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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been great to have our senior phase young people back to school this week. Many of them will be pleased with how their prelims have gone which will reflect their hard work, well done. Some however will be disappointed with their results. The time from now until the May exams is the time for them to put in that hard work to ensure that their results in August are their best.

All Senior Phase young people received a study club timetable and a Prelim evaluation booklet. It is vital that both of these are used along with advice from teachers to use the time until May the best. Information about study club is attached.

I am sure you are aware of an unfortunate incident on Aberlour High Street at the start of the week. I can assure you that this was dealt with quickly and appropriately and that Staff regularly walk the school campus and the wider community. Can I please ask for your continued support in reminding young people to be respectful and responsible citizens in school and in our community.

S2 Relationship Day

Over the next few weeks Guidance Teachers are organising a Relationship Day. We have run these before, but not since Covid. This day will support young people in building positive relationships. It will be supported by outside agencies.


Aerosols

A gentle reminder that young people should not have aerosols in school. Other types of deodorant etc. are quite acceptable.

Moray Parent Project

Please see the online opportunity for parents with regards Anxiety being offered through Exchange Counselling:

5 February @ 12:30 - Anxiety <https://www.exchange-counselling.com/event-details/anxiety-online-weekly-wellbeing-workshop-for-parents-7>



[Anxiety - Online - Weekly Wellbeing Workshop for Parents | Exchange Counselling](https://www.exchange-counselling.com/event-details/anxiety-online-weekly-wellbeing-workshop-for-parents-7)

This event is for Moray Parents & Carers only.

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Bus Passes

Random bus pass checks will take place in the next two weeks with colleagues from the Public Transport Unit coming to school to do checks.

Immunisations

Young people in S3 are now eligible for their last routine childhood vaccinations. These are a booster dose of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and protection against Meningitis ACWY. Consent packs have been distributed to schools. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries. See below for some useful resources regarding childhood vaccination and consent.

[Meningitis ACWY \(MenACWY\) vaccine | NHS inform](#)

[DTP vaccine - Immunisations in Scotland | NHS inform](#)

Some senior pupils may also receive consent packs if records suggest they haven't previously received these important vaccinations.

DATE OF VACCINATION: TUESDAY 27/02/24

RETURN CONSENT FORM BY: MONDAY 13/02/24

Even if you do not wish to consent it is appreciated if the consent form can be returned to state this.

Careers fair – S3 to S6

Just a wee reminder of our careers fair which is running on Monday 5 February from 11.30am – 1.10pm. We have a range of employers who would be delighted to speak to young people about skills, qualifications and routes into employment. Those employers confirmed so far are: Chivas Brothers, NHS Grampian, Three Bags Wool / The Gather'n, Baxters, Walkers, UTEC, Scottish Gas, James Jones, Gordon and Macphail, Army, Navy, Boeing, Johnston Carmichael, Parklands care homes, Speyside Spa, Speyside Couriers, Ballindalloch Estate, RGU Social Work.

S5 and S6 Foundation Apprenticeships - A session for parents and carers Thursday 22 February 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Are you a parent or carer supporting a young person to make their senior phase option choices? Join a webinar in partnership with National Parent Forum Scotland to learn more about how your young person can get a head-start on their career with a Foundation Apprenticeship.

- Find out how Foundation Apprenticeships work and where they can lead to – from a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship to college, university, or employment.
- Hear parent and teacher perspectives of the benefits of Foundation Apprenticeships as they share their own experiences and advice.
- Get information on support available and how to apply for a Foundation Apprenticeship.

To support accessibility, this webinar will be recorded and British Sign Language translation available.

Find out more and sign up for the webinar here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b6e3abac-8840-4435-81cc-f12244f85d19@33ca6d47-5e4f-4774-84f1-696cbb508cbe>

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The Future is Green

Please find attached a poster from Speyside Youth regarding funding to help them reduce their carbon footprint.

Yours faithfully

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