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Dear Parent/Carer

A very warm welcome back to everyone for the new term, I hope you were able to enjoy the holidays.

Prelims

All young people will have now received information regarding their Prelims. These started successfully yesterday, and I would like to thank all young people for their exemplary behaviour during this first assessment.

As notified these will now continue for two weeks. Throughout this time young people are asked to be respectful to allow other young people to complete assessments to the best of their ability.

Study leave for senior phase young people commences on Monday 15 January with all young people returning to school on Monday 29 January 2024.

S3 Parents Evening

We were pleased to see parents and carers at our S3 parents evening last night. We really appreciate these evenings to meet and work in partnership to support our young people to do their best.

Parent Council

There will be a Speyside High School Parent Council Meeting on Monday 22 January at 7pm in the school library. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Free School Meal/Educational Maintenance Allowance

We appreciate that completing the forms required to access Free School Meals and Educational Maintenance Allowance can be tricky. Both Citizens Advice Bureau and Moray Council Benefits Team have agreed to come in and support families with completing the forms. If you require support with any or all parts of either form please contact Helen Duffy via email Helen.duffy@moray-edunet.gov.uk or telephone (01340) 871522 and we can arrange a convenient time for this to happen.

Pupil Equity Fund

Many thanks to those parents and carers who volunteered to be part of a focus group last term to review our Pupil Equity Fund family guide. Having taken on board their feedback I am delighted to share our updated family guide highlighting the range of supports available to ensure that every young person can achieve their full potential at Speyside High School. If you have any further questions about support for your young person, please contact their Guidance teacher in the first instance.

Careers/.



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Careers Fair

Thank you to those parents/carers who responded to express their interest in attending our careers fair which we can now confirm is running on Monday 5 February from 11:30 – 13:30 in the auditorium. You are all most welcome to come along at any point during that time to meet and speak to employers regarding career opportunities. Once confirmed, I will share an update of those employers who are attending.

Yours faithfully

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