Visit

A number of senior pupils had the privilege of attending a session of the Scottish Parliament. This, I am sure, was a great experience and an important input to their Modern Studies curriculum.

Tartan Festival

On Thursday 30 November, St Andrews Day, we are having a special tartan festival lunch with special entertainment. Young people are all invited to wear a touch of tartan on Thursday if they would like to.

School Christmas Parties

Both the junior and the senior parties will take place on Tuesday 12 December. A DJ is booked for both parties, to play a mix of current music and the ceilidh dances pupils will be learning in PE. A buffet will also be served at both parties.

The **junior party** will be in the afternoon, during periods 6 and 7. S1-S3 pupils will get an early lunch at 12.45pm to allow them time to get changed and ready for their party at 2pm. Classrooms will be allocated for pupils to get changed and to leave their bags/jackets during the party.

The **senior party** will take place on the evening of Tues 12 December from 7pm until 10pm. Tickets for the senior party cost £4 and will be on sale from Mon 27 November until Thursday 7 December, at lunchtimes in the auditorium. Young people must have a ticket to attend the senior party. To help reduce the costs for pupils, the school will not be providing a bus service to the party this year.

Families with young people receiving free school meals or experiencing financial difficulties at this time, should contact the school as the William Grant Foundation have provided funding to support pupils and ensure that everyone is able to join in with school events such as these.

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S2 Parents evening

A parents evening for all S2 young people will be held on Thursday 30 November from 4.30pm until 7pm. Details regarding making appointments were sent home with young people at the beginning of the week.

Christmas Concert

We're very happy to announce that our Christmas concert will be taking place on Tuesday 19 December at 7pm in the school Auditorium. Tickets are now on sale from the school office for £3 per adult, £2 concession and £8 per family. We are really hoping you can join us in what will be an incredible evening.

Bike Shelter

We are delighted to see the new community bike shed. This has been led by members of the community staff and currently we have no access to it. As soon as we have any further details we will share them.

Moray Parent Project

Please find below the offer of online workshops for parents delivered by Exchange Counselling next week:

Stress – 27 November @ 12:30pm <https://www.exchange-counselling.com/event-details/stress-online-weekly-wellbeing-workshop-for-parents-2>

Anxiety – 27 November @ 4pm <https://www.exchange-counselling.com/event-details/anxiety-online-weekly-wellbeing-workshop-for-parents-2>

Anxiety – 4 December @ 12:30pm <https://www.exchange-counselling.com/event-details/anxiety-online-weekly-wellbeing-workshop-for-parents-3>

Self- Confidence – 4 December @ 4pm <https://www.exchange-counselling.com/event-details/self-esteem-confidence-online-weekly-wellbeing-workshop-for-parents-1>

Stress – 6 December @ 5pm <https://www.exchange-counselling.com/event-details/stress-online-weekly-wellbeing-workshop-for-parents-3>

Yours faithfully

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